

## Village of Hinckley Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2010

Village President Dan Godhardt called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Roll call showed President Godhardt and Trustees: Nancy Nelson, Dave Maroo, and Bob Albright Present. Trustees Lee Luker and Steve Warner were absent. This established a quorum.

Other persons present included, Wendy Leasure, Village Clerk, Pete Wallers, EEI, Inc. and Perry Jungles, Squaw Grove Township Road Commissioner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (OUT OF ORDER FROM AGENDA)**

Carl Johnson – 105 ½ S. View St. (rental unit, upper and lower apartments) Mr. Johnson addressed the Village Board with a letter as well as coming to the meeting in person. He was dissatisfied with the outcome of the previous meeting and attended this meeting in the hopes of a better conclusion. Mr. Johnson agrees that the outside spigot was connected to the lower unit but attached to the upper unit meter. However, he disagrees with the amount of water that the meter stated was used. The upper unit was vacant and the meter continued to run. He stated that over a 3 month time frame in the past the units bill usually ranges from \$170- \$275 per billing cycle. After the new meter was installed the bill was \$392.02 and for 2 of the 3 months there was no one living in the apartment. He also noted that the lower apartment that has 4 people living in it had a bill for \$278. He states that at the time of the second meter change, when the kitchen faucet was turned on, both upper and lower unit water meters turned at the same time. The meter was then pulled and replaced and both faucets were tried again and the meters worked correctly. He has paid all bills that were issued but would like a partial credit for those bills. He is asking for 2 months to be credited for the previous bill and he thinks he should only pay the first month for the newest bill issued. (This is due to the apartment being vacant for those times). President Godhardt took Carl's phone number and will get back to him with the adjustments that will be made.

### **INTRODUCTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA THON**

Village President Dan Godhardt introduced Cynthia Thon to the Village Board as his recommendation for appointment as Village Treasurer. Trustee Nelson made a motion to accept the appointment of Cynthia Thon as Village Treasurer. Trustee Albright seconded the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote 3-0.**

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes for the August 16, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Nelson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Albright. **The motion carries unanimously by Roll Call Vote 3-0.**

### **MONEY RECEIVED**

A list of all money received was provided by Dawn Grivetti, Office Manager.

#### **MONEY RECEIVED SINCE AUGUST 17, 2010**

Income Tax Income	15,061.54
Park Rental	150.00
Permit Income	1,542.45
Police Fines Income	1,099.72
Police Reports Income	10.00
Property Tax Income	18,337.85
State Use Tax Income	1,902.45
Utility Tax Income	4,687.13
Water & Sewer Receipts:	
Capital Improvement Fee	11,456.17
Debt Service Fee	23,583.64
Garbage Fee	16,923.68
Water & Sewer Income	55,193.40
Yard Waste Stickers	333.45
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$150,281.48</b>

### **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A total of all bills were provided by Dawn Grivetti, Office Manager.

**TOTAL OF ALL BILLS**

General Fund	13,129.92
Park Program Fund	0.00
Police Fund	3,484.58
Road and Bridge Fund	586.34
Garbage Fund	0.00
Water & Sewer Fund	32,526.06
Water Improvement Project Fund	0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$49,726.90</b>

Trustee Nelson made a motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Maroo. **The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote, 3-0.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

The total of funds to be transferred was provided by Dawn Grivetti, Office Manager. The total amount to be transferred is \$32,858.22. Trustee Maroo made a motion to transfer funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nelson. **The motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote, 3-0.**

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT**

Jerry Martinson - Miller Ave., addressed the Board and asked why the Royal Estates subdivision is not being mowed. President Godhardt and Board replied that until the recent ordinance passed, the Village could do nothing. Now that there is an ordinance in place, a letter will be sent to the land owner. The letter will state that the land owner has certain rights and that the land must be mowed or the Village will mow it and then lien the property. Mr. Martinson acknowledged that and also raised questions about the Safe Route to School sidewalk grant project. He asks whether it is specific to a route that was applied for in the grant or if it could also be used elsewhere in town. He has concerns about the sidewalk running all the way down Miller Street and suggests that it would be better to put the sidewalks on Donald and Coster Streets instead. Pete Wallers, EEI, Inc. stated that in applying for the grant the school was consulted. The sidewalk plans were more than likely based on the school bus route. Pete did say that he would check into whether or not the plan can be modified and will report back. At the time of the meeting it could not be determined exactly where the proposed sidewalks will go as a copy of the grant was not on hand. Mr. Martinson felt that it would be better to put the sidewalks on the North side only of Miller, because it appears that all utilities, gas and water mains are on the south side of Miller St. and it would cause more of a disturbance than necessary. The grant has been approved but no money has been received by the Village yet. The project should begin sometime next year. The Village is only waiting on IDOT for a release so the project can begin.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance, Dave Maroo** – Trustee Maroo provided copies of the Treasurer’s Report to the board.

**Building & Grounds, Parks and Recreation, Bob Albright** – Trustee Albright had nothing to report at this time.

**Personnel, Nancy Nelson** – Trustee Nelson had nothing to report at this time.

**Streets & Alleys, Lee Luker** – Trustee Luker was absent.

**Water & Sewer, Steve Warner** – Trustee Warner was absent.

**TABLED ISSUES**

Pete Wallers, EEI, Inc. discussed the information he learned about the quiet zone issue. Pete stated that he checked with the CWS and all four signals along the proposed quiet zone path do have the necessary constant warning equipment that is one of the requirements. There had been concern raised as whether or not it would be cost effective to establish a quiet zone if any of the crossings needed to be upgraded. (At a cost of around \$85,000.00 per crossing if an upgrade was needed). Trustee Maroo asked who the determining party is when it comes to moving on to the next phase of the project. Pete replied that the Village would have that power. It was suggested that this topic be moved to a Committee of the Whole Meeting at a later date.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Barry Morsch - 650 E. McKinley, a summary of Mr. Morsch’s water bill was distributed to the board. He stated that he had zero water usage and was billed the minimum of 4,000 for a home that is vacant. He wishes for his bill to be revised. President Dan Godhardt did check into the

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matter prior to the meeting. He will credit Mr. Morsch the minimum usage as the Board has already revised the Ordinance pertaining to this issue. President Godhardt will consult with Office Manager, Dawn Grivetti and credit Mr. Morsch's account.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Perry Jungles – Squaw Grove Township, stated that he would like to come to some sort of agreement with the Village of Hinckley regarding tile repair from Pritchard Road North of town, going south approximately 350 feet. The tile in question has already been dye tested. He states that the township is willing to pay for the repair upfront in its entirety, if the Village is willing to pay back its share within a year. He estimates that the repairs will be about \$10,000.00. President Godhardt agreed to those terms and Perry stated that he would have his office prepare an agreement to have the Village sign. Once it is ready he will present it to the Board for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Maroo. **The motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote, 3-0.**

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Board will be Monday September 20, 2010 at 7PM.

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Dan P. Godhardt, Village President

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Wendy S. Leasure, Village Clerk