

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Quirk at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken showing the following:

**Present:** Sarah Quirk, Russell Kula, Steve Gayhart, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

**Absent:** Jennifer Klambauer and Alyssa Prickett.

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Dale Youngers, Brandon Kramer (EEI), 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:** January 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Trustee Kula moved to approve the minutes from January 22, 2024, and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Kula-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Payment of Invoices Due  
Trustee Constant moved to approve the invoices as presented with the stipulation to move money from the Non-Home Rule Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund for payment of the Donald Street Widening Project (Universal Asphalt & Excavating) and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Constant-Aye, and Quirk-Aye. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Tait Lundgren stated that he received a termination letter from Nelnet for the Solar Project. Attorney Lundgren did contact them stating it was not a mutual agreement and that they were unable to complete certain tasks by November 2023. They are allowed to terminate. Trustee Constant just wants to verify that they properly stated the termination sections that were cited. Attorney Lundgren stated he will verify that information. No vote will need to be taken. The Village President will have to sign off on the termination. Trustee Constant stated the Hinckley-Big Rock School Board has the information as well. Attorney Lundgren stated he will keep the board updated on the termination progress.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

No Report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No Report.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Maroo stated there was nothing to discuss or point out on the report. Water and Sewer has a profit of \$86,000.00 as of now and should show a profit after expenses.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Tornado Siren Update

Trustee Kula stated that everything has been installed and tested. We are officially hooked up with the National Weather Service. DeKalb County Sheriff's Office is also able to set off the Tornado Siren as well as Police Chief Ken Gettemy, Fire Chief Steve Gorsky, Assistant Fire Chief Ben Williams, Officer Dave Brian, and Officer Matt Dolmyer. Trustee Constant thanked Trustee Kula for all his hard work on getting this project done.

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Website Hosting Renewal NTE \$1011.00/first year or Upgrade NTE \$2000.00/first year

Trustee Constant stated that Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki was spot on with her comments at the last meeting regarding the Village of Hinckley Website. Stick with things we can control. Trustee Constant stated that we should do the Website Posting Renewal. The other board members agreed. Trustee Quirk moved to approve the Website Posting Renewal NTE \$1011.00/first year and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gayhart-Aye, Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, and Kula-Aye. Motion carried.

### **Finance and Economic Development**

No report.

### **Streets & Alleys**

No Report.

### **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

Trustee Constant stated he had spoken to Bruce Thorp with Thorp's Lawn Care and advised him we could extend the Mowing Contract for 1 more year. There will be no price increase from last year. The only thing that Bruce was concerned about was the Fall clean-up at the park and hauling of leaves. Trustee Constant stated Bruce should write up a proposal and drop it at the Village for the Board to approve. Thorp's is also very good at not mowing the grass if it is not needed. Dale Youngers also feels very comfortable with Thorp's Lawn Care having a key for the Water Treatment Plant and the Water Tower.

### **Water & Sewer**

No Report.

### **Personnel**

No Report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Pritchard announced that Rachel Sorensen is stepping down effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob stated that he is trying to get the Hinckley Business Association to take over the monitoring of the website. Bob also discussed that the Planning Commission is working on the Landscape Ordinance. It was brought up regarding the Tree Board. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that if we are a Tree City you must have a Tree Board. Bob stated that the Planning Commission would be willing to take that over as long as it is

allowed. Attorney Lundgren stated they would have to update the Ordinance. Trustee Quirk asked to have the Tree Board added to the Planning Commission for the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2024.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Brad Johnson, 479 Lincoln Ave, owner of the old Circle Systems, stated he was interested in the Hinckley Concrete property. He wanted to know what he could do with the property. Attorney Lundgren advised Brad the Village cannot tell him what to do with the property. Trustee Quirk stated he could speak with Bob Prichard from the Planning Commission, and they could discuss things. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated if he had any Zoning questions, to feel free to stop by the office and she could answer any questions.

**ADJOURMENT**

Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 26, 2024.

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Sarah Quirk, Interim Village President

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Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk