

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Village President Nelson at 7:31 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

**Present:** Trustees Daniel Roop, Walter Rainford, Lou Manivong, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Chief Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Chris Ott (EEI), Dale Youngers, Treasurer Maroo, Attorney Tait Lundgren, and Members of the Public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Agenda item for Discussion/Approval:** *Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 02/08/21*  
Trustee Constant moved to approve the 02/08/21 minutes and Trustee Roop seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Roop-Aye, Constant-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Manivong-Aye. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation** *regarding liquor license application, Residency requirements for liquor license applicant and additional Class A license*

President Nelson stated that she had received a liquor license application that had been reviewed by Chief Gettemy and approved by her (Nelson). Nelson asked Trustee Constant to continue the discussion. Constant stated that the applicant wants to purchase the empty lot on the corner of Somonauk Road and Route 30. The applicant is seeking a Class A liquor license in order to open a wine and liquor depot with video gaming. Constant stated that the Village Code currently requires liquor license holders to reside in town or have a local manager. He also stated that there are no Class A licenses available and that approval would be needed to add one. Constant stated that the applicant will not purchase the lot if no license is approved. Discussion followed regarding access to the property and other businesses owned by the applicant. Manivong stated that he is in support of issuing another license but wants the local residency requirement to be upheld. Trustee Roop agreed with Manivong and suggested the implementation of a radius for residency. Roop also suggested the possibility of having a "time out" clause for licenses already issued but not in use.

Trustee Constant suggested adding the additional license and delete the residency requirement or amend to include radius as suggested by Roop. Trustee Rainford agreed with Constant but suggested a radius requirement of 15 miles. Constant suggested a 25-mile radius and Chief Gettemy stated that other communities require a "keyholder" to reside with a certain "response time", as opposed to a

distance radius. Gettemy stated that a thirty-minute response window is most typical. Attorney Lundgren voiced his support for a response time requirement as opposed to a distance radius requirement. Consensus agreement among Trustees to implement a response time requirement. Constant stated that he would like to respond to the applicant and asked to have the item added for approval on the next agenda. Attorney Lundgren stated that he would prepare the revisions for approval at the next meeting.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

None.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **° Personnel**

None.

##### **° Finance & Economic Development**

##### **Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation regarding Financing for Water Tower Project**

Trustee Manivong stated that the north and south lift stations are approximately 50 years old and are in need of upgrades. He stated that Constant and Maroo are looking into the Rebuild Illinois grant program for possible funding for the water tower project. Maroo stated that he will send out projection scenarios based on different fund distribution percentages for the 1% sales tax income that is to be directed toward infrastructure improvements. Maroo also stated that there are capital improvement funds available that will be included in his projections. Manivong, Roop and Rainford agreed with the prospect of using capital improvement funds for these projects. Maroo pointed out that Clerk Losiniecki is also involved with the Rebuild Illinois grant efforts.

##### **Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation regarding Midwest Sportsplex Variance**

Trustee Constant stated that the findings of fact included in the meeting packet was prepared by the Village Attorneys. He stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals had held a public hearing to consider the zoning variance application from Midwest Sportsplex and that they had voted to recommend approval. Constant stated that, based on guidance from the Village President as it relates to meeting procedures, all items must be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to being added to a Regular Board Meeting for action/approval. As such, tonight's meeting is the first opportunity for the Board of Trustees to discuss and consider the variance application from the Sportsplex.

Constant stated that there are four items for which variance is being sought:

1. Parking lot paving
2. Curbing
3. Lighting
4. Number of parking spaces

Constant stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to approve variances on all four items. Constant stated that he is liaison to the Planning Commission and attends all meetings. He does not participate in the discussions. He is only there to report back to the Board of Trustees. Constant stated that he agrees with the recommendations and suggested that the item be added to the next Regular Board Meeting agenda for approval. Chris Ott stated that he has (still) not received handicapped parking space drawings for review. Constant asked if the building inspections will cover the ADA parking if the variance is approved and Ott stated that it should.

° **Public Safety**

No report.

° **Streets & Alleys**

No report.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

**Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation regarding Mowing Contract**

Village President Nelson stated that this item was added as a reminder to begin review of the mowing contract for this year. Trustee Constant stated that he had been contacted by Thorp's (current mowing contractor) stating that they are not going to be able to work for the Village this year, due to staffing problems. Nelson directed Trustee Rainford to begin the process of soliciting bids. Constant stated that there is a detailed list of properties that need to be mowed. Trustee Manivong stated that he will assist Rainford with the process.

° **Water & Sewer**

No report.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Trustee Manivong stated that he had received an email from Patriot Popcorn asking for help regarding a zoning violation letter that they had received. President Nelson stated that six letters had gone out and that she had spoken to John Brady (owner of Patriot Popcorn). She advised that she will personally go over to talk to them this week.

Nelson noted that the dumpster on Route 30 in front of the Marwaha building is being used by the library to clean out the contents of the building. Chief Gettemy stated that it will be there through the end of the week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sportsplex owner Nathan Lambes commented that the lighting at the Sportsplex is open to discussion. He stated that there are no streetlights on West Woodlawn. He stated that the Sportsplex is willing to do what is needed to make it safe and he appreciates the willingness of the Board to move forward with the variance approval. Trustee Constant stated that (Sportsplex owner) Ronn Nelson had stated at the public hearing that the lighting will be adequate. Lambes stated that they are concerned with the lights obscuring the view for train engines or residents across the street.

**ADJOURMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Roop-Aye. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

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Nancy Nelson, Village President

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Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk