

Trustee Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022

Chairman Augustine called the meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2022. Present were Trustees Augustine and Swedyk, Fiscal Officer Martha Catherwood, Fire Chief Grossenbaugh, Road Superintendent Mike Behary, six residents in person and seven residents remote via Zoom. Trustee Ascherl had an excused absence.

All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022, the February 17, 2022 Emergency Meeting and the February 22, 2022 Special Meeting – Work Session Minutes. Swedyk second. Vote: S-yes, AUG-yes

FIRE

Ms. Augustine made a motion to increase the compensation for FF/Paramedic Jared Solomon and David Ineman from \$14.35 per hour to his full pay of \$18.00 per hour effective March 7, 2022 per the Organizational Meeting Minutes. Swedyk second. Vote: S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to increase the compensation for FF/EMT Jared Bonnett and Matthew Evans from \$14.35 per hour to his full pay of \$15.76 per hour effective March 7, 2022 per the Organizational Meeting Minutes. Swedyk second. Vote: S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Roberts and Andrew Crawford effective March 1, 2022. Swedyk second. Vote: S-yes, AUG-yes

Chief Grossenbaugh informed the audience that there would not be a Red Cross Blood Drive in March due to Buzzard Day. The event will resume in April. He added that the Firemen's Association has gun raffle tickets for sale.

SERVICE

Mr. Behary informed that Trustees that a grant for Bellus Road was not awarded to the Township. He stated that the grant process was very competitive and the majority of the funding was awarded to smaller jurisdictions.

Mr. Behary was thanked and complimented for his work on the grant submission.

Additionally, Mr. Behary informed the Trustees that the bucket truck was still being repaired and he is awaiting quotes for the town hall exterior door replacements.

ZONING

The Trustees reviewed and signed the Garapick Minor Subdivision plat.

Ms. Augustine presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the process and timeline of the Comprehensive Plan Audit Steering Committee member selection process. She stated she felt it

was important to counter the concerns presented by Protect Hinckley related to the selection process.

Note: The presentation has been included as part of the Public Record.

The Trustees discussed the option of adding additional members to the Comprehensive Plan Audit Steering Committee. Both Trustee Augustine and Trustee Ascherl have discussed the additions with Arthur Schmidt (OHM), Mr. Schmidt has no issue with adding additional members.

Mr. Swedyk commented that the steering committee will not be making the end decision on the process, that decision is for the Trustees. He added that he does not know if adding members will provide the mix of residents that the public is looking for, and, since one meeting has already been held, he asked residents to look at the process objectively to attain a positive result.

TRUSTEES

Mr. Swedyk stated that the Zoom files can be downloaded on an external drive, He is awaiting additional information from Light House Solutions as to the best storage option.

Minor modifications in the former fire station east wall project need to be made by the Architect. Mr. Swedyk will present the final bid documents and dates at the next meeting. Mr. Swedyk added that he is working on drafting a policy for Fuel Inventory and Storage in accordance with the Auditor of State Bulletin guidelines.

Ms. Augustine provided the following:

- HB51 has passed at the State allowing for virtual meeting participation. Public notice will be required prior to effecting virtual meeting participation.
- Trustee work session on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month will be held at 9:30 a.m.
- One Zoning Commission alternate opening will be open and accepting applications until March 16, 2022 at noon.
- Zoning legal notices must be available to everyone through printed and electronic means.
- An opening exists for a Township meeting proctor. Ms. Augustine will ask Lynne Rotunda, the current Administrative Office Assistant, if she is interested.
- The Hinckley Chamber of Commerce Buzzard Day event will be held on March 20, 2022 at the Hinckley Elementary School.
- Citizen of the Year nominations are being accepted until March 14, 2022

FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Catherwood stated the fund status is \$7,005,055.36.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to pay the bills/payroll in the amount \$146,954.77. Swedyk second. Vote: S=yes, AUG=yes

PUBLIC

Resident Jim Bialosy asked the Township to consider providing the meeting agenda at least 24-hours prior to the meeting. The Trustees replied that they would do so. He asked the Trustees if they have been approached by anyone regarding annexing the property where the senior housing development and the proposed Discount Drug Mart are located. Ms. Augustine and Mr. Swedyk replied that they have not been approached with this inquiry.

Resident Jim Larson complimented Arthur Schmidt of OHM on his facilitation of the first steering committee meeting. He and Ms. Augustine discussed comments made on Facebook regarding the proposed Kabala Farms subdivision. Mr. Larson replied that he has no issue with developments as long as the zoning code is followed. Mr. Larson concluded with a defense of the Protect Hinckley analysis of the Comprehensive Steering member selection process.

Mr. Bialosky encouraged residents to reach out to the steering committee member and OHM with their comments and suggestions for survey questions.

Former Trustee Jim Burns defended the former Board of Trustees steering committee process and selections. He stated that the Trustees had open minds and that the process was qualitative. Mr. Burns added that the provision of water to the Township is a function of a responsible government and he referred to the usage of Federal funds to promote this issue. He concluded with a defense of land owners rights in accordance with allowable land uses.

There being nothing further from the audience:

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Swedyk second. Vote: S=yes, AUG=yes

The Board reviewed and signed purchase orders, payroll and bills.

