

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
August 23, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Lou Manivong at 7:23 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Police Chief Gettemy, Treasurer Maroo, Chris Ott (EEI), Attorney Tait Lundgren, Bob Pritchard, 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 08/9/21.

Trustee Kula moved to approve the minutes from August 9, 2021, and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion and Recommendation Interim President Manivong recommended changes to the Village's Purchasing and Bidding Procedures, including allowing Dale Youngers to make purchases directly, without Department Head approval. Trustee Constant stated he trusts Dale with purchasing powers but since he is employed by an outside contractor that would be an issue with audits. Treasurer Maroo does not agree with a non-village employee having direct purchase approval. Interim President Manivong stated he would revise outside contractors and revisit at a future meeting.

Trustee Kula asked if they could get a Trustee 101 class for all trustees. Interim President Manivong stated that would be good and will get a date together that works for everyone and will email it out. He will also open it up to the public.

Interim President Manivong stated there will be a Hinckley Fine Arts Festival on October 23, 2021. They are requesting road closures the October 23 and 24th. They want to close N. Sycamore Street from Rt 30 to alleyway and Maple Street from Rt 30 to alleyway. There will also be a live band from 3p to 8p. There was a discussion from Trustee's Quirk and Kula about using May St instead of Maple because of the Library and Funeral Home. Trustee Constant suggested inviting the organizer of the event to come to the meeting to answer all our questions. He also stated the Harvesting our Future mural will be unveiled at the event. Manivong stated he will ask an organizer to come to the next Board Meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

Interim Village President Manivong stated the two vehicles at the Public Works will be placed on GovBid for auction. Manivong will work with Ceneca and Beth to get them listed on GovBid as soon as possible.

Public Safety

Chief Gettemy suggested the Village could pay off the 2018 Explorer with COVID-19 funds and save \$1705.00.

Streets & Alleys

° **Discussion and Recommendation** There was a discussion regarding “Jacobson Street” pertaining to a variety of issues. Location of the easement, access to undeveloped parcel to east and legal proceedings. Attorney Lundgren will evaluate and provide additional information at a future meeting.

Chris Ott stated that the concrete work started on Wednesday for the roadwork. He said later this week they will do landscaping and the finish the end of the driveways. The asphalt work should start early next week. As of today, he has no complaints from residents.

Trustee Kula stated we pay BNSF \$1900.00 per year for the parking lot and alley along railroad tracks and was inquiring as to the reason why we are paying them rent. Interim Village President Manivong stated there are utilities that run under the alley and that’s why we pay a yearly rental with the railroad.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

Trustee Rainford stated he contacted the company in Geneva for 3rd party leaf pick up and they have failed to return his call. He will follow up with them again.

Water & Sewer

Chris Ott stated they will begin the process of getting bids for the lift stations next week. He will have information for either the first or second meeting in September.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Interim Village President Lou Manivong is considering having a Town Hall Meeting to make sure the Village and residents are on the same page. Manivong stated he will get some dates together to see what works for Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In regards to “Jacobson Street” Larry Menz stated that access was previously behind BP.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Rainford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Louis Manivong, Interim Village President

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk