

## Village of Hinckley Board Meeting for June 2, 2008

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

Roll call showed Trustees: Todd Prellberg, Lee Luker, George Hubert Jr., and Rob Fischer all present. Trustee Dan Godhardt was not present. This established a quorum.

Other persons in attendance included: Jeffrey Lewis, Village Attorney, Dave Walker, Chief of Police, Joe Moore, Public Works Supervisor, Tim Paulsen, Engineering Enterprises Inc. (EEI).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes for the May 19, 2008 Village Board meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Hubert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Trustee Luker.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

The bills were presented for approval of payment. Trustee Luker asked who authorized the computer services expenditure, check # 4252. He indicated that he wished to be notified when computer service expenditures are needed. Trustee Luker made a motion to approve paying the bills as presented; seconded by Trustee Hubert.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

### TOTAL OF ALL BILLS

General Fund	\$	5,529.65
Police Fund		243.09
Parks and Recreation Fund		423.35
Water and Sewer Fund		18,512.17
Road and Bridge		1,281.46
Payroll		<u>12,147.25</u>
Total:	\$	38,136.97

### TOTAL OF ALL DEVELOPER ESCROW BILLS

Robert Arthur Land Company	\$	14,871.00
Land Partners, LLC		9,771.75
General (Joint) Escrow Account		53,569.61
Royal Estates Subdivision, Unit 8		12,858.79
Weslan Corporate Center		<u>758.50</u>
Total:	\$	91,829.65

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Lewis reported he is still working on the property clean-up issues. He is waiting on responses from the Village's Inspector from International Codes Consultants and Inspections (ICCI), Inc.

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Mr. Lewis also stated he has been communicating with Mr. Tim Lunn regarding Royal Estates Subdivision, Unit 8. No work has been done since the Village Board's Special Meeting to reduce the Letter of Credit on May 12, 2008. Mr. Tim Paulsen, EEI, stated he spoke to Mr. Lunn today. Mr. Lunn will speak to his contractor on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 to resume work.

Attorney Lewis reported that the former Wright Place property located at 132-134 E. Lincoln Ave, Hinckley, will be sold at Sherriff's auction on June 26, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Sycamore at the DeKalb County Sherriff's office. Mr. Lewis will be at the sale. Open bidding will begin at the amount currently owed the Village for expenses related to the property. If there is no bidder, the Village will own the property with a clear title.

Trustee Fischer asked Mr. Lewis if he had received a response from ANT (railroad property subsidiary) regarding Rickert Street right-of-way. Mr. Lewis replied he has not received a response from the property owners yet. Trustee Fischer then asked what the Village's next step would be. Mr. Lewis responded by saying if the Village does not get a response from the railroad company, the Village will have to accept a right-of-way that is less than the Village's standards. Trustee Luker asked why it is the Village's responsibility to find a solution rather than the developer/builder/property owner. Mr. Lewis replied the Village agreed to work with the developer. At this point, the Village has paid for Mr. Lewis's services and the developer has paid for his consultant's services. Trustee Fischer stated it is a matter of providing services to residents along Rickert St. Mr. Lewis clarified that it is more a matter of access of the right-of-way.

Trustee Luker informed Mr. Lewis that Lock Box Storage is selling two "front lots". According to their annexation agreement, that is considered an improvement and would require water and sanitary extensions to be run and connections to be made. Lock Box Storage property owners must notify the Village when any improvements are to be made. Trustee Luker also informed Mr. Lewis that the property owner still owe the Village for an outstanding invoice.

**DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

Police Chief Walker reported he purchased three ResQ Discs for the squad cars for approximately \$150.00. These discs are water emergency throwable floats.

Chief Walker also stated he received a complaint from a local business regarding vehicles driving over a curb at the southeast corner of May St. and Lincoln Ave. Trustee Luker suggested installing cement bumpers between the sidewalk and the property to prevent such an occurrence.

Public Works Supervisor, Joe Moore reported televising of the sanitary system along Rt. 30 following the construction project has begun. The work should be done by Tuesday, June 3, 2008. There could be four problem areas. Mr. Moore will give the Board a preliminary report soon.

Mr. Moore also presented the Board with a list of proposals for a new leaf vacuum. Mr. Moore recommends the proposal from Bonnel's because other local municipalities own the same system and parts are easier to acquire. The Bonnel vacuum also contains a hydraulic assist that would prevent rocks from being vacuumed up, but could also be used to clean out catch basins. He also stated the Village's current leaf box would not be compatible with the new vacuum. Trustee Prellberg made a motion to

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approve the purchase of the Bonnel Leaf Vac and box at a total cost of \$28,960.00; seconded by Trustee Fischer.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

Trustee Luker asked Mr. Moore when the “No Engine Braking” signs would be installed. Mr. Moore replied they have been ordered, but have not arrived yet. Trustee Luker stated the ordinance was passed two years ago; they should have been ordered then. Mr. Moore explained he did not know where the signs would need to be located. He needs to consult with IDOT and DeKalb County to place signs along Rt. 30 and Somonauk Rd. respectfully. The signs could not have been installed along Rt. 30 during the reconstruction period.

Mr. Moore also handed out an example of what the new “Welcome to Hinckley” signs will look like. He stated they will cost approximately \$1,000.00 each for materials only. The Village Board would like to know the actual finished dimensions of each sign. They would also like the village’s incorporation date used instead of the founded date; and they would like the image of the basketball enlarged and include information regarding the first Harlem Globtrotter’s game. Mr. Moore will pass the ideas to Mr. Gary Lambes who is creating the signs.

Trustee Luker asked Mr. Moore about the continuing water problems at 84 Lumber. Mr. Moore replied he communicated with their corporate headquarters two weeks ago. They were told by IDOT to remove the temporary access drive to the east of their property and put a culvert under their main entrance. They were under the impression those were the only concerns. Mr. Moore explained to them the Village’s concerns as well.

Treatment Plant Supervisor Dale Youngers of T.E.S.T., Inc. was not present. President Diedrich reported the new chain was installed on #2 RB; it is working fine now. There was also an oil leak at the treatment plant. Walker Process Equipment repaired the oil leak on the Final Clarifier's Drive Unit. Mr. Youngers will be present at the next Village Board meeting to answer any questions.

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Janet Danekas, 231 W. Miller Ave., asked if the fence around Garfield Park would be replaced. She stated children walk through her property to get to the park. Over the past weekend a truck drove through her property and into the park. She reported it to the police two days later. President Diedrich asked Trustee Fischer to see what it would cost to replace the fence. Trustee Prellberg stated it was his understanding the Parks Committee desired a “no barrier” policy around the parks; and a fence would not keep a vehicle from driving into the park. Trustee Fischer will discuss the matter at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rob Fischer, Parks and Recreation** – Trustee Fischer had nothing to report at this time. Trustee Fischer asked Attorney Lewis if there is a Village ordinance against selling multiple vehicles on private property. He noted the many vehicles for sale on the northeast corner of Rt. 30 and Somonauk Rd. Mr. Lewis replied there is no ordinance prohibiting it.

**George Hubert, Jr., Finance** –The Appropriations Ordinance has been processed.

**Lee Luker, Building and Grounds** – Trustee Luker had nothing to report at this time.

**Dan Godhardt, Economic Development** –Trustee Godhardt was not present. Mrs. Dawn Grivetti distributed a letter and other documents to the Board from the Planning Commission regarding the Weslan Corporate Center’s Preliminary Plat/Plan. The Planning Commission has asked it be added to the next Village Board meeting agenda. Trustee Luker suggested two items be put on the agenda: approve the preliminary plat/plan and establish a committee to negotiate the annexation agreement. Trustee Prellberg noted it is important to consider when improvements to Jericho Rd. will be needed before annexation.

**Todd Prellberg, Streets and Alleys** – Trustee Prellberg stated he will be having a meeting Friday, June 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. At that time, they will discuss the Safe Routes to School Program. Tim Paulsen, EEI distributed a draft of the suggested improvement plan for sidewalks included in the program. They will also be discussing the cost to repave the road through Pioneer Park. The school district is aware of their agreement with the Village to help maintain the road. The committee will also be discussing downtown parking issues.

President Diedrich suggested the committee work with the Hinckley Business Association regarding parking issues. They would like to change the parking hours to reflect a three hour limit from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Association would also like the Village to put gravel and cement bumpers in the alley south and west of the Welcome Mat to allow for diagonal parking.

President Diedrich would also like the committee to consider installing a “no outlet” sign on S. View St. just south of Rt. 30. He has received a complaint of vehicles turning around at the end of the road.

Trustee Hubert would like the committee to decide about the possibility of extending Walnut St.

## **TABLED ISSUES**

### **1. Draft Ordinances & Outstanding Invoices**

The Village received statements from Attorney Stewart Diamond, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, et. al. and Terry Burghard, Local Government Strategies regarding their recent meeting with Arthur Zwemke, Robert Arthur Land Company and Larry Dickstein and David Loeb of Land Partners, LLC. The consultants are willing to “offer the developers a 15% reduction in the amount previously billed and still unpaid...that offer will be available for 30 days...” Their letter further states, “We would ultimately look to the Village for payment.” Trustee Luker would like the same reduction applied to the invoices if the developers do not pay the invoices and the Village has to. Trustee Prellberg stated he will reply to the consultants stating the Village approves of the reduction offer.

Attorney Lewis asked, in agreeing to this offer, is the Village agreeing to pay the bill. Attorney Diamond now represents the Village of Waterman defending against the unauthorized purchase of a squad car that was not appropriated for. Mr. Lewis asked how Mr. Diamond can then expect to receive payment from the Village of Hinckley if money for ordinances was never appropriated for.

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Trustee Luker stated his understanding was that since the Village hired the consultants, the Village is then responsible for the bills. Attorney Lewis disagreed. He advised the Board to contact the consultants and tell them to negotiate whatever they need; just get the bills paid.

Trustee Prellberg stated he will contact the consultants and inform them the Board approves their financial terms to the developers. He will also ask to be informed of their response.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Leaf Vac  
Previously discussed in Department Supervisor's Report
2. Personnel Manual Changes  
Tabled for the next Village Board meeting
3. Business Association Meeting for Parking Downtown  
Previously discussed in Committee Reports
4. Re-Appoint Planning Commission Members  
Mrs. Grivetti submitted a letter to the Mayor on behalf of the Planning Commission recommending the re-appointment of Commissioners Robert Mason and Stephan Warner each to a three year term to expire at the end of May, 2011 as per Village ordinance. Trustee Luker made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Robert Mason and Stephan Warner each to a three year term on the Village of Hinckley Planning Commission with terms to expire at the end of May, 2011; seconded by Trustee Hubert.  
**Motion carried 5-0 (including Trustee Godhardt's proxy vote).**

**DISCUSSION:**

President Diedrich informed the Board that Norm Beeh of Beeh Engineering, P.C. will protest the trees planted downtown on behalf of the Village. He will inform IDOT the trees do not meet the specifications of the contract.

President Diedrich also informed the Board they have been invited to participate in the Hinckley-Big Rock School District's Committee of the Whole joint workshop/meeting scheduled for July 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

President Diedrich also reported on a conference he attended at Waubensee Community College last week. He spoke with Senator Dick Durbin and Representative Bill Foster regarding the Village's waste water treatment capacity.

Trustee Luker stated the grass in Royal Estates Subdivision, Unit 8 needs to be mowed.

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**CLERK PRO TEM'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Grivetti presented the money received since May 19, 2008.

**MONEY RECEIVED SINCE May 19, 2008**

Property Tax (Road and Bridge)	\$	4,462.81
Property Tax (General)		22,338.48
State Use Tax		1,983.79
Permit #08-26 (Stramel/shed)		100.00
Permit #08-27 (Theisen/re-roof)		100.00
Permit #08-28 (Campbell/shed)		100.00
Permit #08-29 (Hall/in-ground pool)		385.00
Permit #08-30 (ABC Roofing/ re-roof)		100.00
Permit #08-31 (Hurt/shed)		100.00
Permit #08-32 (Anderson/sewer line)		100.00
Permit #08-33 (Eberly/roof)		100.00
Police Report		5.00
Reimbursement from Hinckley Lock Box		262.50
Copies		<u>.70</u>
Total:	\$	30,138.28

**TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL**

To Payroll from:		
General Fund	\$	17,047.75
Police Fund		17,347.30
Water and Sewer Fund		4,594.88
Road and Bridge Fund		<u>3,746.30</u>
Total:	\$	42,736.23

Trustee Luker moved to approve the Money Received and Transfers; seconded by Trustee Hubert.

**The motion carried 4-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Prellberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Trustee Hubert.

**The motion carried 4-0.**

The next Committee of the Whole meeting of the Hinckley Village Board will be June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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The next regular meeting of the Hinckley Village Board will be June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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Joseph J. Diedrich, President

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Dawn R. Grivetti, Clerk Pro-Tem