

Trustee Regular Meeting
December 6, 2022

Chairman Augustine called the meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022. Present were Trustees Augustine, Ascherl and Swedyk, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Service Superintendent Mike Behary and Fire Chief Grossenbaugh. 12 residents attended in person.

All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve the following sets of meeting minutes:

- November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting, as amended
- November 15, 2022 Special Meeting for the purpose of a work session, as amended
- November 2, 2022 Special Meeting for the purpose of a work session

Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

ZONING

Beginning with zoning, the Trustees discussed several potential meeting dates as follows:

- Following the December 9th deadline for interested Zoning Commission applicants, it was agreed that a Special Meeting would be convened on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. to interview the applicants.
- An additional Special Meeting will be convened on December 20th for the purpose of a work session to discuss the Non-union Employee Manual.
- A Special Meeting for the purpose of an Organizational Work Session would be convened on December 20th at 4 p.m. with the Trustees Regular Meeting to follow.

FIRE

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve the purchase of five (5) sets of turnout gear and five (5) fire hoods for firefighters Tom Kolar, Lee Brass, Jared Solomon, Josh Spanulo and Bianca Inman; and three (3) pairs of turnout gear boots for firefighters Logan Davis, Tristan Battani and Lee Brass from Fire Safety Services for an amount not to exceed \$19,300.00.

Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) pair of turnout gear boots for firefighter Victor Ughrin from Fire Safety Services for an amount not to exceed \$475.

Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve the purchase of a Knockdown Walkaway bracket for Engine 31-2 from 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$600.00. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve the purchase of thirty-five (35) SCBA mask bags from Gall's at a cost of \$567.00. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

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Ms. Ascherl made a motion to accept the resignation of firefighter Jerry Bresnahan effective immediately. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Chief Grossenbaugh added that the Hinckley Firemen's Association Santa Sleigh event will take place on December 18, 2022. More information on the timeline of Santa's route can be obtained on the Firemen's Association Facebook page.

Ms. Ascherl discussed moving the fire department to three-man staffing to begin mid-December. Chief Grossenbaugh supports this decision due to the passage of the additional fire levy. The budget allows for the additional expense.

SERVICE

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to amend an emergency repair to Unit 13 through Valley Truck Center. The previous cost was \$2,346.59, the amended cost is \$3,485.09. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

TRUSTEES

Ms. Ascherl discussed office staffing during the holiday season.

Mr. Swedyk informed the Trustees that he had been contacted by the Medina County Park District in entering in a cooperative agreement for and donations. Mr. Swedyk will obtain further information.

Ms. Augustine informed the audience that the water level of Hinckley Lake will be lowered by 4-ft. over a five week period to assess potential dam repairs.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to purchase a laser pointer, new podium and cell phone case from Amazon at a cost not to exceed \$175.00. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine discussed the need to replace the existing carpet in the Senior Room and the replacement of the town hall flag pole. Mr. Behary will be asked to obtain quotes and options for the desired replacements.

The Trustees discussed the proposed zoning text and map amendments that were heard earlier at the Trustee Public Hearing. Ms. Ascherl expressed her concern that the two map amendment proposals are premature and she would like the Zoning Commission to spend more time on these matters, she feels the process has been rushed. She is not categorically opposed to the proposed map amendments, but she would still like further discussions to take place in order to prevent unintended restrictions that may occur. Further discussion occurred as to the need to differentiate the Bennett's Corner B-2 District and Hinckley Town Center B-2 District .

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adopt **Resolution 120622-01**, approving the Zoning Commission recommendation of approval of the presently zoned B-2 Hinckley Town Center District to a B-3 Historic Town Center District designation. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- no, S-yes, AUG-yes

There being no further discussion as to the text amendment proposal;

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adopt **Resolution 120622-02**, accepting the Zoning Commission recommendation of approval of the text amendments as follows; Chapter 3: Definitions; Chapter 4: General Regulations; Chapter 5: Districts and Map; Chapter 6; District Regulations; Chapter 7: Conditional Zoning Certificate; Chapter 11: Site Plan Review; Chapter 16: Sexually Oriented Business; and Chapter 18: Alternative Energy Facilities; and grammatical changes throughout to correct spelling, references to Zoning Resolution, page numbers, etc. (omitting the signature page). Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine recused herself from the proposed map amendment to rezone the B-1 General Business District to R1 Single Family Residential District since the attorney representing Buzzard Cove is a family friend.

Mr. Swedyk stated that he felt the proposed map amendment was a governmental overreach as there were no property owners who requested the change.

Ms. Ascherl suggested that further consideration be made by the Zoning Commission to designate this area a B-4 District rather than rezoning to residential.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adopt **Resolution 120622-03**, approving the Zoning Commission recommendation of disapproval of the presently zoned B-1 General Business District to R1 Single-family Residential District. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes,

FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Catherwood stated the fund status is \$6,436,357.78

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve **Resolution #120622-04**, requesting all the available tax advances from the Medina County Auditor for the year 2023.
Augustine second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adopt **Resolution # 120622-05**, which approves the following reallocation: \$4,800 from 1000-760-720-0000 (Buildings) as follows;

\$1,000 to 1000-120-341-0000 (Telephone)

- \$2,000 to 1000-120-599-0000 (Other Expenses)
- \$1,000 to 1000-130-599-0000 (Other Expenses)
- \$800 to 1000-120-353-0000 (Natural Gas)

\$700 from 2181-130-319-0000 (Other-Professional and Technical Services) and \$200.00 from 2181-130-420-0000 (Operating Supplies to 2181-130-110-0000 (Salaries))
Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine thanked Chairman Fischer and the Zoning Commission members for their efforts on the map and text amendments, she also thanked the Service Department for their efforts on decorating in preparation for the recent holiday event.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to pay the bills/payroll in the amount \$119,026.17.
Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

PUBLIC

Resident Jim Larson stated he had questions as to the evolution and expansion of the Buzzard Cove business entity. He considers the current use as a nuisance to the surrounding homes. Mr. Larson also detailed an incident where the intervention of the fire, police and a local resident may have saved a woman's life.

Resident Cindy Engelman referenced a resident's concern at the last meeting as to a proposed Ridge Rd./Hinckley Hills ODOT turn-a-bout, and asked why the Trustees did not reach out to ODOT in opposition to this issue that directly impacts Hinckley Township. She added that in September the Trustees had previously formally opposed a proposed I-71 interchange to be located in Strongsville.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

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

