

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Quirk at 7:29 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

Absent: Michele Greene-Larsen and Walter Rainford.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Ceneca Wagner, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Dale Youngers, Brandon Kramer, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 02/27/23

Trustee Constant moved to approve the minutes from February 27, 2023, and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Discussion and Recommendation: Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule (May 2023 – April 2024)

Trustee Quirk asked if there were any changes that anyone would like to see. Treasurer Maroo stated on Monday, April 22 should say Last Meeting of FY not Last Monday of FY. Trustee Constant stated to move it to the next Regular Board meeting on March 27, 2023.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No Report.

Finance & Economic Development Report

*Discussion and Recommendation: Solar Project Update

Trustee Constant stated he and Trustee Kula had a video conference with a couple of the engineers regarding the Solar Project. March 9th Trustee Kula, Trustee Constant, Bob Pritchard, Dale Youngers meet with the Project Engineer and toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, and the HBR High School. Trustee Constant stated we have signed off on everything until they go to apply for permits. The HBR High School is going to be a challenge but that is not problem stated Trustee Kula.

Public Safety

***Discussion and Recommendation: Code Violation Adjudication**

Attorney Lundgren stated the Code Violation Adjudication with Sandwich Police Department is not going to happen since we would need to purchase the software at a cost of \$17,000.00. Attorney Lundgren state he has spoken with Chief Gettemy about doing it all in house. We would have to get and Administration hearing officer. This will work depending on the volume of tickets and coordinating with the Police Department and Clerks Office. Attorney Lundgren stated this is the most logical and economical.

***Discussion and Recommendation: Mobile Food Truck License Fee**

Attorney Lundgren stated that all the Trustees have a copy of the Ordinance in their folder. If there are any changes needed to let him know. Trustee Constant stated that they can set a fee later but can get the Ordinance voted on at the next Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023, and Attorney Lundgren stated yes.

***Discussion and Recommendation: School Zone Speed Limits**

Trustee Constant was wondering how far away from school you have to be to have speed zone changed. Officer Dolmyer stated you have to give 500 feet to slow down whether it is a school zone or not. Ceneca Wagner stated the only IDOT can change the speed zone on a state highway not even the Chief can do it. Attorney Lundgren stated he can make some calls and will speak with the Chief. It is not simple. Trustee Constant is concerned with the potential development across the street from the High School.

***Discussion and Recommendation: Standards for keeping chickens**

Trustee Constant stated several years ago we revised this Ordinance. After looking at other villages restrictions they allow a lot less hens than we do. Do we want to revise and bring the number down? Constant also stated we need to have a yearly renewal and reinspection process. Trustee Quirk stated she liked (l) in Sec. 14-4. and if they live on a smaller property, could we reduce what they have on their property. Trustee Constant stated he would talk to Beth if there is anything else she could think of regarding the chickens.

Streets & Alleys

***Discussion and Recommendation: Chief Steve Gorsky Hinckley Fire Protection District funding request**

Chief Steve Gorsky stated since he spoke in October the fire district purchased new extrication tools that were used at a fire academy for 6 months refurbished for \$7000.00 less. We also purchased cribbing devices used on accident scenes. We purchased new air packs for the firefighters and took possession of them two weeks ago. We up to have them all up and ready in mid-April. Chief Gorsky discussed with the board what he is working on to improve the fire district and working that he is working on grants as well. Chief Gorsky thanked the board for their consideration of donating some of the ARPA funds that were received. None of the fire protection districts were offered to be able to apply for this grant. Treasurer Dave Maroo stated to get a quote for the top 5 items that they are in need for the district. Chief Gorsky also stated whatever funds that the Village of Hinckley donates the Fire Board will match the donation if not more. Chief Gorsky stated he will get the quotes and

present them to the board. Trustee Quirk asked if they have investigated the possibility of a referendum. Unfortunately, the time is not right with the economy to put out for a referendum. Once the economy starts to recover, we will reexamine the possibility of a referendum. Chief Gorsky also stated that BNSF has contacted him regarding doing a training regarding the railroad accident. Chief Gorsky stated it scares him what goes through our town, and we need to be more aware. Trustee Constant stated wouldn't this be a good way to set up an Emergency Plan. Chief Gorsky stated they already have one in place.

*Discussion and Recommendation: Changing Road behind old 5/3rd Bank to two-directional road
Trustee Kula stated he received an email from the Hinckley Food Pantry. They were wondering if there was any way to change the road behind the bank to two-directional road. Ceneca advised Russ that is an alley not a road and we rent from BNSF a portion of the property. Ceneca advised Russ to tell them to turn right behind the buildings instead of waiting to turn left. Trustee Kula said he would reply to them and advise them.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report.

Water & Sewer

Trustee Gayhart stated we need UV lighting bulbs and a UV light sensor. We are down 22 UV lights bulbs. A quote for 30 is at a cost of \$1800.00 and the UV light sensor is at a cost of \$603.00. These need to be online from May to October. This will be put on the March 27th Regular Board meeting to be voted on.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Kula stated that he was in contact with the people that are to be changing the streetlights. He was waiting on a call back. Ceneca Wagner stated he is not calling to have any of our lights changed prior to the change because it would be a waste of money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Trustee Gayhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2023, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Sarah Quirk, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk