

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

**MARCH 22, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Village President Nelson at 7:01 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

**Present:** Trustees Lou Manivong, Walter Rainford and Mike Constant (all remote). Quorum Established.

**Absent:** Daniel Roop.

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki. Remote: Treasurer Maroo, Chief Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Chris Ott (EEI), 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**

Resident John McFarland, Louise Drive, stated that he would like to raise some issues. Village President Nelson advised him that, unless it relates to an agenda item scheduled for action, public comment should be held until the end of the meeting. McFarland stated that he would wait.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

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

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** FY2022 Meeting Schedule

Village President Nelson stated that this schedule was presented for review at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Constant moved to approve the FY 2022 meeting schedule and Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Manivong-Aye. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Maroo provided an overview of the monthly financial report. He stated that the Village is in a good financial position for the elevated water storage tank financing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Personnel**

#### **° For Discussion/Approval:** Hiring of Utility Billing Clerk

Village President Nelson stated that Tanya Berndt had been selected for the utility billing clerk position. Starting pay \$17.00 per hour with the possibility for review at six and twelve months. Trustee Manivong moved to approve the hiring of Tanya Berndt at \$17.00 per hour with the possibility for review at six and twelve months. Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Manivong-Aye, Constant-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

### **Finance and Economic Development**

**° For Discussion/Approval:** Waive Attorney fees associated with the Midwest Sportsplex variance Trustee Constant stated that this was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. The variance request has been approved. Constant moved that the Village waive the attorney and meeting fees associated with the variance process. This waiver of fees would not include the waiver of the publication fees (\$118.00). He stated that the Sportsplex will still be responsible for the permit fees. Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Manivong-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

**° For Discussion/Approval:** Amendment to Hinckley Municipal Code regarding Planning Commission Trustee Constant stated that documents for this item are not ready. This item was discussed at the last meeting and will be held over to the next meeting.

### **Public Safety**

No report.

### **Streets & Alleys**

No report.

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

No report.

### **Water & Sewer**

No report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Larry Menz, 220 W. Miller Ave., stated that the opening of the mowing bids should be done in public.

Resident John McFarland, 500 Louise Drive, stated that “lake Louise” is turning into a swamp due to sediment coming in from farms to the north and from the Royal Estates subdivision. He would like the Village to help limit the amount of sediment coming into the lake; either by installing sediment screens on storm sewer drains or by encouraging the farmers to plant buffer strips. Village President Nelson stated that she will discuss the situation with the Board of Trustees and get back to McFarland.

Resident Rob Zimmermann, 350 E. Lincoln Ave., asked for the exact amount of attorney fees that are being waived for the Sportsplex variance process and Trustee Constant stated that he does not have an exact amount. Zimmermann asked how the Board can waive fees without knowing the total

amount being waived. He also asked why others have to pay the fees but not this company. Mr. Zimmermann also inquired about the status of the mural and was advised to contact the Harvesting Our Future group. Constant stated that Harvesting Our Future is now a part of the Hinckley Fireworks Association and that work on the mural had been halted due to the coronavirus. Mr. Zimmermann asked when the Christmas decoration will be removed from the tree at the Community Building. Nelson advised that it is a private matter, and that Midwest Facilities and Construction will handle removing the decorations.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Village President Nelson stated that Russ Kula, Chairman of the Planning Commission is seeking input for the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

**ADJOURMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Rainford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Trustee Manivong seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 12, 2021.

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Nancy Nelson, Village President

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Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk