

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**  
**MAY 23, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Attorney Tait Lundgren at 7:00 PM. Trustee Greene-Larsen motioned for Trustee Constant to be President Pro Tem. Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye. Motion carried. Roll call was taken showing the following:

**Present:** Mike Constant, Russell Kula, Steve Gayhart, Michele Greene-Larsen and Sarah Quirk.  
Quorum Established.

**Absent:** Walter Rainford.

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Chief Ken Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Brandon Kramer, and Members of the Public.

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

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

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Regular Board Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2022  
Trustee Kula moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from May 9, 2022, and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Constant-Aye, and Greene-Larsen-Aye. Motion carried.

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Lundgren stated he triple checked and there is no liability on the Village regarding Dram Liability.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

No Report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No Report.

**TREASURER REPORT**

No Report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Personnel

Trustee Quirk presented the board members with some changes to the Employee Manual. Attorney Lundgren stated that since it was not put on the agenda it could not be discussed.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Employee Pay Increase – Kathy Michaels  
Village Clerk Losiniecki advised Trustee Quirk that the pay increases were discussed in an Executive Session at the previous meeting and a 3% pay increase was discussed. Trustee Greene-Larsen motioned to approve Kathy Michaels pay increase of 3% effective May 24, 2022, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, and Gayhart-Aye. Motion carried.

### Finance and Economic Development

Trustee Constant advised that the appropriations are going to be starting soon.

### Public Safety

No Report.

### Streets & Alleys

No Report.

### Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report.

### Water & Sewer

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Fire Hydrant Replacement and Rebuilds  
Trustee Gayhart asked Ceneca Wagner how long it was taking for parts and new Fire Hydrants and Ceneca advised they are 20 to 26 weeks out. There was a short discussion and Trustee Gayhart stated that he would work with Ceneca to get prices.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

John Dassis owner of the Hinckley Café stated that he is having overnight parking issues with tenants that live in the apartments above all buildings downtown. He stated that the overnight parking signs are down, and some are not readable. Chief Gettemy agreed signs are not readable and there are a lot of turnovers in the apartments downtown. Village Clerk Losiniecki suggested that we could send letters to the building owners to advise their tenants that there is no overnight parking from 2 am - 5 am. Chief Gettemy agreed that the letters and addition of new signs would be good.

Bob Pritchard wanted to know if the Village would agree to putting banners on the light post honoring Veterans like they do in Dekalb. Ceneca Wagner stated they have tried to do this before and IDOT stated it could not be done.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Kula reminded the board about what our intentions are going to be for a memorial for Joe Diedrich. Ceneca Wagner stated that if they were going to do a sign it could go by his house or in front of the Village Hall. Trustee Kula also suggested a tree in front of the Village Hall. President Pro Tem Constant moved to put it on the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> for further

discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 13, 2022.

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Mike Constant, Village President Pro Tem

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Kathy Michaels, Village Deputy Clerk