

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pritchard at 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Rebecca Von Drasek, John McFarland, Steven Kreitzer, Jennifer Klambauer, Quorum Established.

ABSENT:

Danielle Marion & Matt Bish

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Trustee Mike Constant, and members of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

Jennifer Klambauer moved to approve the corrected meeting minutes from February 7, 2022 and was seconded by Steven Kreitzer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, Jennifer Klambauer – Aye John McFarland-Aye, Steve Kreitzer-Aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda Item: Community Economic Development Implementation Grant (Community Foundation)

Von Drasek spoke about updating the Hinckleyhub.com web page which would need to be added to the grant language. Through discussion it was suggested to hire an Intern to update the website so local businesses and events can be posted to bring people into Hinckley. The web site is currently under the Harvesting Our Future and they are willing to relinquish the website.

Agenda Item: Land Use Map Discussion:

Pritchard related there is no need for a Land Map Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Solar Ordinance,

Trustee Constant advised the two main issues are 1) the age of the ordinance and 2) installing solar panels on the front roof of residencies where some trustees believe it is against the current ordinance.

Pritchard related the current ordinance does not mention solar gardens or solar farms and the need to clarify where the solar panels can be installed on a residence or an auxiliary building. McFarland suggested the age of the roof should be evaluated prior to a roof installation, and ground mount solar panels should have the ability to rotate with the Sun.

Kreitzer related he agrees with Danielle Marion's email reference solar panels, agrees there should be no restrictions on roof mounted panels and is in favor of rear yard residential ground mounted solar panels.

Von Drasek is opposed to residential ground mounted solar panels and believes there should be no restrictions on residential roof mounts.

All members agreed that the roof mounted solar panels should match the roof they are being mounted upon.

Discussion of Solar farms and Gardens,

The board members agreed that Solar Farms and Gardens should be limited to business and industrial districts.

Klambauer suggested solar farms and gardens should not be allowed in developing residential areas such as Royal Estates.

Von Drasek mentioned the ordinance should have language reference abandonment, decommission, enforcement and surety bonds.

The board members mentioned whether a fence should be installed around a solar farm or garden for safety reasons.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJEXTS UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:

Rebecca and Danielle will work on the solar ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Pritchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM and Jennifer Klambauer seconded the motion Voice Vote was all in favor, Motion Carried

