

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 8, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Tom Cauley in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: President Tom Cauley, Christopher Elder, Trustees J. Kimberley Angelo, Gerald J. Hughes, Laura LaPlaca and Bob Saigh

Absent: Trustee William Haarlow

Also Present: Village Manager Kathleen A. Gargano, Village Attorney Lance Malina, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky, Director of Community Development Robb McGinnis, Village Engineer Dan Deeter, Director of Public Services George Franco, Director of Parks & Recreation Gina Hassett and Village Clerk Christine Bruton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cauley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Saigh made corrections to the draft minutes. Trustee Elder moved to **approve the draft minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 18, 2014, as amended.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Elder

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Accounts Payable

Trustee Hughes moved **Approval and Payment of the Accounts Payable for the Period of March 15, 2014 through April 4, 2014 in the aggregate amount of \$794,851.74 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Approval of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$2,025,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for improvements to said system, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of the waterworks and sewerage system revenues.

President Cauley introduced the item noting that the Village received an excellent rate of 2.6799% as a result of our AAA bond rating. Trustee Elder moved **Approval of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$2,025,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014A, of the Village of Hinsdale, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for improvements to said system, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of the waterworks and sewerage system revenues.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Review of FY2014-15 Draft Budget and FY2014-15 to FY2018-19 Capital Improvement Plan

President Cauley commented on the current fiscal year stating we will have an operating budget surplus. This year we will move \$325,000 to a new capital fund entitled Annual Infrastructure Projects fund. We will make an additional contribution, over and above the legal requirement, to Police and Fire pension funds. This was a rough year for overtime because of snow removal and the purchase of extra salt. Over \$5.5 million was spent on infrastructure improvements including road reconstruction, resurfacing, completion of Phase I and design of Phase II of the Woodlands project and engineering work for the Oak Street Bridge. Capital expenditures included police vehicles, a fire truck, an ambulance, the Burlington wall and parking lot improvements at several park facilities.

Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois reviewed the PowerPoint presentation for the FY2014-15 draft budget focusing on the expense side. Particularly, the largest expense which is personnel costs relating to salaries and wages. He detailed proposed staffing increases and the net effect on the budget. President Cauley referenced staff reductions in 2009 due to the recession, but believes these new positions will provide a tangible benefit to the public.

Mr. Langlois outlined various Departmental Capital expenditures and that a new fund has been created to segregate revenues for expenses not in the Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP). Review of the MIP showed about a \$3 million surplus due to savings on projects, revenues more favorable than assumptions and a consistently over-funded General Fund. The consensus is to use half of this surplus for the new fund. The remaining \$1.5 million will be put toward 2016 work, if possible. Trustee Saigh wondered if we have a set criteria for what kind of projects we will fund. President Cauley explained that since we have no continued funding for this fund, going forward there may not be any money, so it is less structured. It will be annually evaluated and EPS will determine what can be done on an ad hoc basis with funds available. Trustee LaPlaca noted when people have come forward with 'new' problems we couldn't address them because all monies were tied up with the MIP, so this will be for emergencies.

Finally, Mr. Langlois talked about the Water and Sewer Operations fund which is the second major fund of the Village. He summarized the fund activity and noted that undetected water leaks are causing a large inflation in water costs. The

Village has hired a contractor to review and detect the leaks as soon as possible. He made mention of the slide which provides overall Village debt information and noted that all lesser funds, such as the Motor Fuel Tax fund and the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax fund, can be found in the budget book and the website. He also noted that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was reviewed in tandem with the budget.

President Cauley thanked Mr. Langlois and said he appreciated the hard work of both he and the Village Manager; this is the best budget presentation he's seen.

Trustee Elder moved to **approve the FY2014-15 Draft Budget and FY2014-15 and FY2018-19 Capital Improvement Plan.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the 2014 Street Improvements Project to Primera Engineers, Ltd. in the Amount not to Exceed \$78,090

President Cauley introduced the item explaining there is a new list of streets proposed to be repaved and water mains redone. Village Engineer Dan Deeter explained the selection criteria for these streets. They received guidance from EPS and he and Director of Public Services George Franco surveyed streets; prioritized by those in the worse condition, highest traffic volumes, water main breaks and the potential to deteriorate the fastest. Using those criteria, a list exceeded the \$1.5 million budgeted. Trustee Saigh moved to **Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the 2014 Street Improvements Project to Primera Engineers, Ltd. in the Amount not to Exceed \$78,090.** Trustee Elder seconded the motion. Trustee LaPlaca noted because of the tight time frame, this bid includes both design engineering and construction.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Approve Payment to Airy's, Inc. for Contractual Services Rendered in the Amount of \$29,789.24

President Cauley explained this item is for water main repairs and frozen water service for residents. Trustee Hughes moved to **Approve Payment to Airy's, Inc. for Contractual Services Rendered in the Amount of \$29,789.24**. Trustee Saigh seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Approve Payment to Acqua Corporation for Contractual Services Rendered in the Amount of \$19,062.50

President Cauley explained this is another item regarding water main repairs and frozen water service for residents. Trustee LaPlaca pointed out that both these items are already paid, but Village Manager Gargano had made President Cauley and her aware of the expense. Trustee Elder moved to **Approve Payment to Acqua Corporation for Contractual Services Rendered in the Amount of \$19,062.50**. Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans/Exterior Appearance Plans for the Exterior Modifications and Façade Improvements at 901 N. Elm Street

President Cauley began discussion by explaining that at the last Board meeting, Trustees expressed concern about the location of the play lot and the changes to the look of the building. The Trustees have before them new findings from the Plan

Commission meeting held today on this matter. The Plan Commission is good with the relocated play area which cannot be seen from Ogden Avenue and will now have a wood chip surface. Two Plan Commissioners still felt that exterior changes to the building were not in keeping with the rest of surrounding buildings, but 12 Salt Creek is already similarly done. President Cauley said their vote was 3-2 on the exterior appearance and 5-0 on the site plan.

Mr. Bill Dvorak, the Director of Development for MidProperties addressed the Board. With the respect to the removal of the shutters, he explained that only 901 and 907 Elm still have shutters. He explained it their intention for all parcels to attract premiere medical providers and they believe these buildings need a facelift. They have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the marketplace appreciating what was done at 12 Salt Creek. MidProperties owns four buildings and one development parcel. They want to keep the character of the buildings, but they need some modernization. The child care facility will be an amenity to the campus.

Mr. Seamus Byrne, architect on the project, described the access to the playground and the fence enclosure. Mr. Dvorak said the black painted galvanized steel overhang will be a less obvious cover element; more subtle. Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Approve an Ordinance Approving Site Plans/Exterior Appearance Plans for the Exterior Modifications and Façade Improvements at 901 N. Elm Street.**

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

**Approve an Ordinance Withdrawing the Landmark Status Designating
319 N. Washington Street as an Historic Landmark**

President Cauley introduced the item which was previously addressed at ZPS and the Historic Preservation Commission. HPC was concerned about precedent, and the matter comes to the Village Board from that commission with a vote of 3-2. President Cauley suggested handling this matter apart from an attempt to revise the code. Moving forward we can work with HPC to try to have safety valves to get out of a landmark status, but with some criteria.

Ms. Beth Barrows of 319 N. Washington addressed the Board regarding the process to landmark one's home, but she doesn't see this as a preservation issue. Trustee Saigh explained his point of view, a macro look, noting there has been significant construction activity in this area. Some new construction is compatible

with older buildings. Discussion followed regarding preservation efforts in Hinsdale over the last 20-25 years.

Trustee LaPlaca moved to **Approve an Ordinance Withdrawing the Landmark Status Designating 319 N. Washington Street as an Historic Landmark.**

Trustee Elder seconded the motion. Trustee LaPlaca noted this is a voluntary designation. She feels it would be different if the Village mandated it, or it was a commercial property. Further, she believes zoning accommodations to save a house makes more sense for preservation than to force landmark status on them. The Village needs to be creative moving forward to promote reconstruction and renovation. Trustee Hughes commented that if the landmarking tool is to have value it should have teeth.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca

NAYS: Trustee Saigh

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky distributed the Fire Department 2013 Annual Report and thanked Firefighter Steve Tullis for his hard work getting it finished.

Village Manager Kathleen Gargano stated she is pleased the budget materials have been well received. She thanked the department heads for their hard work; this was a short turn around, but the product will continue to improve. She gave special thanks to Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Darrell Langlois, Assistant Finance Director Christopher Webber and Interim Special Assistant to the Manager's Office Kathy Katz.

Trustee Saigh commented that the budget materials show an outstanding level of professionalism and he hopes residents find their way to it. He commended staff as both a resident and taxpayer.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board and no need for a Closed Session, President Cauley asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hughes **moved to adjourn regularly scheduled meeting of April 8, 2014.** Trustee Angelo seconded the motion.

AYES: Trustees Elder, Angelo, Hughes, LaPlaca, Saigh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Haarlow

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk