

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Quirk at 7:35 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Sarah Quirk, Alyssa Prickett, Jennifer Klambauer, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

Absent: Steve Gayhart.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Police Chief Ken Gettemy, Treasurer Dave Maroo, Ceneca Wagner, Dale Youngers, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 05/22/23

Trustee Klambauer moved to approve the minutes from May 22, 2023, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Klambauer-Aye, Prickett- Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Discussion and Recommendation: Solar Farm Update

Trustee Constant stated that they had 2 issues:

1. IDOT Declined the permit for digging under Route 30. Mr. Pritchard and some of his associates spoke with some people and IDOT changed their decision and will allow a permit to be issued. There are some issues that need to be taken care of but that is Hinckley-Big Rock High School's responsibility.
2. BNSF is moving forward but it is a long, slow process.

Trustee Kula advised Dale Youngers there would be surveyors around this week. Dale stated that they were there earlier today. Trustee Constant also stated they were on Rees Street as well.

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that she has received FOIA's regarding underground storage of hazardous materials. She also stated that she has had someone inquiring regarding permits for water, sewer, and a road to a building on Rickert. The individual stated that he is having discussions regarding a land swap with the Village. Bob Pritchard responded the land swap will be discussed at the appropriate time and now is not that time.

*Discussion and Recommendation: Village Branded Shirts for Board Members

President Pro Tem Quirk stated she thought it would be a good an idea for Board Members and Village Employees to have shirts issued to them. That way if you were out at a community event representing the Village the residents will know who you are. President Pro Tem stated no white. Gray or Pantone 2945C Royal Blue was suggested with the Village symbol. Trustee Prickett asked if there was a company agreed upon. President Pro Tem Quirk stated this is just a discussion since it is a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Trustee Prickett stated ID name tag instead of shirt. Trustee Kula agreed the ID tag would be good for Public Works. Trustee Constant suggested Business Cards and ID

name tags. President Pro Tem Quirk stated it would specifically for Village functions. Trustee Klambauer stated they should pursue pricing and see what is available and then discuss it at another meeting. Trustee Constant stated he has magnetic name tags that are nice. President Pro Tem Quirk stated she will get quotes on both.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

*Discussion and Recommendation: Open Meetings Act Reminders

Attorney Lundgren reminded the Board regarding the Open Meetings Act. Two big things are that there can be significant violations if there is a majority of a quorum during a non-Board Meeting. A majority of the quorum is 3 for the Village. Do not discuss Village business with 2 or more Trustees without an Agenda and someone taking minutes. Also, Personal devices such as cell phones and computers are subject to FOIA.

CLERK'S REPORT

*Discussion and Recommendation: Harris Local Government upgrade to MSI version 10.00

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that Jack attended a session for the new MSI version 10.00 and was very excited about the new upgrades including Code Violation and Adjudication. Clerk Losiniecki stated that she will contact them for a final total on the upgrade. She stated that it will be on the next Regular Board meeting, June 26th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Economic Development Report

*Discussion and Recommendation: Cell Tower Lease Agreement

Trustee Constant stated he is not an expert on this Cell Tower Lease Agreement. We are in year 10 of a 25-year agreement and are receiving \$1705.00 per month. They want us to extend it for another 25 years with a signing bonus of \$10,000. Treasurer Maroo stated that the extension may not be a good idea for only \$10,000. Attorney Lundgren agreed with Maroo. Attorney Lundgren told Trustee Constant to send the proposed contract to him to review.

*Discussion and Recommendation: FY2024 Appropriations

Trustee Constant stated that this will be on the next Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda on June 26th. Please review and send or ask any questions to Trustee Constant. We will publish this in the paper for the July 10, 2023 meeting and on the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for July 10th for approval. This must be filed by July 31, 2023.

Public Safety

*Discussion and Recommendation: Review of Ordinance 2022-06 "Noise Control Regulations"

Trustee Constant stated that he put this on the agenda to be discussed. He asked if we really want this and what exceptions should we allow. President Pro Tem Quirk stated do we want to exempt non-profits? Attorney Lundgren stated we may not be able to carve out an exception for non-profits, but he will investigate it. A discussion was held. Trustee Prickett asked if there were any limits on the number of permits allowed. She was advised there are not. Anybody that wants music amplified will need to come to Village and apply for a permit. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated she will put this new requirement on the Village website for the residents to see. Village Attorney Lundgren suggested a moratorium on noise permits at next Regular Board Meeting until it can be reconsidered and

discussed and agreed upon.

***Discussion and Recommendation:** Inter-Governmental agreement provide Police Services to Village of Big Rock Part-time

Chief Ken Gettemy stated that the Big Rock Village President contacted him regarding Inter-Governmental agreement provide Police Services to Village of Big Rock Part-time. Trustee Constant advised we went through this before and voted no. Chief Gettemy stated that was prior to him. Trustee Maroo stated the pay mentioned previously was \$40.00 an hour, which is way too low. Chief Gettemy stated that Village of Big Rock would be responsible for Workman's Compensation and Court time as well as other things to be discussed with them if the Board would like him to have a meeting with Big Rock for further discussion. The board did agree to allow Chief Gettemy to get further information from Big Rock.

Streets & Alleys

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report.

Water & Sewer

Dale Youngers stated that the fence is now installed around the water tower. A 70-year-old fire hydrant was replaced in town as well. Youngers stated he is down to 1 home left to get ahold of regarding Water Service Lines that needs to be completed. He has made several attempts to get ahold of her. Spoke with her once and she had a death in the family and would contact Youngers when available. Never heard back from her and Youngers has made several additional attempts to get ahold of her.

Youngers stated 211 Maple Street needs the lead line replaced. This should be done before the new roadwork begins. Youngers said it requires a 2-week water shut off notices to be posted to the surrounding residences. Also, the ground should settle for 2 weeks prior to the roadwork. President Pro Tem Quirk stated that needs to be put on June 26th Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Personnel

***Discussion and Recommendation:** Clothing Allowance
Defer until another meeting.

***Discussion and Recommendation:** Quarterly archival/file management time

President Pro Tem Quirk recommended that one day a quarter the Village is closed to the Public but available by appointment only and post these closures online and on the door. This would allow the Village employees to do the archival and file management without constant interruptions. Trustee Prickett asked if one day a quarter was enough. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that we will not know until we do it.

•CLOSED SESSION (to the extent permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2a of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.) pursuant to §5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). [Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body]

Trustee Klambauer moved to go into Closed Session at 8:56pm and Trustee Prickett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Klambauer-Aye, Prickett- Aye, Kula-Aye, and Constant-Aye and Quirk-Aye Motion carried.

President Pro Tem Quirk moved to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:46 PM and Trustee Klambauer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Prickett- Aye, Kula-Aye, Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, and Klambauer - Aye

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Trustee Klambauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM and Trustee Prickett seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Sarah Quirk, Village President Pro Tem

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk