

Approved:
Bohnen/Harloe

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale
5:00 P.M.

Chairman Arens called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2011 in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale IL.

Present: Chairman Arens, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Massouras, Commissioner Bohnen and Commissioner Ives

Absent: Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Murphy

Also Present: Village Planner, Sean Gascoigne

Minutes

Chairman Arens presented the minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from September 13, 2011. Commissioner Massouras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Post Office Reuse

Chairman Arens opened up discussions and introduced Jean Follett.

Ms. Follett summarized the potential challenges to reusing the existing building as anything but a Post Office. She indicated that she felt it was important for the Commission to get out in front of the process and determine what an appropriate use would be while offering some suggestions.

General discussion ensued regarding the involvement of the Postal Service in the process and the purchase price of the building.

Ms. Follett suggested some thoughts regarding other Post Office sites undergoing the same or similar processes.

General discussion ensued regarding these sites and the Hinsdale site specifically, as well as testing that may need to be done on the building and who would be responsible for the testing. Certain Commissioners agreed that the Post Office should be responsible for any of this due diligence.

Chairman Arens recommended that more information be gathered regarding the existing post office and experiences within other communities experiencing these same issues.

Ms. Follett agreed and indicated that the desire here was to save the building and find a good use.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the Village purchasing the building for re-use.

Tim Scott, Director of Economic Development indicated that at this point, that was not an option.

Chairman Arens summarized some final thoughts regarding past meetings and his thoughts on reducing the Commission from 9 members to 7 to minimize the issues that the Commission had been experiencing with not reaching quorums.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bohnen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ives seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. on November 8, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne
Village Planner