

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
January 4, 2011**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:31 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees J. Kimberley Angelo, Bob Saigh, Laura LaPlaca, Cindy Williams, Doug Geoga and Bob Schultz

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Finance Darrell Langlois and Deputy Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Chuck Fieldman – The Doings, Dennis Jacobs – Patch.com, Ken Knudson – Hinsdalean, Don Grigus – Suburban Life

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cauley led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Saigh moved to **approve the minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of December 14, 2010**. Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO FINANCE COMMISSION

President Cauley read the qualifications of Mr. R. Scott Morris and asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Morris to the Finance Commission for a full 3-year term through April 30, 2013. So moved by Trustee Saigh, seconded by Trustee Angelo.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley announced the promotion of Tim McElroy to the newly created position of Assistant Fire Chief. He described Tim's 35 year service to the Village. As Assistant Fire Chief, Tim will oversee day-to-day administration of the Fire Department and will direct operations for the Fire Prevention Bureau. The fire inspector position Tim has held for the past ten years will be restructured to use part-time staff, resulting in substantial savings to the the Village without compromising service. He further commented it is a credit to Tim to see so many firefighter's present tonight to show their support. The hard work and dedication of the Fire Department is greatly appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs Committee

Item A: Ordinance Amending Title 3 (Business and License Regulations), Chapter 2 (Municipal Occupation Taxes) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to Establish a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax

Item B: Approve a Request from Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association to solicit for donations and to sell Lifetime Memberships in order to generate funds for Two Additional Platform Tennis Courts at KLM

Trustee Angelo moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Schultz moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of December 11, 2010 through December 22, 2010 in the aggregate amount of \$573,448.61 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Geoga seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance Placing a Referendum on the April 5, 2011 Consolidation Election Ballot Regarding whether the Village Clerk of the Village of Hinsdale should be Appointed by the Village President with the Advise and Consent of the Board of Trustees rather than Elected

President Cauley introduced the matter stating it had been taken up at ACA, but there was a division of views. He explained that the Village Clerk position is currently an elected position which pays \$400.00 per month. The position has been vacant for two years, and will be for two years moving forward as no one has come forward to run for the position. He described the duties of the position and noted that the Village Manager's executive assistant has currently been handling these responsibilities. He also noted that this is a purely administrative position and that Village business would run more smoothly if the Clerk were a member of the Village staff. President Cauley stated that he cannot appoint the current Deputy Clerk to the position because that person must be a resident of Hinsdale. If the position is changed to an appointed position, Ms. Bruton can be appointed. However, this can only be done by referendum; the ordinance before the Board tonight accomplishes this. He believes this referendum question should be placed on the April 5th ballot because 1) an appointed clerk would eliminate the administrative bottleneck that often results from having an elected clerk; 2) to save the compensation paid to the elected clerk; 3) to give Ms. Bruton the title of Village Clerk as she has performed the functions of the Clerk for the last two years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

In response to the questions of Trustee Schultz, it was confirmed that the term of the Clerk is concurrent with that of the Village President and that 'advice and consent of the Village Board' is consistent with the current practice of appointments to Boards and Commissions. Trustee Williams stated that she will vote no on the matter as she does not believe it is right to take this away from a resident, further it takes away the democratic process and she does not appreciate the aspersions cast upon the previous Clerk. Trustee Angelo disagrees because there are no policy setting implications with this position and there needs to be someone involved on a daily basis. Trustee Saigh noted the excellent qualifications of the previous Clerk, but her personal circumstances changed and she returned to her career. Given the administrative functions of the position, having some flexibility to make an appointment would be warranted. Trustee LaPlaca stated that this would not impact any democratic process and makes more sense for it to be a staff member. Trustee Geoga commented that this is an administrative position and should be handled that way.

Trustee Angelo moved to approve an **Ordinance Placing a Referendum on the April 5, 2011 Consolidation Election Ballot Regarding whether the Village Clerk of the Village of Hinsdale should be Appointed by the Village President with the Advise and Consent of the Board of Trustees rather than Elected.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Geoga

NAYS: Trustees Williams and Schultz

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Trustee LaPlaca reported that the initial meeting with the engineers for the Oak Street redesign and replacement has taken place. She encouraged residents and interested parties to contact Village Manager Cook regarding the community advisory committee. Information will be posted on website.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

None.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cauley stated there is no need for a Closed Session of the Village Board tonight. There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Angelo **moved to adjourn the meeting of January 4, 2011.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Williams, Geoga, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk