

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem at 7:35 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Steve Gayhart, Mike Constant, and Walter Rainford. Quorum Established.

Absent: Michele Greene-Larsen and Sarah Quirk

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Michaels, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Police Chief Gettemy, Ceneca Wagner, Dale Youngers, Brandon Kramer, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 10/10/22

Trustee Constant moved to approve the minutes from October 10, 2022, and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

***Discussion and Recommendation:** End of Year Tax Form Processing Service

Rita's last day will be leaving in mid-November. One of her job functions was end of the year tax forms. This is a critical task and must be done correctly, with no errors. Harris (MSI) has announced a tax form processing service for approximately \$1500.00. Harris sales representatives called on us this morning. Trustee Constant asked if Rita would be willing to come back to do the end of the year processing for us. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that she will talk to Rita and get a better estimate from Harris.

***Discussion and Recommendation:** Disposition of "Planning Commission" Website taken over from Hinckley Festival Association (formerly Harvesting Our Future website)

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that, if the Village is in "control" of the website, it obligates us to records retention requirements, including social media posts. Bob Pritchard stated that the Business Association is willing to take over the website, which would alleviate Village responsibility.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Trustee Gayhart asked Brandon Kramer what the status is for the estimate for generators. Brandon stated the old estimate was emailed out. Gayhart stated that there was a \$40,000 estimate and asked if he could investigate it further to confirm a price. Brandon stated that it should be close to the same. Dale Youngers stated that they want to move forward with cost and what the next steps need

to be.

Brandon stated, regarding the solar field access, that EEI recommends a temporary “bridge” with CA6. Trustee Constant stated that if it was too much weight, they could unload and go back and forth. Brandon stated that could be worse. Clerk Losiniecki asked if the “bridge” would stay, and Brandon stated only the CA6. Ceneca Wagner stated that we cannot close off the road by the cell tower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

For Discussion/Recommendation: Solar Project Discussion

Trustee Constant stated that he, Travis McGuire, Bob Pritchard, and Dave Maroo had met with Arnie Schramel and to review the contracts. It was a very positive meeting and GRNE provided 3 company names to contact as references. Constant and Maroo spoke to 2 of 3 companies and were give positive feedback. Trustee Kula asked if anyone has spoken to the DNR or reached out to Fox Metro in Aurora. Dale Youngers also asked if anyone had contacted any municipalities who have done this project. Trustee Constant stated no. Trustee Constant asked if everybody was good and in agreement of the project. Trustee Kula stated he was not at 100% on the project.

Public Safety

For Discussion/Recommendation: Hinckley Fire Protection District Funding Request

Chief Steve Gorsky advised the Board that he was looking to see if they would be willing to donate some of the ARPA money for funding. The Hinckley Fire Protection District runs on a budget less than \$450,000.00 a year. Chief Gorsky stated he became the Chief in March of this year, and everything is out of date and out of compliance. They are in need of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) as existing equipment exceeds 15 years of service. The “Jaws of Life” are 30 years old and no longer functional, having been damaged beyond repair at a recent accident near the Village Hall. The entire fleet is aging and, this past Thursday the 1806 (Snorkel) truck was permanently taken out of service. Two ambulances are due for replacement and are 2 years (or further) out for delivery once ordered. The department also has a cardiac monitor/de-fibrillator and Automated CPR device that are aging out and will no longer be supported by the manufacturer in the near future. Chief Gorsky stated that they are in need of assistance. Any amount of money would be beneficial and appreciated. Trustee Constant stated he would investigate the rules for the grant money. Trustee Gayhart stated he can see this need is obvious.

For Discussion/Recommendation: Noise Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Lundgren presented the board with the final draft of the Noise Ordinance Amendment. He asked the board to let him know if there are any other changes. Chief Gettemy stated to go ahead and put that on the next Regular Board Meeting November 14, 2022.

For Discussion/Recommendation: Ordinance Violation Adjudication

Attorney Lundgren stated that Sandwich Police Department is very interested in doing a cost sharing for the software. Attorney Lundgren also asked if they could set up a la carte cost structure. He advised he will advise us when he hears back from Sandwich Police Department.

Streets & Alleys

No report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No report.

Water & Sewer

No report.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURMENT

Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Steve Gayhart, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk