

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2023
7:00 PM

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Attorney Tait Lundgren at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

Trustee Gayhart moved to appoint Trustee Kula as President Pro Tem and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Absent: Michele Greene-Larsen and Walter Rainford

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Police Chief Ken Gettemy, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Brandon Kramer, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

Joseph Marcinkowski, Dekalb County Board Representative, District 11 introduced himself and stated that he will be available after the meeting if anyone has any questions or concerns.

Bob Pritchard stated that there are 2 major projects for growth in Hinckley on the east side of the Village. Pritchard questioned whether this was a good change or not for the Village due to safety concerns across from the high school. There are no sidewalks, and no crosswalks available. Pritchard stated he spoke with IDOT, and they advised there needs to be sidewalks on both sides of the street to even be considered for a crosswalk at Rees Street.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** April 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Trustee Quirk moved to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023, and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Payment of Invoices Due
Trustee Constant moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Constant-Aye, and Quirk-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Village President Pro Tem Kula advised the board all the streetlights are now LED. The only issue is the one in the Village Parking lot that needs to be fixed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** New PC for Treasurer NTE \$995.00
Treasurer Maroo stated that his computer is outdated and for security reasons need to be upgraded. Trustee Gayhart moved to approve the New PC for Treasurer NTE \$995.00, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, and Gayhart-Aye.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Maroo stated there are only 6 more days left in the fiscal year. No major changes. We are still positive in the Water/Sewer. MFT has approximately \$155,000.00 for streets plus borrowing from next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No Report.

Finance and Economic Development

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Dollar General Site Plan

Trustee Constant stated the Dollar General Site Plan has been approved. Alex Frazier is here representing Dollar General. They are hoping to start construction in early summer. Trustee Constant stated that IDOT would only put a crosswalk at Rees and Rt 30, but sidewalks must be on both sides of the street, and they will relook at it when both businesses are completed. Trustee Constant asked Alex if Dollar General is willing to put sidewalks in front of their business and he stated yes. Trustee Constant asked Attorney Lundgren if we need to put that in contingent with the vote. Attorney Lundgren stated you have time and can do it at the binding agreement. Trustee Quirk questioned the landscaping and Alex stated he knows the Village is very tree oriented and has added four trees. Trustee Constant moved to approve the Dollar General Site Plan and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, and Kula-Aye. Motion carried.

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Amendments to Liquor Control Ordinance 2023-03

Attorney Lundgren stated that Casey's is asking for an Amendment to Class E license to sell alcohol from 6a-1a Sunday through Thursday and 6a-2a Friday and Saturday. A clerk under 21 years of age must have a supervisor over 21 years of age to sell beer, wine, and liquor. Trustee Quirk confirmed with Attorney Lundgren if they are under 21 years of age, they can sell with a supervisor over 21 years of age. Attorney Lundgren stated that was correct. Trustee Constant moved to approve the Amendment to Liquor Control Ordinance 2023-03 and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Quirk-Nay, Gayhart-Aye, and Kula-Aye. Motion failed.

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Ordinance Granting Variance Request at 741 E. Lincoln Highway

Trustee Gayhart asked Richard McMahon representing Casey's if the sign was the same as the Waterman location. Richard confirmed it was the same sign. Trustee Gayhart also stated that a tall sign is much better and more visible than a ground sign. Trustee Kula motioned Ordinance Granting Variance Request at 741 E. Lincoln Highway and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Ordinance Approving Amendment to Appendix A

Trustee Constant stated that the Planning Commission recommends the approval of the Ordinance Approving Amendment to Appendix A by a 4-0 vote. Trustee Constant questioned Attorney Lundgren about the special/permitted use. Attorney Lundgren stated you can choose what terminology you want to use. The board agreed to use permitted use. Trustee Constant moved to approve Ordinance Approving Amendment to Appendix A using Permitted Use and Trustee Gayhart seconded the

motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried. Attorney Lundgren stated he would remove special use from Appendix A.

Public Safety

Chief Gettemy stated the people that were to install the new equipment in the squads never showed up on Sunday. He is waiting for a call back from the company on a rescheduled date.

Streets & Alleys

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report.

Water & Sewer

No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Constant stated he would like to have garbage cans in from the street by Monday evening. Cans are being left at the curb all the time. Trustee Constant stated he wants it printed on the Utility Bills the next time they are printed. Trustee Constant also stated residents are not applying for permits for projects. May 4th is Give to DeKalb County Day put on by the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Donate to three non-profit organizations in Hinckley. Hinckley Historical Society, Hinckley Festival Association, and the Hinckley Food Pantry. Spread the word! It is for a great cause.

ADJOURMENT

Trustee Quirk moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 8, 2023.

Russ Kula, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk