

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
7:00 PM

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Attorney Tait Lundgren at 7:00 PM. Trustee Greene-Larsen motioned for Trustee Constant to be President Pro Tem. Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Mike Constant, Russell Kula, Walter Rainford, Steve Gayhart, Michele Greene Larsen, Sarah Quirk. Quorum Established.

Absent: None.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

Larry Menz questioned the board if they had an appraisal done on the land purchase. Trustee Constant stated they had not. Menz also questioned the board about where they were going to access this property and to keep in mind that they are still going to have property taxes to pay on empty land.

Julie Morsch was concerned about the speed and people not stopping at the intersection of Prairie and Rees Street. Morsch offered that the police department can use the driveway of their barn to sit and monitor traffic. Chief Gettemy stated that they have sat out around the intersection and have not had any issues when they are monitoring traffic. He also advised her the police department will be placing an electronic speed sign at that location when the final part is delivered in early March.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2022
Trustee Quirk moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from February 14, 2022, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Rainford moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report.

TREASURER REPORT

No Report.

CLOSED SESSION (to the extent permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2a of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.) pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). [Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body] and pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (Meetings held to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body...)

Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to go into Closed Session at 7:10 pm and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:57 pm and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Hire Full-Time Public Works Employee at \$21.00/hr
Trustee Quirk moved to approve the hiring of Full-Time Public Works employee Ed Drafke at \$21.00/hr and Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Hire Full-Time Police Officer
Tabled until March 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

Finance and Economic Development

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Authorization for Mike Constant, in his capacity as Village President Pro Tem, to Execute a Revised Contract for Purchase of 17.54 +/- acres of Property from Ludwig and Hintzsche
Trustee Quirk moved to approve Authorization for Mike Constant, in his capacity as Village President Pro Tem, to Execute a Revised Contract for Purchase of 17.54 +/- acres of Property from Ludwig and Hintzsche and Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** \$5000.00 Earnest Money for Purchase of +/- 17.54 acres of Property from Ludwig and Hintzsche
Trustee Gayhart moved to approve \$5000.00 Earnest Money for Purchase of +/- 17.54 acres of Property from Ludwig and Hintzsche and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Solar Panel Ordinance amendment and/or Resolution 2022-01

Clerk Losiniecki stated the original ordinance regarding Solar Panels stated that solar panes should be placed either the backyard or rear of the roof. B & F Construction has allowed some installations that are not in the rear. Losiniecki also stated there is a resident that is in the middle of have solar panels installed on the south side of their house which is the front of the house. A work order has been placed on the home until this has been resolved. Attorney Lundgren stated we could issue a 60-day moratorium on the ordinance, so no further permits are allowed. There was a discussion and was decided that the house that is currently have solar panels installed will be allowed to finish. The board agreed to put the 60-day moratorium in place and refer the discussion back to the Planning Commission which will meet on Monday, March 7th. Trustee Kula moved to approve the Solar Panel Resolution 2022-01 and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Nay, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

Chief Gettemy advised the trustees for the first time in 12 years the police department is in Leads Compliance. It was not an easy job and took over 6 months to accomplish. The board thanked him for his hard work.

Streets & Alleys h

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report

Water & Sewer

• Agenda item for discussion/approval: Water Bill Disputes

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that we had 2 more water disputes. The first dispute was originally handled by Interim President Manivong in November and the resident was not satisfied with the discount and wanted the sewer rate taken off. The board agreed not to due any further discounts. The second dispute was a broken toilet which the resident had replaced. The board also agreed to no discount. All further water bill disputes will be forwarded to the new Water/Sewer Committee Chair Steve Gayhart.

Dale Youngers brought an emergency item to the board regarding a sludge pump issue. This pump is a German pump that runs once a week and was found to be leaking. Youngers tore apart the pump and sent pictures to the representative who in turn noticed the gears were wore down. The company sent a quote for total rebuild for parts at \$4355.00 and \$1500.00 for labor. Trustee Kula asked if there was a warranty and Youngers stated he would check into it. Trustee Gayhart stated it was pricey for the parts and tools but needs to be repaired. Attorney Lundgren stated they could vote on it as an emergency NTE \$6000.00. Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to approve the Suldge pump repair NTE \$6000.00 and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Morsch congratulated Chief Gettemy on a marvelous job with the audit. She stated that she wants everyone to support our local police department to keep our town safe when crime rate is going up all around us.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Quirk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 14, 2022.

Mike Constant, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Village Deputy Clerk