

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES**  
**MAY 24, 2021**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Trustee Manivong at 7:29 PM.

Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Chief Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Chris Ott (EEI), Treasurer Maroo, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Dale Youngers (TEST, Inc.), Arnie Schramel (Progressive Energy), and Members of the Public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**GUEST PRESENTATION – ARNIE SCHRAMEL, PROGRESSIVE ENERGY ELECTRIC AGGREGATION**

Mr. Schramel provided an overview of the electric aggregation history and rates for the Village of Hinckley. He recommends one year contract terms to ensure the best pricing. Hinckley is in an aggregation pool with several other similarly sized municipalities. The Village will need to pass an ordinance allowing the Village President to enter into the aggregation agreement. He will present to the Board next month for approval. Manivong asked if the pricing would be available for review prior to the July meeting and Mr. Schramel stated that it would.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

None.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**° Personnel**

**Discussion and Recommendation** regarding Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Trustee Quirk stated that the employee health insurance is up for renewal. The renewal document was provided to Trustees for review. Quirk stated that other insurance carriers are coming in higher than the quoted renewal rates, which went up about 4.5%. This will be an agenda item for the next Regular Board meeting.

**° Finance & Economic Development**

Trustee Constant reminded the Board and Department heads that any additions to the appropriations need to be turned in promptly.

**° Public Safety**

None.

° **Streets & Alleys**

Ceneca Wagner stated that the bulbs for most of the streetlights in town have been discontinued. The Village will have to decide what type of bulbs they want going forward. LED lights are white, not amber. He also stated that the light on Louise Drive has a bad pole that needs to be replaced. A new pole will have to be ordered or made custom, which could take a year.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

None.

° **Water & Sewer**

Dale Youngers stated that the pressure tanks will be installed tomorrow. One will be at the Village Hall and the other will be at the Water Treatment Plant. The tank at the Village Hall will be on the west side of the parking lot and may impeded parking. The tower will be drained sometime around the first week of June. Water conservation will then be in effect. Chief Gettemy stated that he can issue a press release and/or send out a CodeRed message. Trustee Constant stated that there will be a message on the digital signs at the schools and posted on the Village website.

Youngers also stated that he still needs help getting phone service restored at the water treatment plant.

Chris Ott stated that the water tower will be encased in the “curtain/shroud” soon.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Lou Manivong stated that there is a sanitary manhole at the intersection of Coster and Route 30 that is collapsing. Wagner stated that he is aware of the problem and that it is the State’s responsibility since it is in Route 30. As such, Route 30 would have to be closed to complete the repair.

Trustee Constant asked if remote meeting attendance was going to continue to be offered. He suggested recording the meetings and posting the recording on the website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

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Louis Manivong, Village President

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Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk