

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Mike Constant at 7:25 PM. Roll call was taken showing the following:

Present: Trustees Russell Kula, Walter Rainford, Mike Constant, Michele Greene-Larsen and Sarah Quirk. Quorum Established.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Losiniecki, Deputy Clerk Kathy Michaels, Attorney Tait Lundgren, Ceneca Wagner, Dale Youngers, Chris Ott, and Members of the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items Scheduled for Action Only

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from 11/22/21

Trustee Kula moved to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021, and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Greene-Larsen-Aye, Quirk-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Queen of Hearts Raffle

Attorney Lundgren stated he drafted a raffle ordinance modeled after Aurora and made significant changes. Progressive drawings should set a limit on how high the drawing will go. Raffles less than \$500.00 will automatically be licensed. Fees will not be substantial. Jerry Bahl stated to keep the max on the raffle to \$50,000 to protect our community. Attorney Lundgren stated he would like to speak with the Chief for his thoughts and comments. Constant said he would speak with the Chief. Miscellaneous typographical errors will be corrected.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Filling of Vacancies

Attorney Lundgren suggested the Village President be filled first over the Trustee position. He stated he knows that will be harder to fill first. Constant stated that is not a reality. It will be easier to first fill the Trustee position. Constant stated that they should rotate to Village President Pro Tem until the position is filled. Some benefits would be increased involvement with the board. Village Clerk Losiniecki asked if this is for a two-week period or just for the Board Meeting. Attorney Lundgren stated for the Board Meeting only. Attorney Lundgren also stated that the Village Clerk can sign papers and the Deputy Clerk can attest to it. Constant asked for the next volunteer to be the Village President Pro Tem for the December 28th meeting in which Trustee Rainford volunteered and Trustee Quirk stated she would do the first Board Meeting in January. Village Clerk Losiniecki stated she will be out of the office for the December 28th meeting but can call in if necessary.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris Ott stated the information for the North and South Lift Stations will be available in January or

February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Finance & Economic Development

No report.

Public Safety

No report.

Streets & Alleys

Trustee Kula stated they are still waiting for Dan Kohler to sign the paperwork and return it to BNSF. He suggested that a barrier be put up on South View Street, so no one goes over the tracks onto the bridge this winter. Ceneca Wagner stated he piles all the snow there during the winter.

Buildings, Grounds & Parks

No report.

Water & Sewer

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Proposed Changes to the Utility Billing/Delinquency Process

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated about a year ago Tim Conklin drafted an ordinance with suggested changes. Things that need to be changed in the ordinance. We are looking to clean up the process for notifications for delinquencies. We will also have Deputy Clerk Weibler go through the ordinance regarding his ideas.

OPEN DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Kumro stated that he was interested in becoming Village President. Attorney Lundgren stated he would first have to be appointed by the board as a Trustee before he could be considered for Village President. He was advised to email a Trustee regarding his interest along with a resume/letter stating why he was qualified for the position. They would then discuss the matter and email him.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)(Meetings held to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body...)

Trustee Greene-Larsen moved to enter Closed Session at 7:57 pm and Trustee Quirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Quirk-Aye, Manivong-Aye, Kula-Aye, Rainford-Aye, Constant-Aye, Greene-Larsen-Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Trustee Quirk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm and Trustee Kula seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2021, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

Michael Constant, Village President Pro Tem

Kathy Michaels, Village Deputy Clerk