

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
March 20, 2017

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Trustee Diedrich at 7:00 PM.

Present: Trustees Nancy Nelson, Joe Diedrich, Jeff Nier, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

Absent: President Roderick, Trustees Mark Wrzeciona, and Dale Clark.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Laura Julien, Joe Moore, Dale Youngers, Chief Everhart, Pete Wallers (EEI), and Members of the Public.

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

Trustee Nelson moved to approve Trustee Diedrich as President pro tem. Trustee Nier seconded. Roll Call vote: Nelson-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

Resident Marcy Ramsey reviewed results from an informal neighborhood poll regarding issues to be resolved by the Village Board. Among the most pertinent issues were budget transparency, unified board, water, and bringing new business to town.

Resident Tim Sellers introduced himself and stated that he is a write-in candidate for Village Trustee. He inquired regarding the cost of the sludge storage building and the drainage on the asphalt pad for the sludge storage building. Pete Wallers stated that the asphalt pad was bid competitively to market cost at the time and that he can only go out to bid when instructed to do so by the Board. Mr. Wallers also stated that the work was bid in sections: pad, blocks and cover. He stated that construction of the building was due to begin in April and should be ready by summer. Mr. Wallers explained that we don't necessarily want the asphalt pad to drain as that would require extra management as waste and that once the building is covered it won't be an issue. He stated that he would send information regarding the sludge storage building to Mr. Sellers.

Dale Youngers reiterated that ponding on the asphalt pad is to our advantage; that it's better for liquid to stay on the pad than to leach out into the water because it would require extra management.

Resident Joan Umano spoke regarding the Hinckley Festival Association. She stated that the group is working to be 5013C and that their goal is to have four seasonal activities throughout the year. The Family Funfest and Fireworks will be on June 24, 2017 starting at 3:00pm. There will be a car show with DJ, community vendors, food trucks and culminate with the fireworks around 9:15pm. The Hinckley Festival Association is looking for assistance from the Police Department and Public Works during the event. There will be a silent auction on May 5, 2017 at Fisherman's Inn to help fund the event.

Resident Rob Zimmerman commented regarding the neighborhood poll conducted by Marci Ramsey. He stated that budget transparency and bringing business to town were the top two areas of concern. He also questioned the ponding on the sludge storage pad. Pete Wallers stated that the original plan was for concrete but for budget reasons the Trustees decided to go with asphalt. He stated that it is impossible to have completely flat asphalt and that once the roof is on this won't be a

problem. Trustee Nier stated that he has looked at the ponding on the pad and that it is dissipating quickly. He stated that the sludge will de-water itself over time and that he is not in favor of a fabric cover for the storage building and that he will not vote for it when the time comes. Mr. Zimmerman asked where the sludge storage building cover bid would be advertised and stated that it needed to be somewhere other than the Chronicle. Mr. Wallers stated that it goes wherever the Village says to advertise.

Resident Larry Menz inquired regarding the status of the litigation update. Attorney Julien stated that as it is pending litigation, she had little she could say. She stated that it's moving along and that an email update had gone out to Trustees, as requested. Mr. Menz further questioned the bills coming in from EEI and the attorneys and whether anyone was keeping track of how much we should be looking to recover. He asked where the Treasurer was and stated that she was at the Village Hall all day, but not at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

| # | Item Description | Action | Details |
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| 1 | Previous Meeting Minutes | Vote | March 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting |
| 2 | Payment of Bills | Vote | Invoices Due |

Trustee Nelson requested a correction to the minutes regarding the Hinckley Business Association donation. Village Clerk Losiniecki made note of the correction. Trustee Nelson asked to remove the bills and moved to approve the minutes with stated corrections. Trustee Nier seconded. Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Nelson stated that there was no one present to answer questions about the bills as President Roderick, Treasurer Thon and Office Manager Weiler were all absent. She questioned the Hostway renewal invoice and Village Clerk Losiniecki for clarification. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that she is bound by the Board decision to keep her "in the small box" and therefore is not doing IT work for the Village and has no response.

Trustee Nelson questioned an invoice for Water Tronics, paid via debit card, in the amount of \$584.00. She stated that department heads are not authorized to make purchases over \$500.00 and questioned who authorized the expenditure. Dale Youngers stated that it was not an emergency but needed to be handled promptly. He stated that Cheryl Weiler gave him the debit card and that President Roderick knew about it. Trustee Nelson stated that it should have been done via invoice and that no one was present to answer questions regarding the bills.

Trustee Constant stated that litigation expenses were being lumped into professional services –legal and that we should ask for an accounting of that and what the re-class value will be. Discussion followed regarding the Royal Estates escrow account. Trustee Constant stated that contractual services/other/development should be a line item to tie these expenses back. Trustee Diedrich asked how much was left in the escrow account and Trustee Nelson stated that there is a negative balance of \$178.00. Trustee Nier stated that there is another \$1000.00 in invoices from attorneys and EEI. Further conversation regarding accuracy of Treasurer's reports and the Royal Estates escrow account. Trustee Nelson stated that she felt conflicted voting on the bills without and answers and Trustee

Constant stated that the Village could not hold the attorneys and engineers hostage due to our own incompetence.

Trustee Nelson moved to approve the bills and Trustee Constant seconded. Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Aye, Diedrich-Nay, Nier-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Constant stated that there is a list of things needed and that Treasurer Thon must not read the minutes because each meeting the Trustees state what information they want and they still don't have it. He stated that the list of outstanding information requested is: stock information and where the money went, itemized escrow accounting, itemized pending litigation accounting, and all expenditures for the water treatment facility. Trustee Nelson stated that she could not find, at a glance, where the \$30,417.69 from the stock disbursement had been deposited and that she had just received the general ledger report today.

Treasurer

Treasurer Thon not present. No report.

Attorney

No report. Trustee Constant stated that he had looked through the Waste Management contract and that he saw no early termination clause. He asked Attorney Julien to review the contract to see if there is such a clause. Joe Moore stated that he would like the leaf pick-up issue resolved by early summer. Trustee Constant asked Mr. Moore to check with Lake County Grading to see if the Village could dump the leaves at Royal Estates one more season.

EI

Pete Wallers stated that he had sent an email to Trustees with a link to a video of the sanitary sewer line near the Post Office. He stated that there is a significant leak that needs to be discussed and suggested either a Public Works committee meeting or a Committee of the Whole meeting to go over repair options. He also stated that a proposal had been sent regarding smoke testing the rest of the Village and that he would discuss that, as well, at the committee meeting. After discussion it was agreed to have a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00pm on April 3, 2017, prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Everhart: Chief Everhart handed out a copy of her monthly report to Trustees. She stated that Glen Ellyn had donated several radios to the Hinckley Police Department. Trustee Nelson asked about the status of the Humvee. Chief Everhart said that she should be able to take it to Dixon but that there is still a lot of paperwork to go through.

Dale Youngers: Dale asked Pete Wallers about the date for the water tower inspection. Mr. Wallers stated that he is waiting for a signed contract and that our schedule should be able to be accommodated. Brief discussion followed regarding pressure relief valves.

Mr. Youngers stated that the panelview computer screen associated with the water treatment facility had failed four times in the past four weeks. He had sought assistance from TONKA regarding the problems. If the panel fails and is not recoverable, we will have no ability to control the water treatment facility. Discussion followed and it was agreed that this will be on the next agenda for

discussion/approval. Trustee Nier asked if TONKA could provide a temporary screen while ours is being repaired and Mr. Youngers stated that he would check.

Mr. Youngers stated that Steve Dennison (EEI) determined that we should change the backwash procedure to try to mitigate the barium levels. He also stated that he would be bringing well 3 back on-line to use during the tower inspection.

Dale elaborated on a new valve that was purchased with President Roderick's approval for \$1766.00. There was a separate \$534.00 expense to attempt to repair the existing valve. He also stated that the wastewater treatment plant effluent line couldn't be jetted out because of too many elbows and bends in the piping and that he is trying to "surge" the pipes in lieu of jetting the line.

Mr. Youngers stated that the land application permit will be here this week. It came in last week with errors and was sent back for corrections.

Mr. Youngers stated that things are being said on the Hinckley Gazette Facebook page that are not accurate and that he does not like to be misquoted or have his name used when inaccurate information is posted. He feels that the Village needs to address this so that the truth is also represented. Trustee Constant stated that the "just the facts" section of the website could be used in this capacity and that it could also have been used to help during the "school incident".

Joe Moore: Joe Moore stated that televising the sanitary line cost \$2000.00 and that a crack was found. He handed out a report detailing the inspection. He stated that mowing contracts and tornado siren maintenance would be discussed at the next meeting.

Cheryl Weiler: Not present.

Committee Reports

Public Safety: No report. Trustee Nelson suggested that there should be an emergency access poll put on the website for the residents south of the tracks to voice their opinion.

Public Works: No report.

Administration: Trustee Constant stated that the Planning Commission had met last week to discuss revisions to the sign ordinance, as required by a supreme court decision. The Planning Commission is working with the attorneys on the revisions. He also stated that our zoning code refers to a zoning board of appeals that does not exist. The functions are handled by the Planning Commission. Attorney Julien stated that the zoning board of appeals is set by statute and that it's okay for the Planning Commission to perform the functions but that the Planning Commission must mirror the zoning board of appeals. Therefore, there needs to be seven Planning Commission members as there are seven zoning board of appeals members as defined by statute.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Appointment of Danielle Marion to Planning Commission
Trustee Constant stated that candidate information should be sent to Trustees ahead of such a discussion/vote and he asked if any Trustees had received any information. None had. As the candidate was not present at the meeting, nor the Village President, it was agreed to table the discussion.

Trustee Diedrich stated that he had received a request from Cheryl Weiler to attend a Village Clerk training seminar. Trustee Nelson asked to wait until after May 1, 2017 to discuss.

Open Discussion

Trustee Constant stated that he was planning to ask President Roderick about Trustee Wrzeciona's extended absence and noted that he has not attended a meeting since 11/21/16. Trustee Nelson stated that President Roderick should ask for his resignation. Trustee Nelson noted the continued absence of Treasurer Thon and the incomplete financial reports. She stated that the Treasurer had missed 19 meetings since January, 2016. Attorney Julien stated that she would look into the whether or not pay can be withheld. Trustee Constant stated that President Roderick stated that the Treasurer works for him but the consensus is that appointed officials work for the Village. Attorney Julien reiterated that she would look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Diedrich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for April 3, 2017.

Joseph Diedrich, President pro tem

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk