

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
January 8, 2018

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Nelson at 7:00 PM.

Present: Trustees Mike Constant, Jeff Nier, Joe Diedrich, and Christine Clark. Quorum Established.

Absent: Trustees Tim Sellers and Chuck Riforgiate.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Kristine Gibbons, Michele Piotrowski (EEI), and Members of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

Bonnie Hall, 2457 N 41st Rd, Sheridan, IL addressed the Board regarding her termination. She stated that she did the best job she could, with honesty and integrity, and did not understand why her employment was terminated. She asked that she be paid for the prior work week, two weeks' vacation pay, three personal days, timely delivery of W-2s, and no challenge to her unemployment application.

General Business

Agenda item for discussion/approval: 12/26/17 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Diedrich moved to approve the 12/26/17 Regular Board Meeting minutes and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Payment of Invoices Due

Trustee Nier questioned whether the invoice from EEI for the sludge storage building had already been paid and Clerk Losiniecki stated that she would investigate. Trustee Constant asked if the DECED annual dues had been paid and Clerk Losiniecki stated that she would confirm. Trustee Nier moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Gibbons stated that the RFP for the garbage contract was ready and would be distributed and posted soon.

• **Engineer's Report**

Michele Piotrowski stated that she would hold her report until the elevated water storage tank discussion.

• **President's Report**

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Village Employee Vacation carry over or payout
President Nelson stated that this agenda item will be deferred until after the Executive Session discussion.

Committee Reports

President Nelson stated that the order of the agenda would change slightly to accommodate guest presenters and that the Water and Sewer Committee report would come next.

° **Water & Sewer**

For discussion/approval: EWST Rehabilitation Design Proposal

Michele Piotrowski (EEI) provided handouts to Trustees regarding the painting of the elevated water storage tank. Several paint options were discussed and Trustees were asked to provide feedback

regarding their preferences. Ms. Piotrowski stated that painting the underside of the tank portion of the tower helps hide mildew that builds up. After some discussion, Trustees agreed that option three with block letters and no basketballs was their first choice. Further discussion occurred regarding the basketball logo and alternate options. Ms. Piotrowski also indicated that an electrical engineer had been out to assess the electrical upgrades required for the elevated tank. She stated that they are targeting going out for bid by January 22, 2018 and that there would be a pre-bid meeting prior to that.

° **Finance & Economic Development**

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Engagement of Chapman & Cutler, LLP as Bond Counsel for EWST Debt Certificate

Trustee Constant stated that Speer Financial had been approved at the last meeting for the financing and that Chapman & Cutler is up for approval as bond counsel. Trustee Constant moved to approve Chapman & Cutler, LLP as bond counsel for the elevated water storage tank financing and Trustee Diedrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye.

Motion carried.

° **Public Safety**

No report.

° **Streets & Alleys**

Trustee Diedrich stated that public works is doing a great job with snow removal and that street work would begin this spring. He will meet with Joe Moore before the next meeting to finalize the list.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

President Nelson stated that there will be a Parks Board meeting on January 10, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Community Building, upper level.

At 7:37 pm, President Nelson recited the following statute: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (Meetings held to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body) and requested a motion to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Trustee Diedrich moved to enter into Executive Session, per the statute recited, and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

At 9:15 pm Trustee Nier moved to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting and Trustee Clark seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

° **Personnel**

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Village Employee Carry over vacation or payout

President Nelson stated that all full time employees with vacation time and comp time from calendar year 2017 can carry the hours over. This will be a one time carry over option and the time must be used by April 1, 2018. There will be no more comp time for the Village of Hinckley employees. Trustee Nier moved to approve the one time vacation and comp time carry over that must be used by April 1, 2018, and the elimination of comp time going forward. Trustee Diedrich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Daniel Roop pay increase \$14.00/hr

Trustee Clark moved to approve increasing Daniel Roop's rate of pay to \$14.00 per hour and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clark-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Resident Pam Mackey asked if Daniel Roop's scheduled hours are still "as needed" and President

Nelson stated yes.

Open Discussion:

Trustee Clark asked how to explain/respond to residents regarding the sales tax increase. Attorney Gibbons stated that Trustees can educate, not advocate. Additional discussion followed to clarify the difference between the two and Trustee Constant asked if the Village can send out informational mailing to all residents. Attorney Gibbons stated that the Village could, as long as it did not advocate either position.

Trustee Nier asked if there had been any communication from Steve Phillips (Lake County Grading) and President Nelson stated only phone tag. Trustee Nier also indicated that he is looking into the mowing bid requirements to possibly include the ditch in front of Royal Estates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Diedrich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Trustee Clark seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for January 22, 2018.

Nancy Nelson, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk