

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES  
JUNE 25, 2018**

**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Village President Nelson at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

**Present:** Trustees Mike Constant, Jeff Nier, Tim Sellers, and Chuck Riforgiate. Quorum Established.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Treasurer Maroo, Attorneys Aaron Szeto and Kristine Gibbons, Chief Everhart, Sabrina Geroulis, Dale Youngers, Chris Ott (EEI) 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:** 06/11/18 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Constant moved to approve the 06/11/18 Regular Board Meeting minutes and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

**Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Payment of Invoices Due

Trustee Constant moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• **President's Report**

Village President Nelson read a thank you card from the Hinckley Public Library to the Chief of Police.

**Agenda item for discussion:** Escape Room Status

Attorney Gibbons stated that the Escape Room Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing is scheduled for July 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. She stated that she will provide the legal notice (to be published in the paper) to Clerk Losiniecki in time for the mandatory publication requirement.

**Agenda item for discussion:** Alleys

President Nelson stated that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended that the Village not vacate any existing alleys. Discussion followed regarding the decision and President Nelson suggested that the Planning Commission continue to look into the issue of vacating alleys.

**Agenda item for discussion:** Leaf Pick-up

President Nelson stated that Joe Moore is on vacation and that he had asked her to discuss leaf pick-up for this season. Specifically, where to dump the leaves if the Village picks up leaves until the DC Trash contract begins. The DC Trash contract includes leaf pick-up but doesn't start until October. Trustee Sellers suggested not picking up leaves until the DC Trash contract starts. He also suggested that the leaf pick-up equipment be sold. Trustee Nier stated that this had been discussed at the committee level and that all were in agreement to discontinue the leaf pick-up service. Trustee Riforgiate agreed with Trustees Sellers and Nier. President Nelson stated that this item would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Trustee Sellers stated that he would investigate the best way to end the program and surplus the equipment.

**Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Prevailing Wage Ordinance No. 2018-05

President Nelson stated that this is something that has to be passed every year. Trustee Nier moved to approve the prevailing wage ordinance and Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

President Nelson stated that Trustee Clark had resigned last week due to personal reasons. She stated that she had selected two candidates, Louis Manivong and Danielle Marion, for appointment to fill the vacant seats of Joe Diedrich and Christine Clark. Manivong will take Diedrich's seat and committee assignments and Marion will take Clark's. Both will be one year terms that will expire April 30, 2019.

**Report of Officers, Trustees and Department Heads**

**• Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Maroo presented year to date revenue and expense information and a summary of funds. He stated that the debt service and water /sewer accounts continue to be underfunded and reminded everyone to continue to watch spending at all levels.

**• Attorney's Report**

No report.

**• Engineer's Report**

Chris Ott stated that he would wait until the Streets & Alleys portion of the agenda.

**• Chief of Police**

Chief Everhart provided her monthly report summary and stated that the Police Department has been busy trying to cover Officer Michael's shifts. Officer Michaels was injured during a recent rescue effort. She stated that she may need to hire two more part-time officers but the low wage is a deterrent to qualified applicants.

**• Parks & Recreation**

Sabrina Geroulis presented an overview of the current park programs and stated that she was working on re-vamping the registration process and forms. She also stated that she was planning to implement changes to the money handling for registrations so that the instructors are not accepting money for registrations. She stated that there were no registrations for the June programs and that all classes for June are cancelled.

**• Water & Sewer**

Dale Youngers stated that flushing of water mains would begin after the Fourth of July holiday. He also stated that 2 dehumidifiers had to be replaced at the lift station. The old ones have been recalled and he will supply the necessary paperwork to register for the recall. Trustee Nier stated that he had purchased two small dehumidifiers for replacements.

**• Public Works**

**2018 MFT Road Program moved from Streets & Alleys agenda item and discussed here, as follows:**

**Agenda item for discussion/approval:** 2018 MFT Road Program

Chris Ott, EEI, discussed the handout provided in the meeting packet regarding the changes requested from the previous meeting. He stated that the estimate is now within the desired budgeted range. Discussion followed regarding change orders and contractor acceptance. Trustee Constant asked if the bid requirement could be waived. Mr. Ott stated that, if using MFT funds, anything over \$20,000.00 has to be competitively bid. Attorney Szeto suggested rejecting all bids and re-bid with the smaller scope of work. Mr. Ott stated that the bids will be higher if we reject again and that costs from EEI will be higher. He stated that there is no reason for the contractor to reject the change order. Additional discussion followed regarding the possibility of the actual work coming in higher than the estimate and the possibility of delaying the work until 2019. Treasurer Maroo

stated that the MFT fund should have sufficient money available to cover the work, even if the work comes in slightly over the estimate. Additional discussion followed regarding whether or not to delay the work. Trustee Riforgiate moved to accept the bid from Builder's Paving for the 2018 MFT road work and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Nay, Sellers-Nay, Constant-Aye, Nelson-Aye. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **° Personnel**

No report.

#### **° Finance & Economic Development**

##### **Agenda item for discussion/approval: IEPA Loan Repayment Options**

Trustee Constant stated that he and Treasurer Maroo had met with the IEPA to discuss loan repayment options. Treasurer Maroo stated that they had asked the IEPA to renegotiate the loan repayment schedule and that the IEPA had denied the request. Mr. Maroo stated that the Village does not collect enough money via utility billing to cover the loan payments and that the only options are to not make the payment or make a partial payment. Attorney Szeto stated that there is a "prompt payment act" that governs municipalities and that he would look into the ramifications of non-payment. Trustee Constant stated that there are other communities that are in default.

##### **Agenda item for discussion/approval: FY2019 Appropriations**

Trustee Constant asked Attorney Szeto to give an overview of the appropriations ordinance process. Attorney Szeto explained that the appropriations is a "wish list budget" and should overestimate expenditures and set maximum spending limits. Trustee Constant stated that this needs to be passed tonight. Discussion followed regarding elected and appointed officials salaries. Further discussion took place regarding which funds are used for employees' salaries. Trustee Sellers moved to approve the FY2019 appropriations ordinance and Trustee Constant seconded. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

##### **Agenda item for discussion/approval: FY2019 Budget**

Trustee Constant stated that everyone was provided a copy of the proposed FY2019 budget. Clerk Losiniecki indicated that she was not provided a copy of the document being referenced and Trustee Constant stated that one would be provided later. Trustee Constant stated that the budget needs to be cut by 20%. President Nelson indicated that she'd like to see the budget implemented immediately and that there should be a spending freeze. She also asked what checks and balances would be in place to keep the department heads' spending within the budget. She stated that she would like to see a spending policy put in place and asked Trustee Constant to lead that effort. Dale Youngers asked if a copy of the budget would be provided to department heads and Mr. Constant confirmed that it would.

**Agenda item for discussion/approval: Resolution for Village's Health Insurance Plan for 2018-2019**  
Trustee Constant led a discussion based on documents provided to the Trustees. (No document provided to the Clerk). Discussion regarding deductibles, co-pays, coverages and employee contributions ensued. Trustee Constant stated that the decision needs to be made by the end of the week and that quotes from other carriers were not sought. Discussion followed regarding the various plans offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. Trustee Sellers stated that he did not support cutting employee benefits or increasing the employee contribution. He stated that health insurance was part of the employment offer and that cuts should be made in other areas. Discussion continued and Trustee Sellers reiterated his opposition to increasing the employee contribution. There was more discussion regarding what other municipalities offer and plan options. Trustee Constant stated that dependent coverage is the bulk of the expense and that employees with dependent coverage would have to increase their monthly contribution. Trustee Sellers asked by how much and Trustee Constant stated that he did not know. Jeff Gordon, member of the audience, asked if he could

comment and President Nelson said no, comments only at the end of the meeting. Trustee Sellers again stated that he felt that the Village needed to stick with what was offered to the employees when they were hired. Discussion continued until Trustees agreed to offer two plans for employees to choose from. Trustee Nier moved to offer G536 and G537 to employees and let them choose for themselves and to increase the monthly contribution for dependent coverage to 20%. Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Nay, Constant-Aye, Nelson-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Constant stated that the Harvesting Our Future committee had had their second meeting and that it went well. He stated that there will be a steering committee meeting on July 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

° **Public Safety**

**Agenda item for discussion:** Police Department Vehicle lease update

President Nelson stated that the lease application had been turned in for the new police vehicle. She stated that the paperwork was delayed to avoid making double payments on the vehicle leases. She also stated that she had verbally approved the \$49.00 difference between the motion made approving the expenditure and the actual lease total.

**Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Police Department Radios

President Nelson stated that the cost for four radios, \$7650.80, was shown in the document provided. Trustee Riforgiate moved to approve the lease of 4 radios not to exceed \$7650.80 and Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Nay, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye, Nelson-Aye. Motion carried.

° **Streets & Alleys**

President Nelson stated that Joe Moore is on vacation and Ceneca Wagner should be contacted if necessary. She also stated that the high school is drilling a new well for their orchard. EEI has reviewed the specifications and advised that this activity will not impact the Village wells.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

No report.

° **Water & Sewer**

Trustee Nier stated that he had a committee meeting last week to discuss future changes and that no action will be taken at this time.

At 9:57 pm Trustee Nier moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Sect.2(c)(5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss: Release of Executive Session Minutes.** Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

At 10:10 pm Trustee Nier moved to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

**Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Nier moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the release of Executive Session minutes as per exhibits A and B. Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Open Discussion:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for July 9, 2018.

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Nancy Nelson, Village President

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Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk