

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Lou Manivong at 7:17 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, Treasurer Maroo, Chris Ott (EEI), Attorney Tait Lundgren (via phone), Dale Youngers (TEST, Inc.), and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 06/14/21

Trustee Quirk moved to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021, and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Annexation of previously unannexed properties in the Village limits

Clerk Losiniecki stated that more properties had been identified and asked for direction from the Board regarding additional parcels that are being considered for annexation. Trustee Constant suggested two separate initiatives. The first set of properties to be annexed would be those that are currently within Village limits but not annexed. The second set would be those that are outside of the current Village limits but may be "future" parcels for consideration, in line with the Comprehensive Plan. A courtesy letter will be sent to the property owners of the "first set" targeted for annexation. Attorney Lundgren stated that a "bulk notice" should be able to be published.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

° Personnel

None.

° Finance & Economic Development

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Appropriations Ordinance

Trustee Constant asked if the public hearing notice had been published for this item and Clerk Losiniecki stated that it had not. She was under the impression that the notice would be published after the meeting tonight, to include any revisions. There was a brief discussion regarding the required timing of the publication of the public hearing notice. Based on (the lack of) availability of Trustees for the July 26, 2021, it was agreed that the Board of Trustees would meet on July 19th, 2021. The public hearing notice will be published for July 19, 2021, at 6:45 pm, with the Regular Board

meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following.

° **Public Safety**

Chief Gettemy stated that the fireworks have been rescheduled for July 31, 2021. Trustee Constant asked how the tornado siren is activated and Gettemy stated that the Fire Department is responsible for activating the siren based on trained storm spotter input. Constant asked if CodeRed is tied into the tornado warnings and Gettemy stated that it is supposed to be but has not been activating properly. Gettemy will look into this issue.

° **Streets & Alleys**

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Stop Sign on South View Street

Trustee Kula shared photos of the stop sign at the end of South View Street and the dead-end sign at Route 30 and View Street. He stated that the pavement ends at the stop sign but there are no barricades to prevent motorists from traversing beyond the stop sign and into the creek. He stated that this is a hazard, and the Village should provide adequate signage or barricades. There was a brief discussion about access to private property on the other side of the creek. Ceneca Wagner stated that the stop signs are not “village signs” and may be from the Railroad. Kula will contact the property owner and the Railroad.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

None.

° **Water & Sewer**

Dale Youngers stated that the floats at the north lift station were damaged by electrical outages over the weekend. The problem was identified, resolved, and monitored all weekend. Two of the three floats were replaced and a third has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. Youngers requested that his cell phone number be added in the after-hours message at the Village Hall, as well as published in the message section of the next water bill. There was a brief discussion about the auto-dialer at the lift stations and how often it is tested.

Chris Ott stated that there are two more days of painting and that the recent rains had hindered work on the tower. After painting is complete, there will be a meeting to discuss filing the tower and the required testing that needs to occur prior to a “return to normal.”

There was a brief discussion regarding the financing and the order of funds to be used. Constant suggested that the grant money needs to be expended first, as it is specific to the water tower project and can only be used for that purpose. The Resource Bank loan funds should be used last. It was agreed that the repair work for both lift stations will be added into the appropriations ordinance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Lou Manivong moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Larsen seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Louis Manivong, Interim Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk