

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2020
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CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Trustee Manivong at 8:12 PM.

Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Walter Rainford, Daniel Roop, Lou Manivong and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

Absent: Nancy Nelson.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Ceneca Wagner, Dale Youngers, Chris Ott (EEI), Chief Gettemy, Attorney Tait Lundgren, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Agenda item for Discussion/Approval: *Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 09/14/20*
Trustee Constant moved to approve the minutes from 09/14/20 and Trustee Roop seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Roop-Aye, Manivong-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Agenda item for Discussion *regarding Cell Tower Letter*

Clerk Losiniecki stated that she Village President Nelson had instructed her to send a letter to the cell tower company stating that the Board of Trustee was not interested in any changes to the contract. There was a brief discussion about the sequence of events and who was supposed to have contacted the cell tower company.

Agenda item for Discussion regarding President's letter to the Governor

Trustee Manivong stated that Nelson (and other mayors) had sent a letter to the Governor asking that the recent Covid 19 restrictions be lifted to allow restaurants to serve inside. The letter also asked for funding relief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

° **Personnel**

Agenda item for Discussion regarding Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training

Trustee Manivong asked Trustee Constant if he was still the Personnel Committee chairperson. Constant stated that he is not, that Nancy Nelson handles personnel. Attorney Lundgren that this training is mandated by State statute for every government employee and elected/appointed officials. There is an attorney in his office that can conduct the training. Constant asked if the training is in person or on-line. Lundgren said that it's usually in person but can probably be tweaked for on-line to accommodate Trustees attendance. Lundgren will work with his office to get the training scheduled.

° **Finance & Economic Development**

Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation regarding Planning Commission Recommendation pertaining to the permitting of Chickens within the corporate limits

Trustee Constant stated that the Planning Commission has been discussing the permitting of chickens and chicken coops within the village. They are at the point of being able to ask the attorneys to draft an ordinance to regulate chickens. Constant suggested that the topic be discussed by the Board prior to incurring expense from attorneys for drafting an ordinance that may not be necessary. Constant provided a copy of the ordinance for Sycamore which does not allow for chickens within the corporate limits. Roop stated that he did not think that the Village should disallow chickens but should establish a permitting process. Manivong stated that some municipalities require that the chickens be registered with the USDA. There was a brief discussion about roosters and the complaints that are coming into the Village Hall from residents near North View Street. Discussion continued regarding what a registration and permitting process would look like. Manivong stated that the Village should not place unreasonable restrictions on the residents. He suggested limiting the number of chickens, requiring a permit and registration with the USDA. Trustees agreed to direct the Planning Commission to continue to pursue and ordinance to regulate chickens within the corporate boundaries.

° **Public Safety**

No report.

° **Streets & Alleys**

Agenda item for Discussion and Recommendation regarding Street Repair Plan

Trustee Manivong asked to have this item held over for the next meeting.

° **Buildings, Grounds & Parks**

None. Trustee Constant stated that there was a discussion at a recent meeting about contacting Lakeshore Recycling to ask about having leaf/brush pick up extended past the current contract end date. Trustees would like the service extended into November in order to accommodate leaf pick up. Rainford will contact Lakeshore and report back at a future meeting.

° **Water & Sewer**

Agenda item for Discussion regarding Well #3

Dale Youngers stated that a deep well control valve had failed at well #3. After a discussion with the manufacturer, it was determined that these valves are supposed to be replaced every six years and the best course of action is to pay the contractor to repair the two main valves now (while Dale and Todd are present to watch/learn) and then proceed with a longer term plan to have all valves replaced by Dale and Todd. There are over 20 of these valves throughout the plant. Dale will present at the next board meeting with the quote for repair/replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Roop moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Roop-Aye, Manivong-Aye. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.