

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pritchard at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Robert Pritchard, Matt Bish, Steven Kreitzer, Rebecca Von Drasek, and John McFarland. Quorum Established.

Absent: Danielle Marion.

Also Present: Trustee Mike Constant, Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, and members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM: Previous Meeting Minutes – 11/01/21 Presentation and Vote

Matt Bish moved to approve the meeting minutes from 11/01/21 and Rebecca Von Drasek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marion-Aye, Bish-Aye, Von Drasek-Aye, Kreitzer-Aye, Pritchard-Aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

° **Agenda items for discussion:** Review and Discuss 2002 Land Use Plan

Pritchard asked if anyone had suggestions for changes to the land use map. Suggestions included sidewalks, green spaces, future nature parks, dog parks, and campgrounds. Future use of the concrete plant was also discussed, as was possible residential and industrial development(s) west of Somonauk Road, and/or the east side of town.

There was a brief discussion about the limited number of parking spots in town and the need to identify and/or preserve green spaces in town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. Pritchard acknowledged Jennifer Klambauer, stating that she is considering filling the vacant Planning Commission member seat.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Harvesting Our Future Economic Development Plan (pages 16-20)

Pritchard advised that DeKalb County Community Development Foundation will begin round two of the economic development grant program and would like to award funds for implementation of plans. They would like to see implementation and expansion plans dealing with economic development. The grant window opens February 2022. Pritchard will begin the grant application in the near future.

Review Harvesting Our Future Economic Development Plan (pages 16-20)

Members identified three areas of focus: family support, downtown and small business.

Review of the Harvesting Our Future Marketing Plan (page 20)

Pritchard asked for discussion. Painting the vacant retail windows, possible use(s) for the grain elevator and Hinckley brochures were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

American Planning Association Training

Pritchard stated that the training is hosted by DeKalb County on December 9, 2021. Topics to be covered are planning history, conducting developmental reviews, planning tools for public officials. Von Drasek agreed to attend the training with Pritchard.

Community Economic Development Implementation Grant

Grant process requires written application which describes the project, names the project, project plan, and timeline for implementation. Grant award up to \$20,000.00 with a 10% grantee matching.

Center for Governmental Studies letter

Trustee Constant suggests following guidance from Mim Evans from NIU regarding the grant application.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

There was a brief discussion regarding possible housing developments, vacant businesses and leveraging artesian crafters to attract weekend shoppers. Von Drasek, Bish and Kreitzer agreed to assist with the DCEDC grant application, with a focus on strengthening downtown as a center of community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Von Drasek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and Steven Kreitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Robert Pritchard, Chairman

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk