

**VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK
VILLAGE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

2121 West Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 2010
6:00 p.m.

- I. President Craig called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll called by Clerk Corral:
 - Trustee Cannon
 - Trustee Roberts
 - Trustee Zimel
 - Absent: Trustee Kaiser, Trustee Nicolosi, Trustee Carter
 - Quorum confirmed by Clerk Corral.
- III. Mayor President Craig requested review of Warrants.
 - SWS129 – \$944,308.79
 - Reviewed by Board members in attendance.
 - Questions fielded and answered by respective Department Head.
 - Board members agreed to move item to consent agenda.

 - SW617 – \$180,156.36
 - Reviewed by Board members in attendance.
 - Questions fielded and answered by respective Department Head.
 - Board members agreed to move item to consent agenda.
- IV. Agenda Item Review
 - Trustee Zimel requested that item 6-A.15 be moved to consent agenda
 - Trustee Roberts advised members that the informal Veterans Committee is ready to move forward with the creation of the formal Veterans Committee. President Craig commented on his recent interaction with the VFW and supports future activities of committee.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - Agreement was reached by Board members on consent agenda items.
- VI. Discussion Topics
 - i. Elected Official Compensation
 - Manager Moser advised all that Trustee Carter will be delayed and requested that the agenda item regarding Elected Official Compensation be postponed until she arrives.

ii. Board Workshop Format

Manager Moser requested moving discussion to “Board Workshop Format” item. Microphone upgrades have been installed. Howard Killian explained upgrade advantages and the improved recordings of meeting activities.

Manager Moser introduced discussion regarding summer hiatus for Board Workshop schedule. It was determined that Village Board Workshop meetings will be suspended during the months of June, July, August, September in the manner of individual meeting cancellations. If a workshop is needed, the cancellation will not be posted and the meeting agenda and materials will be distributed to Board members on the Friday before the meeting.

iii. Annexation

Manager Moser introduced discussion regarding annexation of driving range and sod farm on Lake Street, east of Greenbrook Blvd.

Patrick Grill explained the State of Illinois statute guidelines that govern the annexation of parcels that are completely surrounded on all borders by a municipality. He further requested Board direction regarding continuing his research on this annexation issue.

Trustee Cannon asked what the downside of the annexation would be for the Village.

Attorney Paul responded that designation of zoning would be necessary. He further explained a procedure in statute that allows for mutual agreement of both parties. Parcel owners and the municipality could develop an agreement that would benefit both parties by agreeing to higher land use beyond residential zoning. Without the development of a mutual agreement, the land parcels are subject to the existing ordinance requirements. Attorney Paul also indicated that both parties could enjoy greater flexibility when a mutual agreement is in place. Attorney Paul recommended continued investigation of parcel owners’ interest in pursuing an annexation agreement.

Trustee Cannon asked for an explanation on what the negative implications for the Village would be if a mutual agreement was pursued. Discussion developed among members and staff. Patrick Grill explained zoning of neighboring parcels and general surrounding uses.

Attorney Paul advised members that Water/Sanitary Service could be required if property is annexed and owners may desire this benefit.

Resident Linda Packham inquired whether there is information regarding the designation of the farmhouse & barn as historic landmark.

Mayor President Craig requested Patrick Grill to investigate historic landmark concern.

Trustee Zimel confirmed that parcels are owned by separate parties and the parcels are approximately 23 acres. He also asked whether or not the annexation would hinder the sale of property to the wholesale nursery and would tax implication potentially obstruct sale. Patrick Grill advised Trustee Zimel that he will investigate possible tax implication.

President Craig advised members that Du Page Forest Preserve District may be looking into the purchase of this property for development of a bike path. President Craig requested that Village Board provide specific direction to staff regarding proceeding with investigation into annexation.

VII. Staff Update

- a. Manager Moser introduced discussion regarding K-9 update.

Chief Webb thanked the Board for their support. He further advised that he has secured class enrollment and his department is working to match an officer with an appropriate dog. Training class begins 4/19 with expected completion in June. He is looking to May 20th regarding celebration of Rumble at Village Board meeting. President Craig expressed agreement that the Village treat Rumble as member of the Police Department and express the appropriate recognition.

Manager Moser advised Board members that the Village Board previously approved an agreement with Village of Roselle for the painting of water tower with the Hanover Park Logo, but indicated that the agreement did not include lettering for the name of the Village of Hanover Park below the logo. He noted that the original bid was strictly for the logo, not lettering.

Howard Killian explained issue and requested direction from the Village Board to have logo only painted on water tower or to agree to an increase of approximately \$2400 for including the Village of Hanover Park lettering. Questions fielded & discussion continued regarding existing lettering. President Craig confirmed name of Hanover Park is part of the logo. Howard Killian confirmed to Board Members that funding would be obtained through the water & sewer budget. Trustee Cannon confirmed solvency of fund and Howard Killian confirmed funds are available for this expense.

Trustee Carter entered meeting.

Howard Killian advised Board members of Metra's response to platform reconstruction. He indicated that project could be started in mid-May or early June. The project could be completed at no cost to the Village if they only use asphalt and no timers. He further advised that the stamped, colored asphalt would cost an additional \$30,000 with an expected durability of 20 years. The estimate for a concrete platform would be approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000. Metra cautioned against concrete because of the heavy salt use during the winter and the expected deterioration of the concrete. Trustee Cannon confirmed his support for the stamped, colored asphalt and believes it is the best value. Trustee Zimel confirmed that funding from the TIF budget would be used to finance project.

Manager Moser advised Board members that Lafayette Linear has good news regarding the Village's latest bond rating. Lafayette advised Board members that the S&P upgrade is now AA-. He further explained current rates and criteria for determining upgrade.

VI.

- i. Elected Official Compensation

Manager Moser introduced discussion regarding current Hanover Park's compensation for elected officials and how it compares with similar-sized communities. Research material was compiled by Wendy Bednarek and distributed to Board members. He advised Board members that if they desire to pursue an increase in

compensation, the required ordinance must be adopted 180 days prior to the new officials' terms. Trustee Carter expressed her support for an increase in the compensation for elected officials. Trustee Cannon expressed his support for continuing the discussion in order for the Board to consider compensation more toward the median range, rather than the existing lower range. Trustee Roberts indicated that he does not support an increase during the difficult economic environment. .

President Craig recommended the matter be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their recommendation. He advised Board Members that the unemployment rate for Hanover Park was at 14.1% during January and February of 2010 and the Cook County portion of Hanover Park was at 16.8%. He further indicated that foreclosures in the Village are a significant concern and noted that 88% of the students in Hanover Township are on a food assistance program. President Craig recommended the matter be brought before the entire Village Board at this evening's meeting under the Village Manager's report. All Board members agreed with President Craig's recommendation.

VIII. President Craig requested that Board members to move to adjourn.

Trustee Zimel moved to adjourn.

Trustee Roberts seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Ayes.

Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned 7:00

Recorded and transcribed by,

Eira L. Corral

Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Village President