

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, Tim Sellers, Jeff Gordon, and Chuck Riforgiate. Quorum Established.

Absent: Jeff Nier and Louis Manivong.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Treasurer Maroo (arrived at 7:15pm), Attorneys Aaron Szeto and Kristine Gibbons, Joe Moore, Chief Everhart, Dale Youngers, Sabrina Geroulis, Chris Ott (EEI) 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: 09/10/18 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Constant moved to approve the minutes as presented and Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gordon-Aye, Riforgiate-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Payment of Invoices Due

President Nelson stated that the third payment is due for the new police squad car, but we still do not have the car. She explained that the signed lease agreement was delayed in order to finish paying off the lease on the police truck. The delay put the Village behind on the new lease payment schedule. Village President Nelson asked the Board of Trustees to approve the third payment (not included in the invoices presented) so that we can get the new vehicle. Trustee Sellers moved to approve the invoices as presented, as well as the third lease payment on the new police vehicle and Trustee Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gordon-Aye, Riforgiate-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• President's Report

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Appointment of Rodney Davis to Planning Commission

Village President Nelson stated that she is seeking a motion for the approval of the appointment of Rodney Davis to the Planning Commission. Trustee Constant moved to approve the appointment of Rodney Davis to the Planning Commission and Trustee Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gordon-Aye, Riforgiate-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

President Nelson swore in Rodney Davis to the Planning Commission. Trustee Constant stated that there is still one opening on the Planning Commission.

Report of Officers, Trustees and Department Heads

• Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Maroo not present.

- **Attorney's Report**

No report.

- **Engineer's Report**

Chris Ott stated that paving would begin next week and that EEI is still waiting to hear from Lake County Grading regarding Royal Estates. Trustee Constant inquired regarding the schedule for the water tower repairs and Mr. Ott stated that he would check with Michele Piotrowski.

- **Chief of Police**

Chief Everhart stated that the police department is getting ready for homecoming. She asked that if anyone sees teenagers out at night "TPing", to call the police.

- **Parks & Recreation**

Sabrina Geroulis stated that residents are now able to use credit cards to pay electronically for parks program registration. The parks program will also be implementing a punch card system for Zumba and yoga classes. There will be a new student rate for Zumba. She also stated that the Royal Warrior challenge is scheduled for October 27, 2018.

- **Water & Sewer**

Dale Youngers stated that he successfully renegotiated a contract with one of the chemical suppliers and will now be getting chlorine for 26% less and aluminum sulfate for 15% less. This will save the Village approximately \$350.00 per month. He also stated that Whitaker was out to fix the leak in the AeroMod tank and that all went well. The tank was repaired and there are no apparent leaks.

Treasurer Maroo arrived at 7:15

Mr. Youngers discussed spare sleeves for the diffusers and stated that he had talked to Trustee Nier about the \$200.00 purchase. He stated that the next time the AeroMod tank needs to be serviced; the vac truck will be needed to remove the sediment that builds up in the tanks.

Mr. Youngers stated that he needs to be able to spray weed killer. He stated that he tried the vinegar mixture that was recommended and that it didn't work. He stated that the sludge, at a minimum, needs to be sprayed. He stated that the haulers will not take the sludge if there is vegetative growth present. President Nelson stated that she would look into the required licensing.

Mr. Youngers inquired regarding the status of the TEST, Inc. contract and President Nelson stated that it would be on the next agenda.

- **Public Works**

Joe Moore stated that the street lights downtown are on a photo eye and that one eye controls all of the lights. President Nelson stated that the lights were not on at dusk. Mr. Moore stated that he would look into it. Mr. Moore stated that the alley behind 612 E. Lincoln has been closed. He also stated that he took down the "Welcome to Hinckley" sign on the west side of town. The sign is old and decaying and needed to be moved to accommodate the land owner. President Nelson stated that she wants to try to preserve the sign and/or display part of all of it.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Maroo reviewed the monthly report and stated that the garbage fund will be low the next couple of months due to final payments to Waste Management. Trustee Constant stated that the next utility billing cycle should cover the final payment because the bill will contain garbage fees for July, August and September.

Committee Reports

° Personnel

No report.

° Harvesting Our Future

Trustee Constant stated that participating on this team has been extraordinary and that the enthusiasm and ideas being generated are incredible. He thanked Joan Umano and Danielle Marion for all of their hard work and gave an overview of what has happened thus far. He stated that NIU is working on their report and that a DRAFT will be available around October 1, 2018. The final draft will be presented to the Board of Trustees on October 22, 2018 for discussion/approval. There will be a meeting on November 13, 2018 to present the plan to the public. He stated that the phase II deadline for the grant application is February 1, 2019. Mr. Constant read the vision statement: "Hinckley strives to be recognized for its quality of life with high performing schools, friendly neighborhoods, an historic downtown, and unique local businesses while making it a welcoming place to live, work and visit in a scenic rural environment." Village President Nelson thanked all of those involved for their hard work.

° Finance & Economic Development

No report.

° Public Safety

No report.

° Streets & Alleys

Agenda item for discussion/approval: Tree Removal & Trimming – not to exceed \$7500.00

Joe Moore stated that he had received a quote from Steven's Tree Service for tree trimming and removal of 11 trees. The estimate was \$5775 but additional trimming will be needed to accommodate the Lakeshore Recycling trucks that are taller than the Waste Management trucks. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of the trimming and removal of trees and replacement. Tree replacement discussion ensued. Joe Moore stated that trees need to be removed due to liability. Trustee Constant moved to approve the tree removal and trimming not to exceed \$7500.00 and Trustee Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gordon-Aye, Riforgiate-Aye, Sellers-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

° Buildings, Grounds & Parks

Trustee Sellers stated that the last brush drop off for the year is October 1st and that the necessity of the service will be evaluated over the winter. He stated that the new garbage bins had been delivered and that there were a few hiccups that were being handled well by office staff.

° Water & Sewer

None.

Public Comment:

Resident Jim Freeland offered suggestions for stump grinding and stump grinder rental.

Resident Larry Menz asked why the Village Hall is closed on Tuesday and Thursday and President Nelson stated that it is an effort to save money. Mr. Menz asked what the engagement agreement with Clark Baird Smith was for and President Nelson stated that the Police Department had filed a petition to unionize and that the Village needs a legal team proficient in labor relations negotiations.

Resident Rob Zimmerman asked how much the lease payment is for the new police vehicle. Trustee

Sellers stated that it is \$739.60 per month.

Open Discussion:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for October 8, 2018.

Nancy Nelson, Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk