

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 24, 2012**

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 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Trustees Christopher Elder, J. Kimberley Angelo, William Haarlow, Doug Geoga, Laura LaPlaca, Bob Saigh

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Dave Cook, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois Chief of Police Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Mike Kelly, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

Also Present: Reporters from the Suburban Life and Patch.com

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MINUTES**

Trustee Saigh and President Cauley made corrections to the minutes. Trustee Elder moved **to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees from January 10, 2012, as amended.** Trustee LaPlaca seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Trustee Saigh

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' PETITIONS**

None.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

### CONSENT AGENDA

President Cauley read the consent agenda as follows:

#### **Items Recommended by Environment & Public Services Committee**

- a) Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way situated West and Adjoining 702 S. Monroe Street at a Purchase Price of \$12,000 (Omnibus vote) (O2012-03)

#### **Items Recommended by Zoning & Public Safety Committee**

- b) Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development for Façade Changes at 10 N. Washington Street (Item taken separately)  
c) Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village as Surplus and Sale at Public Auction (Omnibus vote) (O2012-05)  
d) Ordinance Allowing the Installation of Multi-way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Garfield and First Streets (Item taken separately)

Trustee Geoga asked that Item D be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. President Cauley asked that Item B be removed to allow for a short presentation to the Board. Trustee Angelo moved **to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.** Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development for Façade Changes at 10 N. Washington Street (O2012-04)**

Mr. Mitch Hamblet, owner of Eden Assisted Living, spoke to the Board explaining they are seeking adjustments to the façade of the building due to the to light and air requirements in the building code. They are raising the windows and adding a limestone header. Also, they are installing an accessibility elevator in the back of the building in the most discreet place and will use the brick from the townhomes when they are demolished. New windows will be added on the front elevation and the air-conditioners will be relocated. He noted that the townhomes will be removed

in March or April, depending on the weather; only the interior has been demolished to date.

Trustee Saigh moved to approve an **Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development for Façade Changes at 10 N. Washington Street.** Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **Ordinance Allowing the Installation of Multi-way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Garfield and First Streets (O2012-06)**

Trustee Geoga began discussion stating that the Village has gotten a lot of benefit from dealing with stop signs on an objective, discretionary basis. He stated, in terms of sight obstruction, this is a wide open intersection, and believes the real problem is illegally parked delivery vehicles. He questioned why the law is not enforced regarding these vehicles; trucks should not be allowed to double-park on First or Garfield Streets. He does not want to install stop signs when the criterion for installation is not met. He is worried about precedent and it seems there is another alternative.

Trustee LaPlaca pointed out there are stop signs on both intersections one block away on either side of this intersection and noted that this matter has been prompted because of a boy who was hit by a vehicle. She doesn't think a stop sign will stop people from going around a car waiting for a train or a light. This may respond to residents' concerns, but may create others.

Chief Bloom responded to Board concerns by referencing a diagram of the intersection and explaining that the dentist at that intersection has complained about the increased pedestrian traffic due to Dips and Dogs. Following the accident, the police did a full review. Chief Bloom illustrated how the accident occurred and explained that this is a line of sight issue. Trustee Geoga reiterated his concerns about the illegally parked trucks. Chief Bloom responded that he would have to look hard to see if it is possible, with all the truck traffic, not to use Garfield and First to park. He said that the accidents and number of cars don't warrant the signs, but pedestrian traffic warrants the signs and line of sight issues apply. He believes it meets the warrants for a stop sign and it will address and promote the safety issue at this corner. Trustee Geoga said he would support the Chief, but urged him to manage the truck issue.

Trustee LaPlaca commented that installation of these signs will prevent the backup that currently occurs on First Street. Trustees Angelo and Elder expressed concern regarding pedestrian safety. Trustee Elder reiterated that the trucks are a problem. President Cauley is concerned that if we are more subjective with this installation we may set an unwelcome precedent, however, he will always defer to the police's opinion about public safety. Chief Bloom said the MUTCD warrants are met and the intersection will be appreciably safer. Trustee Saigh remarked that he had reservations initially, but became convinced by Chief Bloom's presentation at Committee; there have been changes in the intersection and the downtown and believes this is a unique situation.

Trustee Saigh moved to approve an **Ordinance Allowing the Installation of Multi-way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Garfield and First Streets**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh  
**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, 2012 through January 20, 2012 in the aggregate amount of \$497,420.14 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk**. Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

### **Adopt the Village of Hinsdale Vehicle Policy and Procedure**

President Cauley introduced the item explaining the Board has reexamined the use of Village vehicles and have determined to restrict the number of take home vehicles. The

Village Managers vehicle is in his contract, the police and fire chiefs, as well as the on call public services person. Those individuals that were promised a vehicle as part of their compensation will receive a monthly compensation moving forward. As new staff is hired, the vehicle allowance will be phased out. The financial impact will be negligible the first year, but will result in cost savings moving forward. This will put the Village in a better position to monitor use of Village property. Trustee LaPlaca noted the new policy eliminates the opportunity of misuse of fuel service by employees. Trustee Haarlow noted that there is no evidence of any misuse; this is a forward looking move. President Cauley reiterated there is no evidence of misuse by anyone. Trustee Elder moved to **Adopt the Village of Hinsdale Vehicle Policy and Procedure**. Trustee Haarlow seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale (O2012-07)**

Trustee LaPlaca noted that the surplus vehicles are being offered to employees at the blue book price. Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve an **Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

Trustee LaPlaca mentioned we are moving forward with municipal electrical aggregation; a public service announcement and question and answer with the consultant was filmed yesterday for Channel 6 and the website. The primary election will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Saigh reported that Committee discussed the installation of the AT&T antennas. The matter was not acted on when it was initially discussed; direction was given that this matter be looked into. The new Village attorney is currently researching the matter for more information.

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

## STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

## CITIZENS' PETITIONS

No reports.

## TRUSTEE COMMENTS

No reports.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Village Board of Trustees, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn into closed session. Trustee Haarlow **moved to adjourn the meeting of January 24, 2012 into Closed Session under: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and not to reconvene.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Elder, Angelo, Haarlow, Geoga, LaPlaca, Saigh

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 25 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk