

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
JULY 12, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Present: Lou Manivong, Walter Rainford (arrived at 7:04 pm), 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.

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 June 28, 2021*

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

Trustee Rainford arrived at 7:04 pm.

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Ratification of IEPA Loan Payment NTE \$167,925.61*

Trustee Constant asked for clarification on why this payment needs to be ratified. Deputy Clerk Barnett noted that it is a regular payment that was recently setup to be an ACH (automatic) payment and was inadvertently left off of the invoice report for approval at the last board meeting. Trustee Constant moved to approve the IEPA loan payment NTE \$167,925.61 as presented, and Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Electric Aggregation Renewal Ordinance No. 2021-04*

President Manivong turned the discussion over to Arnie Schramel, Progressive Managing Partner. Mr. Schramel provided an Aggregation Program Review handout showing AEP Energy history from August 2012 ending October 2021. Mr. Schramel recommends Eligo Energy as they will price match ComEd's tariff rate should it fall below the secured rate ensuring the aggregation is never above ComEd's Price to Compare (PTC). There was a discussion. Attorney Lundgren recommended some language be removed.

Trustee Constant moved to approve Ordinance 2021-04 Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load,

after it includes final edits as discussed, to be provided on Wednesday July 14, 2021. Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Abstain. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance and Economic Development

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Prioritization of Funds to be Used for Water Tower Project (100% DCEO Grant, \$165K Resource Bank Loan, \$150K Capital Improvement Fund, Remaining balance from Non-Home Rule Tax account)*

Trustee Constant moved to approve Prioritization of Funds to be Used for Water Tower Project (100% DCEO Grant, \$165K Resource Bank Loan, \$150K Capital Improvement Fund, Remaining balance from Non-Home Rule Tax account) and Trustee Greene-Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety

Chief Gettemy reported that they are having problems with the Code Red application. National Weather Service alerts should be coming through, and they are not. Regarding applications for the Police Officer position, they have received 7 applications so far.

Streets & Alleys

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** *Quote for Plat of Vacation Alley Survey for Alley south of 147 N. Oak Street NTE \$1000.00*

There was a discussion.

Trustee Kula moved to approve the Quote for Plat of Vacation Alley Survey for Alley south of 147 N. Oak Street NTE \$1000.00 and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No report.

Water & Sewer

President Manivong reported that the Water Tower is back online. Chris Ott reported that there is some minor work to do: door, site restoration. The final construction cost will be available soon.

One of the tanks will be removed tomorrow and the other removed next week.

Trustee Constant stated that this is a monumental accomplishment. We owe a vote of thanks to (1) the public (2) TEST: Dale Youngers, Todd Tatum (3) Public Works: Ceneca Wagner, Steve Devereaux (4) EEL monitoring and communication. The tower looks great outside and inside, electrically, and mechanically. The number one infrastructure issue is now solved. President Manivong also thanked everyone in this group effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Smith requested to speak regarding his property at 149 N. Sycamore Street. Mr. Smith stated that he is representing David Smith, who lives out of state. He provided a copy of an email to the board dated July 8, 2021. The email title is: "Property Damage caused by Patron leaving J & K's Half

Moon Tavern". He noted that he has owned that property for 15 years, and the property has been damaged from patrons leaving the bar. He realizes it's his problem. He provided photos of damage to a garage, to the board. He is asking to put some safety bollards to protect that property. The structure has been knocked off of the studs and the bottom plate. He knows of at least 4 instances. He wants the village to help him protect the garage before he invests in fixing the current damage. President Manivong stated that we need to evaluate where the property lines are, and that he will keep Mr. Smith involved. Trustee Constant asked Mr. Smith if he had an alley on one side of that structure and he said yes. There was a discussion regarding the vacated alley on Sycamore. President Manivong asked Mr. Smith for a Plat of Survey. Trustee Kula suggested a guard rail. Mr. Smith would prefer a guard rail but had been told by prior village personnel that there would be snow-plow truck issues. Mr. Smith would be willing to split the cost with the Village.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Rainford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on July 19, 2021.

Louis Manivong, Interim Village President

Rita Barnett, Deputy Clerk