

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Quirk at 8:20 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Walter Rainford, Mike Constant, Michele Greene-Larsen and Sarah Quirk. Quorum Established.

Absent: Steve Gayhart

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Chief Ken Gettemy, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Chris Ott, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 03/28/22

Trustee Constant moved to approve the minutes from March 28, 2022, and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris Ott stated that EEI contacted the contractor regarding the grass that is not growing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No Report.

Finance & Economic Development

*Discussion and Recommendation: Solar Ordinance

Trustee Constant stated the Planning Commission revised the Solar Ordinance and the main changes are that solar panels will now be allowed on any side of the house. Also, there is now a section regarding Solar Farm/Gardens. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated we may need to have a Public Hearing for the change. Attorney Lundgren stated he will investigate and advise.

*Discussion and Recommendation: DeKalb County Community Foundation Grant

Bob Pritchard stated that DeKalb County Community Foundation has come out with an

Implementation Grant for up to \$20,000. We would like to get an intern to work on the website and promote social media. The Planning Commission would oversee the project. We would like to have 3 to 5 events a year to attract people to Hinckley. We could work with the Hinckley Business Association and or service clubs to come up with ideas. The condition of the grant is 10% must be donated locally. Trustee Constant stated that Harvesting Our Future paid for the website Hinckley Hub.

Public Safety

No Report.

Streets & Alleys

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

*Discussion and Recommendation: Park Program

Village Clerk Losiniecki was inquiring if we wanted to start looking at getting the Park Program back up and running. We have had inquires at the Village. Trustee Greene-Larsen stated it is a great thing and would love to see it back up and running. Clerk Losiniecki stated we would need to hire a Park Coordinator which is always in appropriations. Trustee Quirk stated that we could post something online to see what the residents would like to see.

Water & Sewer

*Discussion and Recommendation: North Lift Stations Upgrade

Dale Youngers stated with the sticker shock from the prices of the Lift Stations, we cannot justify the cost. Younger presented the Trustees with a sheet showing the number of hours the pumps are running in comparison. Metropolitan Industries Inc. gave 3 quotes for replacing parts. Youngers stated we will put it on the next Regular Board Meeting when Trustee Gayhart is here so we can discuss further and vote on which quote to go with. Youngers stated he would like to start setting money to the side for putting in new emergency generators.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that the shut off letters are going out tomorrow with shut offs starting on Monday, April 18th. Trustee Kula stated it may be a good idea for Ceneca's safety to have a police officer with him while he is shutting off the water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Morsch stated she would love to see more businesses come to town and fill the downtown buildings. We need to get more people to volunteer their time so the same people that do it are not getting burned out. She also stated she would love to see a Pickleball Court and Splash Pad in town.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Sarah Quirk, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Village Deputy Clerk