

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2011
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Huntley was called to order on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 7:02 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main St., Huntley, IL 60142.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Sass; Trustees: Pam Fender, Nick Hanson, Niko Kanakaris, Harry Leopold, Paul Mercer and John Piwko.

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager David Johnson, Senior Assistant to the Village Manager Lisa Armour, Village Clerk Rita McMahon and Village Attorney Mike Coppedge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed under Consent Agenda have been discussed at the Committee of the Whole and may be approved/accepted by one motion.)

- a) Approval of July 21, 2011 Committee of the Whole, July 28, 2011 Liquor Commission Hearing, July 28, 2011 Village Board and August 4, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of August 25, 2011 Bill List in the Amount of \$239,494.06
- c) Approval of Ordinance (O)2011-08.35 – Requesting Relief to Install a Community Identification Ground Sign at Southeast corner of Main Street and Haligus Road
- d) Approval of Ordinance (O)2011-08.36– Recognizing the Legal Non-Conforming Status of 11603 Route 47
- e) Approval of Resolution (R)2011-08.27 – McHenry County Council of Governments Local Government Vehicle and Equipment Auction Agreement and Approval of the Sale and/or Disposal of Village Owned Property
- f) Approval of Ordinance (O)2011-08.37 – An Ordinance Amending Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 155: Subdivision Regulations of the Village of Huntley Code of Ordinances

Mayor Sass asked if the Board had comments or questions regarding the Consent Agenda; there were none.

A MOTION was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Piwko

SECOND: Trustee Fender

AYES: Trustees Fender, Hanson, Kanakaris, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried: 6-0-0

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Presentation – Kreutzer Road Extension (West of Illinois Route 47)

Village Manager Johnson reported that the Phase I design work is nearing completion for the extension of Kreutzer Road west of Route 47 to West Main Street. As part of the process, a public hearing is required to present information on the project and to obtain public input. A tentative date for the hearing has been set for September 13, 2011. Village Manager Johnson introduced Mr. Joel Christell from Civiltech Engineering, Inc. to make a presentation regarding the roadway alignment and to discuss the format of the proposed public hearing.

Mr. Christell provided a brief overview of the extension project and referenced exhibits on display for the Village Board. He stated that the roadway improvement will be three lanes with one lane in each direction with the middle lane being a painted median. There will also be a bridge crossing the south branch of the Kishwaukee River.

Mr. Christell said that the next step in the development process will be to conduct a public hearing to present the preferred improvement to the public for comments and input. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for mid-September and will be an Open House format with Staff from Civiltech and the Village to answer resident questions. Mr. Christell stated that the project will remain open for comments for a two week period. Following the two week comment period, Civiltech will compile the comments submitted by the public and discuss their findings with Village Staff. Civiltech will then present a project report to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for approval. The project report will include funding, budget outlines and timeline. While this process is being finalized, they will continue with design engineering with a goal to obtain design approval by March 2012. Mr. Christell finished by saying that the public hearing process can be cumbersome, but it is necessary due to federal guidelines governing the project because the Village of Huntley has been awarded \$1.5 millions in federal STP funds.

Mayor Sass asked the Committee if anyone had any questions or comments for either Staff or Civiltech.

Trustee Mercer questioned the 14' width for the proposed trail shown on the exhibit and asked if it was wide enough for bikes.

Mr. Christell responded that it was part of the overall design and it is wide enough for a bike path.

Trustee Mercer asked why there were three lanes.

Mr. Christell explained that there will be a lane in each direction and the middle lane will be a painted median. Village Manager Johnson added that the painted median will be used for access to future developments.

Trustee Leopold added that he would like to see the bike path connect to Del Webb Sun City near the compensatory storage area.

Trustee Fender stated that she believes the name of Kreutzer Road should be changed. It is dangerous having a road with the same name going north/south and east/west.

Mayor Sass said that he disagreed. There are roads all over that travel north/south and east/west with the same name.

Trustee Leopold asked when construction could begin on the project.

Mr. Gary Overbay from Civiltech responded that while they are finalizing Phase 1, they will also be working on the Phase 2 engineering. He added that it is a lengthy process but he is optimistic the target letting date would be 2012 with construction in late 2012 or early 2013.

Mayor Sass asked the Committee if they had any further questions or comments from either Staff or Civiltech. There were none.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Sass announced that he and Staff attended the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) Board meeting earlier in the day. The ISTHA Board voted to approve the 15 year Capital Plan which included a toll increase. Staff had also been in contact with an ISTHA representative that said the Village's full interchange project is on schedule for a 2012 Spring letting. The Village needs to finalize the engineering for the project to keep everything on schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A MOTION was made at 7:15 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for a) probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation; and g) Appointment of a Public Officer

MOTION: Trustee Piwko

SECOND: Trustee Fender

The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

A MOTION was made at 8:03 p.m. to exit Executive Session.

MOTION: Trustee Kanakaris

SECOND: Trustee Fender

The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items to discuss, a MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Kanakaris

SECOND: Trustee Leopold

The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita McMahan
Village Clerk