

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Interim Village President Quirk at 7:43 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Sarah Quirk, Jennifer Klambauer, Russell Kula, Steve Gayhart, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

Absent: Alyssa Prickett.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 11/13/23

Trustee Gayhart moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2023, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Klambauer-Aye, Kula-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Quirk thanked Trustee Klambauer for sending out a Thanksgiving email to thank the board members and the employees for all their hard work this year.

The Hinckley Public Library received a \$50,000 grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Trustee Constant is on the Foundation Board and is a member of the Community Grants Committee. He stated there were 29 applicants in the Fall grant cycle and that the library received their total grant request (a very rare occurrence). Also, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood has helped the library twice with federal grant requests.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held this Friday, December 1st at 6 pm.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No Report.

Public Safety

Police Chief Ken Gettemy stated that WSPY has contacted him about doing an interview with us regarding the Toys for Tots program.

Streets & Alleys

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

Trustee Klambauer stated that they were talking about renting the building at the corner of Rt 30 and S. Sycamore St. Trustee Klambauer thought the money in appropriations could be used for rent. She found out that money is to pay for instructor fees. Trustee Klambauer thinks we should think about allocating money for next year for rent. Treasurer Maroo is against that thought process. Once the Library has moved there will not be issues with storage and entry into the building. Trustee Klambauer asked if there is any way Stephanie Long could get a key and password for the alarm to the Village Hall so she could have access at anytime to go through the Park Program information and boxes in the basement. She could then get whatever supplies she needed at any time. Trustee Constant stated he didn't know of any reason she could not have access into the building. She is a village employee. Trustee Quirk stated she will talk to Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki to get a key and alarm code for Stephanie Long.

Water & Sewer

Trustee Gayhart stated he has read over and printed everything for the Lead Service Line Replacement. We have all the information that needs to be sent to the EPA electronically. Trustee Gayhart stated he will make a spreadsheet and get it sent over soon so they can look it over and send it back with any changes that need to be made.

Finance & Economic Development Report

*Discussion/Recommendation: Comprehensive Plan 2023

Trustee Constant stated Bob gave everyone a DRAFT Comprehensive Plan 2023. He asked if anyone had any changes or additions before Bob takes it to the printer. Trustee Klambauer thinks all the businesses in town are awesome. Trustee Kula stated he would like to add Dollar General and Casey's to the business list. All trustees agreed. Bob Pritchard asked how many printed copies we would like? There will be a digital copy available. The board agreed to start with 50 copies.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Gayhart stated there was a water main break on the southeast corner of N. View Street and W. Miller on Saturday. 6 homes had a boil order which has been lifted.

There have been several complaints in town regarding the Christmas Lights Downtown. Lights are burned out or they don't work at all. Waterman and Shabbona are in the same situation. Trustee Klambauer stated Ceneca was supposed to be in contact with them.

Trustee Kula stated he has been in touch regarding the streetlights that are out, and they are

supposed to be out soon to repair them.

Trustee Constant stated that we talked about shutting down the comment section on the Facebook page for Parks and Recreation. He did notice that there were a lot of good comments and suggestions listed of what residents would like to see offered. We need to think about a good way for people to make comments to the Parks and Recreation program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Sarah Quirk, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk