

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

7:00 PM

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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 Lou Manivong, Walter Rainford, Daniel Roop, and Mike Constant (all remote).

Quorum Established.

Absent: None.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

Local business owner, Karen Yaggi, asked the Board to approve the variance request submitted by Midwest Sportsplex. She and her husband support this new business opportunity. President Nelson stated that comments regarding the Sportsplex should be made during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021
Trustee Constant moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from February 8, 2021 and Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Manivong-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Roop-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Payment of Invoices Due*

Trustee Rainford moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Roop seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Roop-Aye, Constant-Aye, Manivong-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Maroo provided an overview of the monthly financial reports. He stated that the water/sewer account deficit continues to go down and that by April 2022, the account should be in the black. He also stated that he had received 7 applications for the business support program. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2021. Maroo is trying to get information about the program out to home businesses that pay sales taxes. Trustee Constant stated that information about the program is being displayed on the school signs Monday through Thursday until April 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Nelson stated that interviews for the open utility billing clerk position are on-going.

Finance and Economic Development

No report.

Public Safety

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Ordinance No. 2021-01 An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 14 "Animals", Article I "In General", of the Municipal Code of the Village of Hinckley*

Trustee Roop stated that this is the ordinance that was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. Roop moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01 as presented and Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Manivong-Aye, Roop-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Nay. Motion carried.

Chief Gettemy stated that the Police Department had recently undergone rigorous inspection of their general orders in order to be in compliance with "use of force" guidelines. As a result, the department received federal use of force certification and can now apply for federal grants. However, in light of Governor Pritzker's signing of the Criminal Justice Reform Act (CJRA), the general orders will need to be reviewed again. There was a brief discussion regarding body cameras and effective dates in the CJRA and Gettemy confirmed that the body camera requirement is required to be implemented by 2025, based on the current legislation. He stated that the CJRA that was signed today will have considerable financial impact on the Police Department.

Streets & Alleys

Village President Nelson stated that a lot of businesses have not cleared the snow from the sidewalks and asked that a reminder be posted on the website.

Chris Ott stated that the bid for roadwork has been delayed by the snow and that the engineers will be inspecting the roads as soon as the snow melts. Inspections should occur in March and the bid should go out in April.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No report.

Water & Sewer

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Tri-R Electric PLC and other modifications at the Water Plant – NTE \$6000.00

Trustee Manivong stated that this item has been discussed previously and is needed for the water tower repair project. Dale Youngers noted that the quote is very reasonable. Trustee Manivong moved to approve the Tri-R Electric quote for PLC modifications NTE \$6000.00 and Trustee Roop seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Roop-Aye. Motion carried.

Dale Youngers stated that the radium sample collected in January came in below the maximum allowed level. This is good news. He also stated that Metropolitan Pump had done the

repair/replacement at the south lift station and it is fully operational. Nelson asked when the fire hydrant on South Garfield will be moved and Youngers stated that they are waiting for better weather.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Business owner Chris deRama commented regarding the length of time it is taking for the Village to approve the zoning variance request for the Sportsplex and asked if any of the Board thinks the Sportsplex is a bad idea for the community. Trustee Manivong stated that it is not a bad idea, but the proper processes and procedures need to be followed. deRama questioned the process and Manivong reiterated that variance requests are first reviewed by the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and then sent to the Board of Trustees for approval. deRama questioned why the variance was not being voted on tonight and Manivong explained that the item has to be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting before being considered for action at a Regular Board Meeting. deRama asked if there could be a special vote tonight and Attorney Lundgren explained that the public must be given at least 48 hours notice on any action to be taken by the Board. He cited examples such as the "chicken ordinance" that required several meetings of discussion prior to going to the Board for approval. He also informed deRama that an item to be considered for action must be included on the agenda as such. deRama asked if the Sportsplex variance request will be moved to the agenda for action at the first meeting in March and Lundgren stated that the Board will make that determination during the Committee of the Whole meeting tonight.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Manivong moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Roop-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 8, 2021.

Nancy Nelson, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk