

Village of Hinckley Board Meeting for February 19, 2008

President Diedrich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call showed President Joe Diedrich and Trustees: Todd Prellberg, Dan Godhardt, John Marsh, Lee Luker, George Hubert, Jr. and Rob Fischer all present. This established a quorum.

Other persons in attendance included: Kevin Bomstad, Engineering Enterprises Inc. (EEI), and Rob Judd, Chairman, Hinckley Planning Commission.

A moment of silence was taken in honor of the victims of the Northern Illinois University shooting on February 14, 2008.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes for the January 22, 2008 Village Board meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Luker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Trustee Fischer seconded.

The motion carried 6-0.

The bills were presented for approval of payment. Trustee Luker questioned the expended amount of \$2,440 for Elected Officials Salaries for the month of January 2008. President Diedrich suggested it was for the Clerk. Trustee Godhardt made a motion to approve paying the bills as presented; seconded by Trustee Marsh.

The motion carried 6-0.

TOTAL OF ALL BILLS

General Fund	\$	8,620.55
Parks & Recreation Fund		63.00
Police Fund		4,198.67
Garbage Fund		10,446.04
Water & Sewer Fund		8,898.42
Road and Bridge Fund		113.10
Payroll Fund		12,496.88
Robert Arthur Land Co.		10,421.25
Land Partners LLC		9,136.00
Joint Escrow Acct.		<u>16,927.07</u>
Total:		81,220.98

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Hubert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 19, 2008 as presented; seconded by Trustee Prellberg.

The motion carried 6-0.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Police Chief Walker was not present. There was no report.

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Dale Youngers of T.E.S.T., Inc. was not present. President Diedrich reported that there have been further problems at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Water has been getting into the underground fuel tank. Repairs have *not* been made. He is requesting an overhead fuel tank be purchased to replace the underground fuel tank. Costs for either tank would be similar.

President Diedrich also stated that a plugged sewer line on Hubert Ct. has been flushed. Obstructive tree roots will be cut back on Friday.

Joe Moore, Public Works Supervisor was not present. President Diedrich stated there is water on the road in Pioneer Park. He also received a phone call from a resident at 218 N. May St. who was upset about water not draining off their property. It was stated that because of the frost in the ground and ice on the ground, water cannot soak into the ground.

Trustee Fischer was concerned about road signs at the intersection of Amie St. and Sycamore St. The signs say "3-way stop" when it is now a 4-way stop. He suggested Mr. Moore remove the "3-way" signs.

President Diedrich stated that the State (IDOT) will be putting up the remaining signs in the downtown district.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

There were no comments from persons present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Todd Prellberg, Streets and Alleys – Nothing to report at this time.

John Marsh, Water and Sewer – Met with Mr. Youngers today. He is having a problem getting a response from Hintzsche regarding the fuel tank at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. President Diedrich will contact them.

Dan Godhardt, Economic Development – The Planning Commission met on February 13, 2008. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2008. He also received a letter from Attorney Diamond regarding zoning notification.

Lee Luker, Building and Grounds – Will ask Thorp's Lawn Care for a contract for grounds maintenance.

George Hubert, Jr., Personnel & Finance – The meeting scheduled for February 18, 2008 was canceled. It will be rescheduled for February 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Rob Fischer, Parks and Equipment – The next meeting will be March 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Village is still waiting for membership information from the Aurora Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

TABLED ISSUES

There were no tabled issues, however, in regards to the work that International Codes Consultants and Inspections, Inc. (ICCI) does for the village, Trustee Fischer would like to see a monthly activity report indicating the number of permits requested, issued, etc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Signs, Fences, Landscaping Ordinances
Dan Godhardt suggested that these draft ordinances be tabled until the next Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. President Diedrich will add them to the agenda. If anyone has anything else they want added to the Committee of the Whole agenda, let President Diedrich know.
2. Proclamation of National Engineers Week
President Diedrich read a statement declaring the week of February 17 as National Engineers Week in the Village of Hinckley, IL.
3. Escrow Accounts
Trustee Prellberg met with representatives of Robert Arthur Land Co. and Land Partners, LLC. They have brought their accounts to current balances, but have refused to pay invoices for Local Government Strategies (LGS) and Attorney Steward Diamond. They would like Don Thomas and Terry Burghard of LGS and Attorney Diamond to attend the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Godhardt stated that if the Village's consultants do not get paid, the Board cannot proceed with the ordinances. If the developers were not here, we would not be updating the ordinances anyway. Their secretary reviewed every invoice to be paid from October 2007 through February 2008, and only now are they upset about what they've been billed for.

Trustee Hubert asked if these Developers have reimbursed the Village for meetings. It was stated that they have never been billed for any meetings. Trustee Luker stated that Dawn Grivetti, Community Development Administrative Assistant will have to review all past minutes back to the first meeting the Village had with Land Partners, LLC to bill the developers for Plan Commission meetings and any other workshops and special board meetings held to discuss information pertaining to their developments.

Trustee Fischer asked if these developers have a deadline of March 31, 2008. It was confirmed.

4. The Hinckley-Big Rock School District is interviewing candidates for Superintendent. They have requested residents meet the finalists on March 6 and March 7, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the H-BR High School Cafeteria.
5. The Board readdressed the Village's Zoning Map. Attorney Lewis feels individual residents need to be notified when their zoning has changed. Attorney Diamond thinks it is more complicated than that. The Board decided to send the issue back to the Planning Commission for further discussion.

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6. Representative Pritchard's Annual Legislative Update Breakfast
President Diedrich asked the Board for a list of those who wish to attend Representative Pritchard's Breakfast. Trustees Godhardt and Hubert will attend. Tickets will be paid for by Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
7. ICCI Inspectors
Two properties need to be cleaned up and the inspectors are not getting any responses from the property owners. The properties in question are: 545 W. Lincoln Ave., and 172 N. Walnut St. Attorney Lewis is directed to proceed with legal action.
8. Pipeline Safety Meeting
President Diedrich stated that the meeting was very good. The Village will have to pass a new ordinance following the County's new ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

1. Trustee Luker wished to discuss the Village of Hinckley Zoning Ordinance. He stated that the Board members have had this document for a long time. The consultants have presented the Board with a legal document. Please read it and compare it to the Village's current zoning ordinance. Mr. Luker would like to review the Use Table within the document at the Committee of the Whole meeting to decide if this is exactly what the Village wants. Trustee Godhardt stated that is exactly what the Planning Commission did.

President Diedrich stated he is aware that Mrs. Grivetti has worked many hours correcting the draft ordinances. Why is the Village Board paying Mrs. Grivetti to redo the consultant's work that the developers are also paying them to do?

Trustee Prellberg asked if, when the Village Board votes on it again, it will have a grammatically correct version. Trustee Godhardt replied, yes.

Rob Judd, Planning Commission Chairman, stated this is the input the Planning Commission has been asking for.

Trustee Fischer asked the Board members if they were sure they needed the consultants to tell the Village what the Village wants for the community. Trustee Godhardt replied that the Board needs their input.

2. Trustee John Marsh stated that he will be resigning from the Village Board effective April 30, 2008 for personal reasons. Mr. Marsh will be happy to help out the next board member. President Diedrich asked Mr. Marsh to provide the Board with a letter stating his resignation. President Diedrich asked the Board for permission to advertise the opening. If anyone has any names, submit them to Trustee Hubert.
3. Trustee Luker spoke to the Postmaster regarding delivering the Village's mail to Village Hall on a daily basis instead of office employees going to get it.

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4. President Diedrich requested Board members review the letter submitted by Engineering Enterprises, Inc. regarding the Letter of Credit Reduction for the Royal Estates Subdivision. This matter will be brought up at a later date.

CLERK’S REPORT:

President Diedrich received a letter from Clerk Paradis-Hagerty naming Dawn Grivetti as the acting Clerk Pro-Tem. Trustee Luker asked if Mrs. Grivetti will be able to sign checks. President Diedrich replied, yes, we can change that. Trustee Hubert asked what this means in regard to the Clerk’s wages. President Diedrich replied the Board cannot force Mrs. Paradis-Hagerty to resign, and the Board cannot change her wages. It is up to Mrs. Paradis-Hagerty to choose to resign. Trustee Luker asked if the Board wanted to consider an appointed clerk. President Diedrich stated there would have to be a referendum on the ballot for that.

There was further discussion regarding the Clerks posted hours. Trustee Luker moved to close the office on Saturdays for the month of March; seconded by Trustee Godhardt.

The motion carried 5-1 with Trustee Godhardt voting no.

MONEY RECEIVED SINCE FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Subpoena	\$	27.00
Police Report		5.00
Police Fines		2,710.05
Squad Car Acquisition & Maintenance		180.00
Parks & Recreation fees		212.00
Clarke Mosquito Mgt. refund		3,220.00
Motor Fuel Tax		4,958.83
Utility Tax (state)		2,883.00
Sales Tax		13,070.27
Reimbursement from developers		29,272.50
Permit #08-05 (Paton/fence)		100.00
Robert Arthur Land Co.		10,421.25
Land Partners, LLC		9,136.00
Joint Escrow Acct.		<u>16,927.07</u>
Total:	\$	93,122.97

TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL

<u>To Garbage Fund From:</u>		
Water & Sewer Fund	\$	<u>58,444.80</u>
Total:	\$	58,444.80

Trustee Luker moved to approve the Clerk’s Report and the money transfers; seconded by Trustee Godhardt.

The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Luker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Trustee Godhardt.
The motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley Village Board will be March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Joseph J. Diedrich, President

Dawn R. Grivetti, Clerk Pro-Tem