

Village of Hinckley Board Meeting for May 4, 2009

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

Roll call showed Trustees: Todd Prellberg, Lee Luker, and Dave Maroo all present. Trustee Steve Warner arrived late. This established a quorum.

Other persons in attendance included: Jeffrey Lewis, Village Attorney, Rob Mason, Village Treasurer, Dave Walker, Police Chief, Joe Moore, Supervisor of Public Works, and Kevin Bomstad, Village Engineer, Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VILLAGE APPOINTMENTS

President Godhardt offered the following list of appointments:

Village Trustee (to fill the 4-yr vacancy): Bob Albright

Village Treasurer: Rob Mason

Village Clerk: Dawn R. Grivetti

Village Engineer: Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Regional Planning Commission Rep.: Dave Maroo Alternate: Steve Warner

Deputy Clerk: Betty Schleifer

President Pro-tem: [Open]

Trustee Luker stated the Board has not discussed the Clerk's pay, duties and hours of work. He reminded the Board that the Clerk's duties include the water billing. President Godhardt stated the Board should define all administrative duties through the Personnel Committee. Trustee Luker asked for a closed session to give the Personnel Committee direction. Trustee Luker also stated the Board needs to resolve the President Pro-tem opening. Trustee Luker made a motion to accept the appointments excluding the Deputy Clerk for further discussion; seconded by Trustee Prellberg.

Motion carried 3-0; Trustee Maroo voting present.

President Godhardt also presented the following list of Committees for 2009-2010:

Streets and Alleys

Lee Luker, Chairman

Dave Maroo

Steve Warner

Building and Grounds

Lee Luker, Chairman

Bob Albright

[Open]

Economic Development

Dave Maroo, Chairman

Todd Prellberg

Steve Warner

Water and Sewer

Steve Warner, Chairman

Todd Prellberg

[Open]

Personnel

Todd Prellberg, Chairman

Lee Luker

Bob Albright

Steve Warner

Finance

[Open], Chairman

Dave Maroo

Lee Luker

Parks and Equipment

Todd Prellberg, Chairman
Bob Albright

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the April 27, 2009 Village Board meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Prellberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Trustee Warner.

Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The bills were presented for approval of payment. Trustee Prellberg made a motion to approve paying the bills as presented; seconded by Trustee Warner.

Motion carried 4-0.

TOTAL OF ALL BILLS

General Fund	\$	4,504.83
Police Fund		236.93
Parks and Recreation Fund		288.54
Water and Sewer Fund		23,764.33
Payroll Fund		<u>12,346.01</u>
Total:	\$	41,140.64

TOTAL OF ALL DEVELOPER ESCROW BILLS

[No report presented.]

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Lewis reported he has had more discussions with Benchmark Bank regarding Royal Estates Subdivision. He stated the reason nothing has been done on the site is because they did not have legal authority to physically access the site until May 4, 2009. They have since hired a contractor to stabilize the project. Bank representatives would like to come to a Village Board meeting. They will be added to the June 1, 2009 Village Board meeting agenda.

Trustee Maroo asked to review the Royal Estates Subdivision Letter of Credit (original and extensions). Ms. Grivetti will provide them.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Police Chief David Walker reported the Police Department conducted a K-9 search of the high school at the request of the Hinckley-Big Rock School District. The results were negative.

Public Works Supervisor, Joe Moore reported a dip in the pavement in the 100 block of N. Maple St. that lines up with an underground field tile. He also reported on b-box replacements and construction on Rees St.

Mr. Moore further reported that a piece of metal roofing attached to the remaining wall at 132-134 E. Lincoln Ave. needs to be removed. President Godhardt commented that removal of the entire brick wall could compromise the building adjacent to it. Mr. Moore was instructed to get a professional assessment of the safe removal of the wall.

Mr. Moore added the Public Works Dept. continues to make cosmetic repairs to property along Miller Ave.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Dale Youngers was not present.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Mr. Gustavo Coronilla, 635 James St., asked what the Village is doing regarding the flooding issue along James St. President Godhardt replied the Village Engineer is working on the project. The Village still needs to correspond with the railroad company.

Trustee Luker asked what the Village needs to do to get the retention pond adjacent to Village Hall to drain. Mr. Bomstad, EEI replied the Village needs to find an outlet for the water. Mr. Moore added it has been an issue for nine years.

Trustee Maroo read the following prepared statement:

“I decided to run for village board this time around after being openly critical of the past village fathers and the delays that were taken in allowing or not allowing expansion in our community. I feel it is important that a representative from the business community of Hinckley be on this board. In several cases the business owners of this community have a larger investment in the community than most elected officials and most other village residents and I feel it is important their voices be heard.

With that said I am excited to once again be on the village board having previously served back in the late 80's early 90's during which time we purchased and developed the corner that now stands a carwash, grocery store and village hall along with housing units. At that time we also introduced the park program. Back in those years our challenges were not having enough water supply, concern over waste treatment capacity, infiltration of our sewer system and a US highway that someday would have massive improvements done to it.....not much has changed. As one can see running a village is a long range plan and I hope to work with this village board to understand that our real challenge is making those long range plans and it is not just managing funds and the operation of the village on a day to day basis.

It is that long term planning that is really how the success of our terms will be measured.

I hope that as a board we can work together, have open frank discussions that are in the best interest of the village over the long term. In doing so I hope that we can show respect of each other; that we show respect of our community citizens that come to us with questions regardless of their business dealings with the village; and that we expect that our village staff, police force and all third parties representing the village show that same respect to others and our citizens.

I thank the board and the mayor for allowing me to make these comments. “

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steve Warner, Water and Sewer – Trustee Warner made a motion to let the James Street Flooding project out for bid to solve the flooding issues in the James Street area. [There was no second to this motion.]

Trustee Luker asked Mr. Bomstad if he has an estimate of the costs. Mr. Bomstad replied approximately \$40,000; going into the right-of-way will increase the costs. This figure does not include engineering and insurance fees. Trustee Warner added he feels the Village could get the railroad company to pay some of the costs. Trustee Luker asked if the Village can get access to the property to maintain it whenever the Village needs to. The Village is currently being charged rent by the railroad company for the drainage pipe that goes under the railroad.

Trustee Prellberg reminded the Board they are talking about spending money to solve the flooding issue of three properties. Mr. Moore replied it will also help to drain the Village’s retention pond; and Trustee Warner added it would also fix the drainage problem to the north of Park Ct. Mr. Bomstad stated the cost will increase if the Village chooses to fix the existing drain tiles rather than installing a new drain tile that will run parallel to the railroad. Mr. Bomstad was instructed to send a letter to BNSF (railroad company) informing them of the problem and asking for assistance to solve the issue.

There were no other committee reports due to the resent re-assignment of committees.

Trustee Luker made a motion to accept the re-assignment of the committees for 2009-2010; seconded by Trustee Maroo.

Motion carried 4-0.

TABLED ISSUES

1. Ordinance to add Liquor License Classification for Special Event Retailer Use

Trustee Luker asked if applicants can file for dram shop insurance simultaneously with the Village application. He also asked if the ordinance requires details of a designated drinking area. Attorney Lewis replied the logistics of individual sites are not covered under State Statutes. Packaging, storing and selling are all regulated by the State. Logistics can be dealt with locally on a case by case basis. President Godhardt suggested tabling further discussion for a Committee of the Whole meeting. Police Chief Walker would like the Board to define the word “premise” in the existing ordinance. Does the word include the extent of the grounds/parcel or is it confined to inside the building.

2. New Valves for Waste Water Treatment Plant
Tabled again for next Village Board meeting.
3. DATA – DeKalb County Fiber Optic Network (Letter of Support)
Trustee Prellberg made a motion to approve the letter of support from the Village; seconded by Trustee Maroo.
Motion carried 4-0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. Schedule of Village Board Meetings 2009-2010
The schedule was distributed by the Village Clerk. Trustee Luker made a motion to approve the schedule as presented; seconded by Trustee Maroo.
Motion carried 4-0.
2. Pioneer Park Reservations
Trustee Prellberg would like the reservation book managed through Village Hall. He announced a Park Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:30 at Village Hall. The matter would be discussed in further detail during that meeting. He is looking for input from village staff.

CLERK’S REPORT

Mrs. Grivetti reported on the money received since April 27, 2009 and the transfers for approval.

MONEY RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 27, 2009

Permit #09-24 (Schoolfield/fence)	\$	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$	100.00

TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL

To General Fund from:		
Garbage Fund	\$	16,079.20
To Payroll Fund from:		
General Fund	\$	16,079.20

Trustee Luker made a motion to approve the Transfers; seconded by Trustee Maroo.
Motion carried 4-0.

At this time, the newly appointed Trustee, Bob Albright; Treasurer, Rob Mason and Village Clerk, Dawn Grivetti were sworn in.

Trustee Luker made a motion to amend his earlier motion approving the appointments to include a term of four years for the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk. Attorney Lewis recommended amending the existing ordinance to include the term lengths. Trustee Warner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION

Trustee Luker made a motion to go to closed session to discuss personnel matters; seconded by Trustee Warner.

Motion carried 4-0.

Closed session began at 9:00 p.m.

The business meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Albright. Adjournment was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley Village Board will be Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Dan P. Godhardt, Village President

Dawn R. Grivetti, Village Clerk