

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 15, 2011**

The 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, February 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. President Cauley noted that the February 1st Board meeting had been cancelled because of the extreme snow event on that date.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Mike Kelly, Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner Robb McGinnis, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett, Director of Economic Development Tim Scott and Deputy Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Pam Lannom—The Hinsdalean, Liz Stoever—Suburban Life, Bridget Doyle – The Tribune

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 Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011**. Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

APPOINTMENT TO FIRE PENSION BOARD

President Cauley read the credentials and asked for a motion to **appoint Mr. Peter Sfikas to the Fire Pension Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Gerry Fink through April 30, 2011.** So moved by Trustee Saigh, seconded by Trustee Angelo.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cauley congratulated Director of Public Services Director George Franco and his department for the fantastic job they did clearing streets on February 1st and 2nd. These employees worked around the clock and their efforts are appreciated. He thanked the Police Department for their help; four officers came in on their day off to drive snowplows, another officer drove to Carol Stream to pick up parts for one of the plows. None of these officers received any overtime for this work. He complimented the Police and Fire Departments for their teamwork and dedication. He reported that a snow storm of this magnitude is costly to the Village; this storm cost over \$46,000.00. The Village has applied for Federal Assistance relief. Mr. Cook confirmed that Du Page County reached the qualifying threshold and is hopeful for some reimbursement.

President Cauley reported on the FY 2011-2012 budget process. He and Trustee Geoga have been working closely with Mr. Cook and Mr. Langlois and hope to have a draft budget for the Trustees and to post on the website by Friday. This draft will be reviewed by the Finance Commission at their March 3rd meeting and discussed by the Village Board at their March 15th meeting. A vote can be taken to approve on April 5th, however if it gets tabled, it can still be approved in time at the April 19th meeting. President Cauley stressed the importance of the budgeting process. He explained that despite the successful adoption of the sales tax referendum, the Village is not past its financial woes. He noted unfunded pension liabilities, ongoing infrastructure problems and delayed capital improvements such as pool repairs, KLM repairs and the replacement of a 12-year old ambulance. He stated that the Board needs to avoid complacency and stay focused on controlling costs to put the Village on a sustainable financial footing and ensure basic services to residents. He said the Board would welcome any comments from residents on the draft budget.

President Cauley also reported that the Oak Street Bridge kick-off meeting will be Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. He explained that no decisions have been made regarding this project and that input from residents is important, however, the existing bridge must be replaced. The funding is in place to replace this bridge. He assured residents who live near the bridge that the Board is sensitive to the impact of a new bridge and welcome input from them. He noted that this will be a lengthy process.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the Consent Agenda as follows:

Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Services Committee

Item A: **Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale**

Item B: **Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of DuPage and Village of Hinsdale**

Item C: **Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for a Landscape Feature at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale at 11-17 W. Maple Street**

Item D: **Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit, Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans to Allow for a Total of Six Paddle Courts and Associated Structures for the Property Located at 5891-5911 S. County Line Road, KLM Park**

Item E: **Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 8 E. First Street**

Items Recommended by Administration & Community Affairs Committee

Item F: **Approve a License Agreement between the Hinsdale Tennis Association and the Village of Hinsdale**

Item G: **Approve a Request from Hinsdale Hospital Auxiliary for a Special Use Permit at Burlington Park on April 20, 2011**

Item H: **Approval to Waive Bidding and Authorize Entering into a Contract with Danmar in the amount of \$16,190 for Replacement of the Dance Floor at KLM**

Item I: **Approve a Two-Year Extension in the Contract to Provide Concession Services at the Hinsdale Community Pool to C & W concessions**

Item J: **Approve the 2011 Season Pass Rates and Related Fees for the Hinsdale Community Pool**

Item K: **Approve a Request from Stagedoor Fine Arts to Display a Banner in Burlington Park**

Items Recommended by Environment & Public Safety Committee

Item L: Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties), Chapter 2 (Trees and Shrubs) and Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-7 (Standards and Conditions Applicable to All Work) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to Preserve and Protect Trees in the Village of Hinsdale

Item M: Approve the Removal and Replacement of a 75 HP Pump Motor, Cleaning and Inspection of Pump Assembly to Layne Western, Inc., in the amount of \$12,010.00

Item N: Award the Engineering Services for the Design Engineering for Phase 1 of the Woodlands Infrastructure Improvement Project to HR Green Company in an Amount not to Exceed \$181,540.00

Trustee Schultz asked that Item L: Tree Ordinance be removed for separate consideration. President Cauley provided additional information regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement for improved police radio equipment. Trustee LaPlaca expressed concern regarding the Stagedoor banner approval. Trustee Saigh moved to **approve the Consent Agenda, as amended**. Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties), Chapter 2 (Trees and Shrubs) and Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-7 (Standards and Conditions Applicable to All Work) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to Preserve and Protect Trees in the Village of Hinsdale

Trustee LaPlaca provided history as to how this ordinance came to be through the Beautification Task Force and their desire to address the removal of trees on private property. As Hinsdale is a non-home rule community, the village attorney advised that we could not regulate trees on private property. However, during discussions at the EPS Committee, it was agreed that such an ordinance could help to raise public awareness. Discussion followed regarding the specific content of the ordinance. Trustee Schultz asked about the policy document and Trustee LaPlaca explained that EPS had blessed the document but in order to maintain flexibility it would not be formally adopted by the Board. Trustee Schultz moved to approve **Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties), Chapter 2**

(Trees and Shrubs) and Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 9-1-7 (Standards and Conditions Applicable to All Work) of the Village Code of Hinsdale to Preserve and Protect Trees in the Village of Hinsdale. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Williams, Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Geoga, Schultz
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Saigh moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of January 7, 2011 through January 21, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$473,126.79 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 Williams, Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Geoga, Schultz
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Geoga **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of January 22, 2011 through February 4, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$631,748.45 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Williams, Angelo, Saigh, LaPlaca, Geoga, Schultz
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**Approval of the Revised Compensatory Time Policy in the Village of
Hinsdale Personnel Policy**

President Cauley introduced the item explaining that this matter relates primarily to the Public Service employees and is an effort to reduce overtime pay. For example, with the recent snow storms, these employees work a lot of overtime. They can 'bank' the time to use it as compensated time off, but they have to use it by the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, they take the overtime in dollars. By extending the date to use the comp time, employees will be encouraged to save the time and use it in the summer as paid vacation. Trustee Saigh noted that time off would require approval. Mr. Cook confirmed a 60 hour maximum with no time deadline.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Term Extension to the
Recreational License Agreement Dated March 3, 2009 between the Village
of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association**

Trustee Schultz moved to approve an **Ordinance Approving a Term Extension to the Recreational License Agreement Dated March 3, 2009 between the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Regarding the Oak Street Bridge meeting to be held on Thursday, Trustee LaPlaca explained that this is not a meeting of the advisory committee, however this an open public meeting that will include a presentation by the engineers. She invited all interested parties to attend.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Approve an Ordinance Amending Article IX (District Regulations of General Applicability), Section 9-106 (Signs), Subsection J (District Regulations for all Other Districts) and Article XI (Zoning Administration and Enforcement), Part VI (Amendments and Special Approvals), Section 11-607 (Sign Permit) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code

President Cauley introduced this item explaining that it is the resultant effort of a number of committees to streamline the sign approval process. Store owners consistently comment on the current difficult time-consuming process. He described the specifics of the proposed process and discussion followed regarding final word-smithing to the document. Trustee Geoga moved to approve the **Ordinance Amending Article IX (District Regulations of General Applicability), Section 9-106 (Signs), Subsection J (District Regulations for all Other Districts) and Article XI (Zoning Administration and Enforcement), Part VI (Amendments and Special Approvals), Section 11-607 (Sign Permit) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code, as amended.** Trustee Schultz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Commission

Mr. John Karstrand, Chairman of the EDC, addressed the Board and thanked them for adopting the sign approval ordinance and reiterated the positive effects for the business community. He explained the details of the Customer Appreciation Days scheduled for this April. He added his thanks to Mr. Franco and his crew for their snow removal work, noting particularly the access to the parking meters and sidewalks.

Design Review Commission – Residential Design Guidelines

Charles Landefeld, Chairman of the Design Review Commission, provided background for the Board stating that the commission was formed by ordinance in January 2007. The purpose of the commission was to bring to the Village Board recommended design guidelines for single family and multi-family residences. He explained that several communities were used as models, among them Skokie, Winnetka Glen Ellyn and Chagrin Falls. He described the process by which the commission members evaluated the characteristics of Hinsdale housing stock and concluded that approximately 10% of the houses built annually would be considered poorly designed. Their question has how to eliminate this 10%, but noted that one of the problems was the result of zoning that permitted homes to be too big. In developing the proposed guidelines the commission; 1) tried to put the emphasis on the importance of context, meaning the design of a house as it relates to neighbors. 2.) to address single-family residences only, that multi-family homes should rest with Plan Commission and 3.) the design review process should be voluntary. The commission discussed how to incentivize resident participation and determined the meaningful option was to waive FAR, reduction of fees and expedited processing were dismissed. Discussion followed regarding the particulars of waiving FAR. Trustee Schultz commented that he doesn't believe design review will be effective in preventing the 10% of unattractive homes from being built. Mr. Landefeld suggested easing into the process to see if FAR is a good incentive. Mr. McGinnis pointed out that this could add up to two months to the front end of the building permit process. Trustee Schultz concerned that his would be an additional hardship to the resident and wondered if additional staff time would be required. Mr. McGinnis said at some level it would add work, but that would be a function of how many cases there would be. He confirmed that there needs to be incentive and that people will submit bad architecture to get around FAR. Trustee LaPlaca believes this document is a good product and recommended it be moved forward to the Plan Commission for public input. Commissioner Grisemer commented that the commission was created in response to the 2025 Survey wherein 75% of respondents said they wanted a design review process. She also commented that this process is meant to be a help, not a mandate.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Cook confirmed that the Board photograph would be taken prior to the March 15th meeting.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, and no need for a Closed Session, Trustee Saigh **moved to adjourn the meeting of February 15, 2011.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Deputy Village Clerk