

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Lou Manivong at 7:48 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

Absent: Sarah Quirk.

Also Present: Village Clerk Losiniecki, Chief Ken Gettemy, Treasurer Maroo, Ceneca Wagner, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Dale Youngers, Chris Ott, 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 10/11/21

Trustee Kula moved to approve the minutes from October 11, 2021, and Trustee Larsen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Larsen-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

Trustee Constant stated that the liability insurance renewal process is underway and will be up for approval in December. He stated that office procedures need to be put in place so that the Village can get cyber coverage.

Public Safety

Trustee Rainford stated that he had received a report from a resident about a dog that had attacked her twice in one day. Chief Gettemy stated that he is aware of the incident and that there was not an attack, and no one was bitten. Gettemy stated that the dog charged the walker. The dog owner was cited.

Streets & Alleys

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Bucket Lift for Street Light Repairs

Trustee Kula stated that bucket trucks capable of reaching streetlights cost between \$45,000-\$145,000. He suggested that it might be possible to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with nearby municipalities to share the cost. The lift could be used for street light repair and tree trimming. Ceneca Wagner stated that it costs \$700.00 to have street light bulbs replaced. Manivong suggested contacting other municipalities and townships to see if an equipment sharing agreement could be negotiated.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Tree City/Community Garden

Clerk Losiniecki stated that a new Tree Board needs to be appointed. Eligible Village initiatives can be registered to improve grant awards. Manivong stated that the community needs to be involved with this effort, that it's not just for the Village to manage.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding BNSF Update

Trustee Kula stated that there is a new contact for BNSF who is working with Dan Kohler on the closing of the private crossing at the south end of View Street.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Utility Permits for Easements

Kula stated that there are crews pulling fiber along Route 30. There were no permits issued.

Manivong asked if permits are required for this type of work. Ceneca Wagner stated that the State issues the permits for work along Route 30. He added that permits should be required for this type of work if they're not already. Chris Ott stated that other municipalities have EEI review the plans, issue permits and monitor the work. Sugar Grove requires fees and registration.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

Discussion and Recommendation regarding HVAC Replacement at PD/Village Hall

Losiniecki stated that one quote has been received and included in the meeting packet. Kula asked if more bids should be solicited. Wagner stated that the quote is for three units and that the Police Department side will be a big job due to the limited access in the basement. There are several leaks in the air conditioning unit and the furnace is rusted and falling apart. Manivong stated that he would like three bids, for the Police Department only. Gettemy stated that this should not be delayed too long as cold weather approaches and pipes will freeze.

Kula inquired regarding the faucets in the restrooms at Pioneer Park and asked if the bathrooms are still open. Wagner stated that they are not and that the park buildings have already been winterized. Kula suggested only having the bathrooms open when the park pavilion is rented to avoid vandalism and misuse. Wagner stated that doors would have to be ordered. Manivong stated that automatic shut off faucets will be ordered for next year.

Kula commented regarding the boat and RV parking ordinance and asked who is responsible for enforcement. Constant stated that, in the past, these types of violations are only addressed if there is a complaint. Manivong suggested that B&F could provide enforcement. Larsen stated that notices should be sent out if the Village is going to start enforcing the restrictions. Constant stated that the Village needs to enforce existing ordinances. Kula questioned whether this was a B&F issue. Gettemy stated that the County will not prosecute ordinance violations on behalf of the Village, unlike other Counties. Attorney Lundgren will consult with his partners and provide advice. Constant suggested that the Village is responsible for internal and external building code violations. Kula asked how the Village will enforce internal building code compliance on existing buildings. Lundgren stated that the Village has the ability to inspect Bonafede complaints regarding commercial properties. Lundgren suggested that the Fire Marshall or Fire Department be contacted.

Dale Youngers asked if the Village will also enforcement State sump pump inspection requirements to ensure that sump pumps are not *illegally* connected to the sanitary sewer system. He stated that this is a huge contributor to water flowing through the wastewater plant during storms and has the potential to cause backups. Youngers suggested an ordinance to enforce annual sump pump inspections.

Chris Ott stated that the IEPA will begin requiring that all materials for all components of all water systems be reported starting next year. All lead or galvanized pipe will have to be replaced by 2030. Also, a new law from the IDPH takes effect in January, 2022 stating that partial replacement of lead lines will no longer be allowed.

Water & Sewer

Dale Youngers asked if anything is being done about dedicating a road for Joe Diedrich and Manivong stated that he will look into it.

Youngers stated that hydrant flushing will be complete next week and there is lots of flaking coming out on Slater. He stated that this is a repair that will need to be made and that it will be expensive. Manivong asked Youngers to provide a list of large repairs that need to be addressed.

Youngers stated that Steve Phillips, Lake Country Grading, will be out next week to repair a leak near a hydrant in Royal Estates.

Youngers commented regarding the recently approved purchasing policy and questioned the need to get prior BoT approval for chemical purchases. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that all purchases require prior approval from the Village President or Committee Chairperson.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Kula asked what the plan is for leaf pickup this year and Wagner stated that he will call for the dumpster so that residents can drop off leaves at the Public Works facility. Kula asked in the process will be the same and last year and Manivong stated that it will.

Kula stated that people at Midwest Facilities and Construction are parking in front of the fire hydrant and that no parking signs should be put up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Rainford moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm Trustee Larsen seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Louis Manivong, Interim Village President

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk