

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2022
7:00 PM

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Attorney Tait Lundgren at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Walter Rainford (arrived at 7:01 PM), Steve Gayhart, Russell Kula, Sarah Quirk, and Mike Constant. Quorum Established.

Absent: Michele Greene-Larsen.

Trustee Gayhart moved to appoint Trustee Kula as President Pro Tem and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** November 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Trustee Gayhart moved to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022, and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, and Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

• **Agenda item for discussion/approval:** Payment of Invoices Due
Trustee Constant stated that one invoice/check was pulled and voided for IPRF. We are not renewing with them. Trustee Quirk moved to approve the invoices as presented and Trustee Rainford 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

No Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brandon Kramer stated that he just received the quote for the Lift Station Generators and will email them out to the trustees tomorrow. Brandon said he will have Keith come to the next Committee of

the Whole meeting on 12/27/22.

TREASURER REPORT

For Discussion/Approval: Ordinance 2022-07 Tax Levy

Trustee Quirk moved to approve Ordinance 2022-07 Tax Levy and Trustee Constant seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, and Quirk-Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Maroo stated that he will not be present at the December 27, 2022, meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

For Discussion/Approval: Personnel Change

Police Chief Gettemy stated that he was looking to switch two employees a full-time employee to part-time status and a part-time employee to full-time status. Officer Jim Kerry will be going to part-time as he has accepted a full-time job as an administrator at Indian Valley Vocation Center in Sandwich. Officer Dave Brian will accept the full-time officer position with 28 years' experience. Officer Brian will also accept the position of School Resource Officer and will be attending ALICE Training next week which is civilian active shooter response training. Trustee Quirk moved to approve the Personnel Change and Trustee Rainford seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, and Gayhart-Aye. Motion carried.

Finance and Economic Development

For Discussion/Approval: Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation regarding parking space variance request for PIN 15-14400035

Bob Pritchard spoke on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He stated that over two dozen people attended the public hearing on December 5, 2022. The hearing was to consider a request from Dollar General for parking space variance (requesting 40 spaces instead of 53 required by ordinance). Pritchard stated that most of those present were voicing opposition to Dollar General coming to town, not about the number of required parking spaces. Pritchard pointed out that there are no sidewalks or crosswalks in the general vicinity and suggested that the Board be aggressive with the landscaping requirements. Pritchard stated that the ZBA's recommendation to the Village Board is to deny the variance request. Trustee Constant asked for clarification regarding the reasoning behind the recommendation and Pritchard stated that the ZBA felt that the current ordinance regarding parking space requirements should be followed.

Trustee Kula stated he didn't see an issue with granting the request based on the parking spaces present at other locations. Trustees Constant, Gayhart, and Rainford also stated they have no issue with the reduced number of parking spaces. Trustee Quirk stressed this is strictly regarding the parking spaces, not about Dollar General coming to town. There was a brief discussion between Constant, Losiniecki, and Lundgren regarding the phrasing of the motion. Lundgren advised that it is appropriate for the Board to vote on the approval of the variance request (as opposed to voting on the ZBA recommendation). Trustee Constant moved to approve the parking space variance request for Pin 15-14400035 and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, and Kula-Aye. Motion carried.

For Discussion/Approval: Ordinance 2022-08 Approving Membership in the IML RMA and Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract
Trustee Constant moved to approve Ordinance 2022-08 Approving Membership in the IML RMA and Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Constant-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Gayhart-Aye, Kula-Aye and Rainford-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety

For Discussion/Approval: Bureau of Justice Affairs grant expenditure NTE \$33,110.14 for Police Department vehicle computers and electronics – 100% Reimbursable
Police Chief Gettemy stated that back in September we were approved for a grant. We need to spend the money and then they will reimburse us. We will be purchasing new computers for the squads and front and rear cameras. Trustee Constant stated that is not uncommon with grants. Trustee Quirk moved to approve the Bureau of Justice Affairs grant expenditure NTE \$33,110.14 for Police Department vehicle computers and electronics – 100% Reimbursable and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets & Alleys

No Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No Report.

Water & Sewer

No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Quirk wanted to thank Santa and his elves for a very successful tree lighting.

Police Chief Gettemy stated they had another successful Toys for Tots drive. People were very generous and donated a tremendous number of toys. If there is anyone that you know of that is in need, please let me know so they can be taken care of this holiday season.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Constant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and Trustee Gayhart seconded the motion. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 27, 2022.

Russell Kula, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Deputy Clerk