

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2020
REMOTE VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kula at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Russ Kula, John McFarland, Rodney Davis, and Danielle Marion. Quorum Established.

Absent: Gerald Bahl.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Kurlinkus, Trustee Mike Constant, and members of the public.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM: Previous Meeting Minutes – 03/02/20 Presentation and Vote

It was determined that John McFarland was unable to locate a copy of the minutes previously sent for review. Danielle Marion moved to approve the previous meeting minutes from March 2, 2020 and Russ Kula seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: McFarland-Abstain, Davis-Aye, Kula-Aye, Marion-Aye. Motion denied. This item will be on the next agenda for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

° **Agenda item for discussion:** Cannabis Legalization

Attorney Kurlinkus stated that all cannabis permitting through the State of Illinois is on hold. Clerk Losiniecki stated that the cannabis legalization survey has also been put on hold because the members need to decide what questions will be in the survey. The members will work on survey questions at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Recommendations regarding the permitting of Chickens within the corporate limits Chairman Kula stated that he had sent (via email) copies of ordinances for surrounding communities. Most allow between 4-8 chickens. John McFarland and Rodney Davis stated that 4 should be the limit for single family dwellings (apartments and townhomes not included). Kula commented regarding setbacks range from 50'-150'. He stated that most homes in town cannot accommodate a 150'

setback.

Danielle Marion stated that roosters should not be allowed. Kula stated that rodent proof containers need to be required for storage of the food and that the electric needs to be hard wired (no extension cords). McFarland suggested requiring some type of registration.

Trustee Constant asked how these measures will impact those already permitted. Attorney Kurlinkus stated that he would copy and tweak from another municipality and present a draft ordinance at the next meeting.

John McFarland stated that Plainfield allows 90 days for residents to “get into compliance” for those who already have chickens. Kurlinkus stated that it is up to the Board of Trustees to determine enforcement. Danielle Marion stated that she will email Sugar Grove’s ordinance to Planning Commission members. She stated that Sugar Grove limits the number of homes that can have chickens to (8) total and that a permit/license is required. Rodney Davis stated that “no slaughtering within Village limits” needs to be a provision.

There was further discussion regarding coop size limits, distance from property lines, landscape screening, and allowed zoning districts.

Discussion and Recommendations regarding Midwest Facilities inquiry regarding the purchase of a portion of Woodlawn Avenue

Nathan Lambes (Midwest Facilities Operations Manager) stated that his company recently acquired the buildings at 182 & 212 W Woodlawn Avenue. They (Midwest Facilities) would like to purchase the furthest western section of the road. They would also like to extend a gate from the western edge of the 212 W. Woodlawn building (south) across Woodlawn Avenue to create a secured parking lot. Clerk Losiniecki stated that the Village has water and sewer facilities under that section of Woodlawn Avenue, and it is also where the public works department turns around the snowplows.

Trustee Constant asked Mr. Lambes if any Village of Hinckley employees or appointed/elected officials are affiliated financially with Midwest Facilities. Mr. Lambes answered, “No.” Village Clerk asked to have the question repeated for clarification. Planning Commission members reiterated the question and answer. There was no correction made by Mr. Lambes. Mr. Lambes asked if Midwest Facilities would be able to put up the fence even if the Village decided not to sell the portion of the road.

Kula stated that he does not like the idea of the Village losing a portion of the street, especially because of the utilities underground. Additional discussion followed regarding options to accommodate a chain link fence and the needs of the public works department. Kurlinkus stated that a full plat map would be required with everything marked. He suggested having the Village engineers to a survey and Trustee Constant stated that the Village will not expend any moneys on this project and that a survey will not be required if the Village decides not to allow the fence.

Lambes stated that their first choice is to purchase a portion of Woodlawn Avenue and put up the fence. Their second choice would be to lease that section of road and put up a fence. Kula asked Mr. Lambes who was doing the grading work with the skid steer over the weekend and if the grading work was on Village property or Midwest Facilities property. Lambes stated that the grading work was being done on Midwest Facilities property.

Rodney Davis moved to turn this topic/discussion over to the Board of Trustees and Danielle Marion seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Davis-Aye, Marion-Aye, McFarland-Aye, Kula-Aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Chairman Kula stated that the next meeting will be June 15, 2020 at 7:00pm via Teleconference and/or at the Village Hall.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Russ Kula moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm and John McFarland seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Russ Kula, Chairman

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk