

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019**

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Village President Nelson at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Mike Constant, Tim Sellers, Jeff Nier, Louis Manivong, Chuck Riforgiate. Quorum Established.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Chief Waitkus, Joe Moore, Chris Ott (EEI), Attorney Kristine Gibbons, and Members of the Public.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GUEST PRESENTATION – ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER

Not present.

General Business

Agenda item for discussion/approval: 12/17/18 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Riforgiate moved to approve the 12/17/18 minutes as presented and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Nier-Aye, Manivong-Abstain, Riforgiate-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: 01/08/18 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Amended
Village Clerk Losiniecki explained that there had been an inadvertent omission in the minutes from 01/08/18 that was being corrected. Trustee Nier moved to approve the 01/08/18 amended minutes and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Abstain, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Payment of Invoices Due

Trustee Constant stated that Arthur Gallagher agreed to quarterly payments and that the total due is \$10,855.50. They will send an adjusted invoice. Mr. Constant also stated that the remainder of the IEPA loan payment will be paid in this batch of invoices. The total remainder due to the IEPA is \$72348.61. Trustee Constant moved to approve the invoices with the corrections mentioned and Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• President's Report

Village President Nelson performed the swearing in of new full time officer, Jack Weibler. The meeting was paused for photos.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Police Department Server Quotes

President Nelson stated that, as required by law, the Police Department needs to be on a separate server. Trustee Sellers asked if this was already discussed over a year ago and Nelson stated yes.

After a brief discussion regarding appropriations, Trustee Sellers moved to approve the purchase and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-

Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Motion to Approve Removal of Public Official
Village President Nelson stated she should have been called on to vote on this item at the previous meeting due to the number of Trustees present and an abstention vote by Sellers. Trustee Manivong moved to approve the removal of a public official and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Abstain, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

President Nelson stated that she had received complaints regarding residents putting stakes in the ground to mark parking. These stakes are in the parkway and on Village property. The stakes must be removed in order to plow the streets. This issue has been referred to the Police Department as has a public threat made via Facebook against Public Works employees.

President Nelson stated that Treasurer Maroo would make his monthly report at this meeting rather than the second meeting.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Maroo handed out his monthly report and provided an overview of the information. He stated that the debt service continues to be underfunded and that we're digging to the bottom of the barrel to pay bills and payroll. There was a brief discussion regarding the garbage line item in the report. Mr. Maroo stated that he would remove that line item later in the year as there are still water payments coming in (past due balances) that still have garbage fees associated.

Committee Reports

° **Finance & Economic Development**

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Speer Financial Engagement Agreement NTE \$9000.00
Trustee Constant stated that this item is being tabled.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** IEPA Payment

Trustee Constant stated that this item was covered in the Payment of Invoices Due and that no further action was required.

° **Public Safety**

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Building Code Ordinance Amendment

Trustee Riforgiate stated that this item will be tabled until the January 28, 2019 meeting.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Declare as Surplus Property – 2009 Crown Victoria
Chief Waitkus stated that the White 2009 Crown Victoria is in need of some costly repairs and he would like to decommission the vehicle. It was agreed that the vehicle would be posted for auction on the govbid website. Attorney Gibbons will prepare the resolution and have it available for discussion/approval at the January 28, 2019 meeting.

Chief Waitkus stated that he had received a call from LESO regarding the Humvee. He stated that the Humvee had not been properly transferred and that the vehicle is still the property of the Village of Hinckley. Former Chief Everhart donated the vehicle to IVCC and IVCC donated the vehicle to the Village of Plainfield. The transfer of the vehicle from the Village of Hinckley to IVCC was in violation of LESO policy and Chief Waitkus is working with LESO, IVCC and the Village of Plainfield to properly transfer the vehicle to the Village of Plainfield. The original agreement between the Village of Hinckley and LESO requires the Village of Hinckley to maintain proper control of the vehicle. If the transfer cannot be made to the Village of Plainfield, the Humvee will have to come back to Hinckley until it can be properly transferred.

° Streets & Alleys

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** State of IL Route 30 Improvements – Cost Sharing
Chris Ott (EEI) stated that the State will be making improvements to Route 30, including intersections, ADA improvements and cross walks. A proposal packet was provided to Trustees which detailed the cost sharing percentages (80/20 for intersections, 50/50 for ADA improvements). MFT money can be used and the total cost would be approximately \$25,300.00. The actual cost breakdown will be provided after participation in the project has been approved. Discussion followed regarding some sidewalks that are outside of the right of way and therefore not part of the project. Mr. Ott stated that ADA specifications have changed and the ramps are no longer compliant. Mr. Ott will talk to the State regarding the sidewalks that are non-compliant and outside of the easements. Mr. Ott will have more information at the January 28, 2019 meeting. Discussion followed regarding crosswalks, school zone markings and flashing signs. Treasurer Maroo stated that the paving bill has not been paid yet and that a portion of the available funds would be needed to pay that bill. Trustee Sellers moved to approve the State of IL Route 30 Improvements – Cost Sharing program and Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

° Buildings, Grounds & Parks

Trustee Manivong thanked Trustee Sellers for removing the Christmas lights from the tree and provided an overview of the current programs. President Nelson stated that Kari Schaddelee is doing a great job. Trustee Sellers stated that the program is showing tremendous improvement and that he recommends continuing the program with Kari. President Nelson agreed. Trustee Sellers stated that there is no need to take any further action with the Park Program.

° Water & Sewer

Trustee Nier stated that EEI is investigating the tank leak at the WWTF and that an email was sent to Trustees regarding the status.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Water & Sewer Utility RFP

Trustee Nier stated that there had been meetings with representatives from Illinois American Water. He said that one of their representatives was here earlier meeting with Trustees Manivong and Riforgiate. The representative was supposed to stay to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees. There was a misunderstanding and the representative was no longer present. Mr. Nier led a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of selling off the water infrastructure to a company like Illinois American Water. He stated that the privatization of the water infrastructure would alleviate a large amount of debt that is hampering the Village's ability to make necessary improvements. Trustee Nier is seeking approval to hire an attorney that specializes in utility privatization. The water tower repair project will be put on hold during the research process. He said that if the utility was sold, the water rates would stay relatively the same and that the sale would have to be approved by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). The CUB review would take 6-9 months and would include an independent appraisal and rate structure proposal. Further discussion followed regarding the selection of an attorney and the resolution for the hiring. Trustee Nier stated that if the utility is not sold, the Village will have to increase the rates 10-15% just to remain solvent. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of including the cell tower land in the sale and what options to include in the RFP. Trustee Constant stated that due diligence was required and that EEI and Speer Financial needed to be notified that the water tower repair project is on hold. Trustee Nier moved to approve moving forward with the search for a consultant/attorney that can help draft the RFP and Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

° **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Resolution authorizing Village President and Water/Sewer Chairman to Move Forward with Search for Consultant/Attorney to Advise on Utility Privatization

Trustee Constant moved to approve Resolution 2019-01 authorizing the Village President and the Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee to search for a consultant/attorney with utility privatization experience. Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Treasurer Maroo pointed out that the resolution does not say attorney, it just says consultant. Attorney Gibbons stated that she would provide an amended resolution with attorney included. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Nier stated that the water tower project is on hold and that the process to search, evaluate and decide on the utility privatization would take 12-18 months. Dale Youngers asked if the Board of Trustees had considered raising the rates, now, since no action will be taken for at least one year. Trustee Nier stated that it is being discussed and will be decided in the next few months. Trustee Riforgiate asked why raise the rates and Treasurer Maroo stated that the Village loses \$150,000.00 per year to debt service. Trustee Nier stated that the rates are raised annually, per ordinance, and that it is not enough.

Public Comment:

Resident Larry Menz inquired regarding comparable towns that have been taken over by Illinois American Water. Trustee Nier listed the following: Bolingbrook, Lake Holiday, Farmington, and Homer Township. Mr. Menz asked if American Water would take over the billing and President Nelson said yes. Mr. Menz asked if the debt service fee would be eliminated and President Nelson said yes. Trustee Nier clarified that there would be a base fee plus water rate. Mr. Menz asked about the repairs needed on the water tower and Dale Youngers indicated that most are cosmetic, not structural.

° Personnel

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: At 8:40pm Trustee Nier moved to enter into Executive Session 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...))**

Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

At 9:34 Trustee Constant moved to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: Employment Offer Letter for Gregg Waitkus

Trustee Nier moved to approve the employment letter for Gregg Waitkus dated 12-12-18 and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Nier moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for January 28, 2019.

Nancy Nelson, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk