

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Kula at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

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

Absent: Michele Greene-Larsen.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 11/28/22

Trustee Quirk moved to approve the minutes from November 28, 2022, and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Police Chief Gettemy and Attorney Lundgren went to Sandwich Police Department for a meeting regarding Adjudication between Hinckley Police Department and Sandwich Police Department. Attorney Lundgren stated the meeting went well and there are details to be worked out with Chief Bianchi. They are looking to charge us a percentage of the fine to offset their cost. If we were to purchase the software the cost would be approximately \$15,000.00.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

Trustee Constant stated that Arnie Schramel is in the audience if anyone had any questions regarding the Solar Project. Trustee Constant stated that the Hinckley Big-Rock High School approved the Psolar Energy Power Purchase Agreement at their last board meeting and this Wednesday, they will vote on the lease agreement. Schramel stated that once the board approves the lease GRNE Solar will have a surveyor come out locate the 4 locations on the property. The property will have 4 separate

Pin numbers, HBRHS, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sewer, and everything else. They will pay for the surveyor as well. Attorney Lundgren stated they should put in the contract for cancellations there must be a 30-day cancellation notice. Trustee Constant asked Attorney Lundgren to email Travis McGuire at the High School this information. Trustee Constant asked for the three proposals to be put on the Regular Board Meeting, December 27, 2022. Trustee Kula asked Schramel when the project would be completed by. Schramel stated hopefully Fall of 2023 if there are no supply issues.

Public Safety

No report.

Streets & Alleys

Trustee Kula stated that there is a house north of the community building that has had a couch sitting at the curb for at least 2 months. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that we could send a letter to the homeowner. Officer Brian stated he would contact the homeowner and get the couch removed.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No report.

Water & Sewer

Dale Youngers stated they are having issues with one of the blowers. He had Trustee Gayhart stop to see if he had any suggestions for fixing the problem. They contacted the representative from Hardy Systems and for them to come out is approximately \$150.00 hour plus travel expenses. It would cost approximately \$1200.00 for them to come out for the day for guidance. Trustee Gayhart stated they need to find a fix ASAP before we have bigger issues. Trustee Constant agreed with Trustee Gayhart that we need to get the problem resolved. Youngers stated that he will call Hardy Systems to come out as soon as possible.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Kula stated that he had spoken to Deputy Clerk John Weibler and residents are not calling to get their finals on their building permits. Trustee Kula suggested we should have a deposit put on building permits and when the resident have their final done, they will be reimbursed their deposit. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated she was not aware of there being that many finals not being done. She will speak with Deputy Clerk Weibler for more information. She also stated that the Village will probably receive pushback from the residents. Trustee Kula stated that he would like to have this put on the Committee of the Whole for December 27, 2022, for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Kula stated that he was concerned about the safety of residents getting to Dollar General since there are no crosswalks or sidewalks.

John McFarland stated that he is worried that Dollar General will be wanting to piece meal variances if they come to town. He also stated when Casey's came to Waterman, William Badal had to close his business. McFarland noted that the Hinckley Food Pantry works closely with the Hinckley Fresh Market and if they went out of business, who would support them. McFarland also wanted to know if the Village could require Dollar General to use only local contractors for the work being done.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2022, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Russell Kula, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk