

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
JULY 23, 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, Joe Moore, Eagle Scout Troop Leaders Jack Bartoszek and Mary Bormann, Boy Scout Tyler Bormann, and Members of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

Resident Rob Zimmerman addressed the Board regarding leaf pick-up. He suggested that better communication was needed with residents regarding the potential discontinuance of this service. He stated that he had conducted a sample poll of many residents in the old section of town, mostly seniors, who voiced concern regarding the prospect of bagging leaves for pick-up. He questioned whether DC Trash would really pick-up an unlimited amount of yard waste bags from each residence. President Nelson stated that the matter had not yet been decided and that it would be discussed tonight. Trustee Nier stated that DC Trash is completely aware that the Village is considering discontinuance of leaf pick-up. Mr. Zimmerman asked that time be taken to consider all aspects of the costs and benefits of the service prior to voting on the discontinuance. He also stated that many residents are planning to burn their leaves if the service is no longer provided. Trustee Constant voiced his opposition to residents burning leaves.

Resident Larry Haler addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the discontinuance of the leaf pick-up service. He stated that many residents in the old section of town are senior citizens living on a fixed income and that the extra effort and expense would hurt the citizens and price Hinckley out of range of most middle income families.

Resident James Whitlock addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the discontinuance of the leaf pick-up service. He stated that the overall cost to residents would triple because they will have to purchase bags. He suggested that residents will burn their leaves and that more leaves will be plugging up the sewers after heavy rain.

Resident Heather Youngmark addressed the Board regarding her opposition to the discontinuance of the leaf pick-up service. She stated that she has 12 full grown oak trees on her ½ acre property and that it will be difficult to physically bag all of the leaves.

General Business

Agenda item for discussion/approval: 06/25/18 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Sellers moved to approve the 06/25/18 Regular Board Meeting minutes and Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Nay, Nelson-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Payment of Invoices Due

Trustee Nier stated that there is a bill for \$449.00 for Crescent Electric that he approved that was for a starter for the wet well. Trustee Sellers stated that the final payment for the Ram Pick-up truck is also in for approval. President Nelson stated that the \$900.00 invoice for envelopes should have had prior approval. 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.

At 7:15 pm Village President Nelson stated that she was now opening the Public Hearing for the FY2019 Appropriations Ordinance. She asked for Public Comment and there was none. She asked for Open Discussion and there was none. At 7:17 pm Village President Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

• President's Report

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Appointment of New Trustee

Village President Nelson stated that she is seeking a motion for the approval of the appointment of Louis Manivong to take the open Trustee position vacated by Joe Diedrich. This appointment will be to serve out the term and will expire on April 30, 2019. Trustee Nier moved to approve the

appointment of Louis Manivong as Village Trustee with a term that expires on April 30, 2019. Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

President Nelson swore in Louis Manivong and he joined the Trustees at the meeting table. There was a brief pause for pictures to be taken.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Eagle Scout Presentation

Eagle Scout Troop Leader Jack Bartoszek introduced himself, Cub Scout Troop Leader Mary Bormann and Boy Scout Tyler Bormann. Mr. Bartoszek stated that Tyler is working on becoming an Eagle Scout and as such, he needs to complete special project. The project that Tyler selected is the painting of the Village fire hydrants. This will require project management skills and will have Tyler leading the effort. He will be required to research and purchase the supplies, enlist volunteers and coordinate with the Public Works department. Mr. Bartoszek indicated that the project cost may exceed their budget as they had not anticipated the excessive cost for the special paint (\$50.00 per gallon). They may seek funds from the Village to offset some of the paint cost. Dale Youngers stated that there are approximately 121-124 fire hydrants in town and Joe Moore stated that approximately 20-21 gallons of paint would be needed. President Nelson suggested that Tyler seek a donation from Midwest Facilities. All Trustees were in agreement with the proposed project and gave their approval for the project to continue.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Progressive Energy Electric Aggregation Ordinance

Arnie Schramel from Progressive Energy gave a brief overview of electric aggregation services and stated that suppliers will no longer commit to fixed rates beyond one year. He stated that the current best rate is from Constellation Energy at .06954 per kWh. Trustee Constant pointed out that Hinckley was spelled incorrectly in the contract document. Mr. Schramel stated that he would send new contracts for signature. Trustee Nier moved to approve the electric aggregation ordinance with Constellation Energy at .06954¢ per kWh. Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Nay, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Nay, Constant-Aye, Nelson-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion: Discontinuance of Leaf Pick-up Service

Trustee Sellers provided a summary of the leaf pick-up service and the costs to maintain the program. He stated that the Village spent \$7000.00 last year to repair the leaf vac and that the truck and the vacuum are vintage equipment. The service requires the hiring of a seasonal part-time employee and the Village has to pay to haul/dump the leaves. In the past the leaves have been dumped at Royal Estates for a fee of \$3500.00. This is no longer an option and the cost of hauling/dumping could triple. The Village spends approximately \$25,000.00 per year on the leaf pick-up service.

Trustee Nier stated that the budget needs to be cut by 20% and that DC Trash will do yard waste without stickers. He asked where else the cuts would occur, if not leaf pick-up. He suggested the possibility of a line item on the utility bills to help offset the cost of leaf pick up.

Trustee Sellers asked why all residents would be taxed for a service that only a portion of the residents really need.

Discussion continued covering a variety of opinions and suggestions. Trustee Sellers reiterated that the leaves cannot be dumped at the Public Works facility due to the proximity to the creek. Trustee Riforgiate stated that the Village has to weigh needs vs. wants and determine what the "core services" are. He suggested that clean water is more important than leaf pick-up and that maintaining the infrastructure has to be a priority. Discussion continued with comments from Trustee Manivong and President Nelson.

President Nelson suggested that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting. She suggested a Committee of the Whole meeting before the next Regular Board Meeting to discuss the topic further before the vote. Joe Moore will gather pricing information regarding total estimated costs for all options for leaf pick up and will present the information at the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30pm on August 13, 2018. Attorney Gibbons will look into the option of an additional line item on the utility bill to cover leaf pick-up.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Proposal, Sealcoat Solutions, HBRES

President Nelson stated that she had been approached by Travis McGuire (HBR Superintendent of Schools) regarding sealcoating the driveway in Pioneer Park. She stated that, in the past, the elementary school and the park driveway are seal coated together and the cost is split between the Village and the school. After a brief discussion, Trustee reached consensus to not sealcoat the driveway at Pioneer Park. No vote needed/taken.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Meeting Packet Preparation and Availability Schedule

President Nelson stated that she wants a resolution drawn up to make the meeting packet

preparation schedule official. She stated that the Clerk has not been receiving the necessary documents for the meeting packets on a timely basis. The packets are supposed to be available by 5pm on the Thursday before the meeting. Trustee Nier moved to approve the meeting packet preparation schedule and Trustee Seller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Ordinance on Text Amendment to the Zoning Code, Appendix A, Article 2 and 5 – Regarding Escape Room

Attorney Gibbons provided an overview of the request and the findings/recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). She stated that the ZBA voted unanimously to approve the zoning text amendment to add escape room as a permissible use in the B-1, B-2 and B-3 zoning districts. Trustee Sellers moved to approve the text amendment allowing the addition of escape room as a permissible use in the B-1, B-2 and B-3 zoning districts. Trustee Riforgiate seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Report of Officers, Trustees and Department Heads

• Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Maroo presented the Treasurer’s report and reminded everyone to continue to be cautious with all spending. President Nelson asked for Mr. Maroo’s opinion on the leaf pick-up and he stated that he considers it a core service and that cuts can be made in other areas.

• Attorney’s Report

Attorney Gibbons stated that she had no report and that she would be working on investigating the addition of a line item on the utility bill to cover leaf pick-up.

• Engineer’s Report

No report, not present.

• Chief of Police

Chief Everhart provided her monthly summary report and stated that the Police Department has been busy trying to cover Officer Michael’s shifts. She stated that there has been an increase in arrests and traffic stops.

• Parks & Recreation

Sabrina Geroulis provided an overview of the recent parks programs and upcoming events. She stated that the ice cream social will be coming up in August, as well as 3 upcoming elder care services events, one of which will cover Medicare enrollment. Trustee Sellers stated that the park board member terms will be on the next Regular Board Meeting agenda.

• Water & Sewer

Dale Youngers stated he has nothing to report but that the emergency generators will need to have the batteries replaced. He also stated that the safety device on the belt press failed and would need to be fixed. Mr. Youngers congratulated the Board regarding the retirement party for Joe Diedrich and suggested naming an honorary street after Mr. Diedrich. President Nelson stated that a retirement/birthday party had been held for Joe Diedrich on July 18, 2018 and that Joe had received a scrap book from EEI and a State of Illinois Resolution honoring Joe from Bob Pritchard.

• Public Works

Joe Moore provided the monthly report and stated that sidewalk grinding was progressing. He stated that he would be working on crosswalks the rest of the week. Dale Youngers will take care of the dehumidifier recall paperwork.

Committee Reports

° Personnel

No report.

° Finance & Economic Development

Agenda item for discussion/approval: FY2019 Appropriations Ordinance

Trustee Constant moved to approve the FY2019 Appropriations Ordinance and Trustee Nier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Riforgiate-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Nier-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Constant stated that President Nelson had asked for input to be given to Mr. Constant regarding budget cuts. After working with Dale Youngers and Joe Moore he was able to cut \$50,000.00 out of the budget but more needs to be cut.

° Public Safety

No report.

° Streets & Alleys

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Alley behind 612 E. Lincoln Avenue

Joe Moore provided an overview of the issue and asked for guidance from the Board. He stated that leaving in open for use is causing an issue for the apartment complex and that closing it leaves the resident at 160 Donald Street without access to their driveway. Discussion followed regarding snow

removal, plow clearance, original use of the alley, shared driveways, and splitting the alley between adjacent properties. Resident Josh Viland, representing the apartment complex, suggested closing the alley west of the apartment complex to stop people from driving all the way through. Additional discussion followed with representatives from each affected property providing input. Josh Viland stated that he was told that the alley had been put in originally to provide street access to garages that didn't have street access. He pointed out that the second lot attached to 612 E. Lincoln would not have street access if it were ever split off and sold as a separate parcel. Mike Morsch, representing 160 Donald Street stated that if the alley is closed, 160 Donald will not have access to their driveway or garage. Jeff Gordon, resident of 612 E. Lincoln stated that he is satisfied with the situation now that he has placed cinder blocks down his driveway, preventing the resident of 160 Donald from using his driveway. Chief Everhart commented regarding the historical "shared use" of the driveway and suggested that this is a dispute between residents. Additional discussion followed regarding a variety of options. President Nelson asked Attorney Szeto to look into the possibility of closing the alley but not vacating it. All Trustees were in agreement with the option to not vacate but close the alley.

Trustee Manivong left the meeting at 9:15pm.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

No report. Trustee Sellers stated that the park board member terms would be on the next agenda for discussion/approval.

° **Water & Sewer**

Trustee Nier stated that he would be having a committee meeting July 30, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Village Hall.

Public Comment:

Resident Larry Menz stated that leaf pick-up is a big expense and suggested getting dumpsters for each end of the Village for residents to dump their leaves in. Dale Youngers stated that residents will undoubtedly dump other items in the dumpster. Menz suggested meeting the residents half way. The Village and the residents share the expense. If the Village finds items other than leaves in the dumpster then remove them and discontinue the service.

Mr. Menz also commented regarding the alley behind 612 E. Lincoln and suggested that speed bumps in the alley might help reduce speed and risk.

Resident Rob Zimmerman commented regarding Village trucks and which ones could pull the leaf vac machine. He also stated that if there is an additional line item on the utility bill for leaf pick up, it should be for all residents, not just some. Trustee Nier stated that it would be for everyone, not just "old part of town."

Open Discussion:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Nier moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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 August 13, 2018.

Nancy Nelson, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk