

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES**  
**JULY 12, 2021**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Lou Manivong at 7:36 pm. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Rita Barnett, Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Chief Gettemy, Chris Ott (EEI), Attorney Tait Lundgren, 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 June 28, 2021*

Trustee Quirk moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes from June 28, 2021, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Manivong

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel**

No report.

**Finance and Economic Development**

• **For Discussion and Recommendation:** *PIN 1514330008 (Zoning, Access, water/sewer)*

Trustee Constant reported that George Murphy from Aurora came to the Planning Commission meeting regarding the land west of the water treatment plant. There are 2 parcels there. His intent is to put in an above-ground nursery for his landscaping business and he has provided some drawings to the commission. There are a multitude of issues: (1) the property is not zoned for light industrial and (2) access to the property. There was a discussion on 4 possible access points.

Bob Pritchard handed out images from Mr. Muphy on the 12 acres, where he would like to put up approx. 100 hoop houses. Mr. Pritchard noted that he will need water and wants to drill a well, and also wants to dig a pond. Things that the Village needs to consider is: (1) if the WWTP will ever expand onto that property (2) does the Railroad own some of that property. (3) are the restrictions to the leased ATT land. He seems to be land-locked. Is the Village willing to let him use Village property to access his land. President Manivong asked Chris Ott: at what population does the village need to expand. Mr. Pritchard asked the board to consider the situation and let the commission know. There was a discussion regarding: weight load, Oak Street bridge capacity, kids fishing, residential area, IEPA restrictions, Liabilities. Trustee Constant brought up a positive: might bring in patrons to the businesses. It was noted that Mr. Murphy was led to believe, by non-Village sources,

that he could do what ever he wanted on that property, which is unfortunate. Attorney Lundgren stated that there is no formal action for the board to take at this time. Trustee Constant asked if the Village should consider buying the property.

### **Public Safety**

• **For Discussion and Recommendation:** *Portable Traffic Control Sign – IPRF Grant 2020 & 2021*  
Chief Gettemy reported on the traffic device operations. I would record all speeds 12 mph and faster, and allow the Police Department to deploy resources. He is in the process of getting a few more quotes. The highest quote so far is \$3,500.00 and the lowest is \$2,700.00 solar powered. They can also program messages on it for drives to see. It will be moveable and be attached to other obstacles. The IPRF grants will be put toward the total price and come close to covering the cost. President Manivong requested the item be added to the next board meeting for vote.

### **Streets & Alleys**

• **For Discussion and Recommendation:** *Survey Roads and Alleys (Woodlawn, Rickert, Oak Knoll access road, etc.)*

Trustee Kula noted that it was suggested that we survey these questionable streets, so we know their status. Trustee Constant agreed. Chris Ott said that he will look into the cost of that, but that they are all platted, and you should be able to find the pins, then you can see how far the right of way goes. It would be a good idea to look at Rickert as part might belong to the Railroad. There was a discussion. Trustee Kula gave an update on S. View. He talked to the farmer/owner regarding the crossing. Atty Lundgren and Chris Ott both noted that in order to abandon the RR crossing, it takes quite some time. There was a consensus to wait on getting the roads surveyed.

### **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

President Manivong reported that he talked to Dave Maroo & Public Works and that they would like to plan on doing the Christmas Tree Lighting in-house on December 3, 2021. Trustee Greene-Larson asked if there will be a Parks Director hired. Trustee Quirk brought up “Safety Town”, which is a program to instruct children about safety measures. President Manivong said that he would look into it.

### **Water & Sewer**

Trustee Constant asked if we should consider extending the fencing around the Water Treatment area. President Manivong will look into that.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Trustee Quirk asked what the Village expects on maintenance of the Royal Estates property. President Manivong reported that an email was sent to himself and the Village Clerk asking to keep the growth on property for pollinators/monarch butterflies, etc. Trustee Kula noted that Ceneca Wagner and Steve Devereaux are doing a good job on keeping up on mowing Sycamore Street. President Manivong suggested a revised Royal Estates agreement regarding buffalo boxes, trees and sidewalks, be put on the next COTW agenda. There was a discussion. President Manivong and Chris Ott led a discussion on quotes for internet service on the water tower. Mr. Ott noted the concerns: (1) its an added entity when the tower goes down (2) visual (3) monetizing the water tower. There was a discussion a timetable for following through on annexations.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Kula had a question for Chris Ott: we need to setup a new construction meeting by the beginning of August.

President Manivong stated that we needed a better plan for notifying residents throughout the water

tower project. Next time something of this magnitude comes up, he hopes there is a better notification plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Trustee Rainford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

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Louis Manivong, Interim Village President

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Rita Barnett, Deputy Clerk