

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Russ Kula at 7:19 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Walter Rainford, Mike Constant, and Michele Greene-Larsen. Quorum Established.

Absent: Sarah Quirk

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Chief Ken Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Chris Ott, Dale Youngers, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 12/28/21

Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to approve the minutes from December 28, 2021, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris Ott stated they are delayed on the lift stations options and costs due to vacations and sickness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

No report.

Public Safety

No report.

Streets & Alleys

Trustee Kula wanted to thank Ceneca for all his hard work on the streets during the snowstorm.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

*Discussion and Recommendation: Changing Lighting to LED for Buildings and Streets

Trustee Kula investigated converting all the lights to LED. He has received two quotes which are night and day. The first quote was from Grabar which totaled \$163,000 replacing everything and Com Ed's

quote with all the rebates was approximately \$1200.00 for retrofitting all fixtures. The village also does not receive a bill for Com Ed for the Village Hall and Police Department. Huntley retrofitted their Town and invited Trustee Kula to come and see their lighting. Trustee Constant stated why wouldn't we do this, and Trustee Kula should visit Huntley and report back at the next Regular Board Meeting. Bob Pritchard stated the Hinckley First United Methodist Church did this and they have had no issues.

Water & Sewer

*Discussion and Recommendation: Utility Billing Delinquency Procedures

Clerk Losiniecki stated the Village currently requires a hearing to determine a water shut off. Liens have been filed on these properties but there have not been any hearings in five years. Clerk Losiniecki also stated she received three other towns/villages ordinances on delinquent bills. Her recommendation is Cortland's procedures. Our current procedure is 30-days to pay, 15-day notice, 10-day delinquency notice and then a hearing notice. Houses generally do not get shut off in the winter months. Attorney Lundgren stated judges in the winter months normally do 90 to 120 days, but it is the discretion of the judge. Threat of a shut off normally makes people pay. Attorney Lundgren and Clerk Losiniecki are going to work together to change the ordinance over the next two to four weeks. She also stated landlords do not want to receive a bill and be in the middle with their tenants and the Village. Trustee Constant thanked Clerk Losiniecki for working on this and putting it all together.

Ceneca Wagner stated he has a meeting at 9:30 tomorrow regarding the old flower shop building tapping into the sewer. Tim Badal and the Storage unit are hoping to ask the board to waive the water fee. They were advised to have a more formal packet for the COTW meeting. Ceneca stated you could keep going down the line, but Clerk Losiniecki stated they must be already annexed into the Village. Dale Youngers stated that whoever taps into it needs to watch and verify the work being done. Clerk Losiniecki recommended that EEI and or Dale be there and the building inspectors.

OPEN DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Russ Kula, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Village Deputy Clerk