

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
April 24, 2017

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

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

Absent: Trustee Mark Wrzeciona.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Kirsten Casas, Treasurer Thon, Joe Moore, Chief Everhart, and Members of the Public.

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

President Roderick stated that there would be a deviation from the presented agenda and that Mr. Bill McMahon from Progressive Energy would be the first speaker.

Agenda item: Progressive Energy Presentation

Mr. Bill McMahon provided a copy of the Progressive Energy proposal for municipal electric aggregation and discussed the proposed rates. Trustees agreed to have this item put on the next meeting agenda for vote.

Agenda item: Sikich Presentation

Mr. Brian LeFevre gave a brief overview of the services Sikich provides to the Village and discussed the upcoming audit. He stated that the audit engagement letter had been delivered to President Roderick and Treasurer Thon. There was a brief discussion about the prospect of changing audit firms.

President Roderick stated that Treasurer Thon had requested to speak next as she had a need to leave early.

Agenda item:

Treasurer

Treasurer Thon thanked Mr. LeFevre for coming to the meeting and stated that the Village should not change audit firms in mid-stream. She stated that she felt it would be irresponsible to make that kind of change right now and that, perhaps after the audit would be a better time. She stated that she will not seek to continue as Treasurer but that she would be available to close out the fiscal year.

Treasurer Thon presented the monthly financial reports and suggested that the Village create a budget committee to begin a budget review. She made some suggestions as to changes in accounting methods that could "save" the Village approximately \$150,000.00 per year. Trustee Constant commented that it would not be a "savings", rather just moving expenses from one column to another. President Roderick stated that he felt it would be a good idea to keep Treasurer Thon on through the audit and thanked her for her years of service. Trustee Clark also thanked Treasurer Thon for her service. Treasurer Thon left the meeting after her report. Mr. LeFevre left the meeting after Treasurer Thon.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

Resident Larry Menz congratulated President Roderick and Trustee Clark for their contributions to the Village and the completion of their terms. He also questioned the status of the appropriations ordinance and the prospect of changing accounting firms. He reminded the Board that they represent the people, not personal vendettas. President Roderick thanked Mr. Menz for his comments and his involvement in the community.

Resident Joan Umano stated that she still has tickets available for the fireworks fundraiser/silent auction at Fisherman’s Inn. Trustee Constant asked for a mailing address for donations and Mrs. Umano stated that donations could be mailed to: PO Box 657, Hinckley, IL 60520.

Resident Marci Ramsey congratulated Nancy Nelson on being elected Village President and indicated that she is interested in being appointed to a Trustee position.

CONSENT AGENDA

#	Item Description	Action	Details
1	Previous Meeting Minutes	Vote	April 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole
2	Payment of Bills	Vote	Invoices Due

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

Department Head Reports:

Chief Everhart: Chief Everhart provided a copy of her monthly report to Trustees. She stated that warmer weather means an increase in the number of calls to the Hinckley Police Department. She also stated that she had included a copy of an estimate for repair work for the Ford Truck and that she’d like it put on the next agenda for discussion/approval. President Roderick stated that the police department is doing a great job and that they have come a long way under the guidance and leadership of Chief Everhart.

Joe Moore: Joe Moore handed out his monthly report and stated that the department would need to purchase a new line locator. The current one is sixteen years old and is required for safety purposes. He requested that the purchase be put on the next agenda for discussion/approval. Trustee Nier stated that the line locator is about eight years past its functional life and that it needs to be replaced.

President Roderick stated that Joe Moore and Ceneca Wagner are due for pay increases on May 1, 2017 and that it needs to be on the next agenda for discussion/approval. President Roderick thanked Mr. Moore for all of the hard work and service that he and Ceneca provide the Village.

Cheryl Weiler: President Roderick stated that Cheryl was not present and that she had distributed her monthly report.

Committee Reports

Administration:

Agenda Item for Discussion/Approval: IT Support Contract

Trustee Constant stated that the Village had received quotes from two IT Support Companies and that he had not taken much time to compare them. He asked Village Clerk Losiniecki to provide an overview. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that the quotes were similar in pricing but that her preference would be to go with Stateline Technologies as they currently support the Hinckley Public Library and are very highly recommended. She also stated that Stateline supports other municipalities in the area and that they are willing to work with Daniel Roop, Village of Hinckley IT

Support Intern, in a mentoring capacity. Village Clerk Losiniecki expressed confidence in Daniel's ability to learn and develop additional skills in this capacity and stated her belief that it behooves the Village to invest in their youth. Trustee Constant asked if a price comparison had been done between the two and Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that the two quotes are comparable, with Stateline being slightly lower. Trustee Constant asked if the quotes had been obtained in coordination with Office Manager Cheryl Weiler and Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that Cheryl was present in the office during the meeting but that it was more prudent to have Daniel Roop actively engaged in the meeting. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that Trustee Constant had been aware of the meeting time and date and had not been available to attend. Trustee Nelson asked to table the discussion until the next meeting so Trustees could have time to review the two proposals. President Roderick suggested having the two companies attend the next meeting to present to the Board.

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: 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, and that they recommend that the Board approve the new sign ordinance. Trustee Constant moved to approve the amended sign ordinance and Trustee Clark seconded. Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Clark-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Constant stated that our zoning code refers to a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that no longer exists. The functions of the ZBA are now handled by the Planning Commission. Attorney Julien had advised that the existence of a ZBA is set by State statute and that it's okay for the Planning Commission to perform the functions of the ZBA, but that the Planning Commission must mirror the ZBA as defined in the statute. Therefore, the Planning Commission needs to have seven members as there are seven Zoning Board of Appeals members defined in the statute. Discussion followed and ended with the Board directing Attorney Casas to re-write the ordinance to show the Planning Commission with seven members.

Trustee Constant stated that the Planning Commission set a regular, recurring meeting date for the second Monday of each month. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on May 8, 2017.

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: FY2018 Meeting Schedule

Trustee Nelson suggested having meetings on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day as the Village office is open on those days. It was agreed that the meetings on those days in 2018 would be on Monday. Trustees also decided to have the last meeting of the 2018 fiscal year be on April 23, 2018 rather than April 30, 2018. Trustee Clark moved to approve the FY218 meeting schedule, with noted changes. Trustee Nelson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Aye, Diedrich-Aye, Nier-Aye, Clark-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works:

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)

Joe Moore reminded everyone that the IPWMAN is not just for receiving help; it's also for giving help. Attorney Casas stated that the agreement had been reviewed but documents referenced in the agreement (by-laws and operations plans) were not included in what she received and therefore were not reviewed. Trustee Nier requested that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting so that the attorneys could have time to review the missing documents. Joe Moore indicated that he would provide the missing documents to the attorneys.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Roderick reviewed the cell tower lease agreement and stated that he had received an offer to buy out the lease. He expects to have the offer in the next few days and will be sure to distribute it to the Board. He thanked everyone, said he's learned a lot in the past four years and that he wished everyone luck.

Open Discussion

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. Trustee Diedrich seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for May 1, 2017.

James Roderick, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk