

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
JOINT MEETING OF
VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
AND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 158
January 21, 2014
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Village of Huntley Board of Trustees and Consolidated School District 158 School Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Consolidated School District 158 Administrative Board Room, 650 Academic Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Sass; Trustees Ronda Goldman, Nick Hanson, Niko Kanakaris, Harry Leopold, John Piwko and JR Westberg.

School Board President Donald Drzal; School Board Members Paul Troy, Michael Fleck, William Geheren, Kevin Gentry and Anthony Quagliano.

ABSENT: School Board Member Kimberly Skaja

IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager David Johnson, Assistant Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read, Police Chief John Perkins, Director of Development Services Charles Nordman, Director of Finance and Human Resources Jennifer Chernak and Director of Public Works Jim Schwartz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: School Board President Drzal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

Members of both Boards, Staffs and D158 Consultants introduced themselves.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #158 PRESENTATION:

D158 Superintendent, Dr. John Burkey, reported that in five (5) years Huntley High School will have approximately 3,000 students. Dr. Burkey also reported that the number of students entering kindergarten have gone down so it doesn't make financial sense to build two (2) smaller high schools so plans are underway to expand the current high school on the Harmony Road Campus. Dr. Burkey reported that the School District will use the \$39 Million grant received from the State.

D158 traffic consultant, Tim Sjogren from TADI, reviewed a Power Point presentation regarding the Harmony Road Campus Traffic Study and upcoming improvements. Mr. Sjogren reported that there were two (2) contributors to the existing traffic congestion: 1) the external intersection and 2) the internal circulation of the campus. TADI recommends and has discussed with the McHenry County Division of Transportation (McDOT) signalization at Harmony Road at Hemmer Road and Hemmer Road at Main Street. Recommendations also include an additional access into the campus parking lot; Mr. Sjogren reported that school buses and parent drop off would continue to enter through the existing entrance and students needing to park will enter through the new entrance. Mr. Sjogren reported that

these modifications would result in a 60% - 70% reduction in delay, improve access and safety and would be a flexible design for future growth. Mr. Sjogren reported that McDOT seems supportive of the improvements and that the McHenry County Transportation Committee has approved the 2014 installation of temporary traffic signals.

Mr. Roger Schroepfer, architect from Wold Architects reviewed a Power Point presentation outlining the proposed additions and renovations to Huntley High School.

Mr. Schroepfer also described the parking expansion which would enlarge the existing student parking to 658 student spaces, provide new visitor/staff parking lot of 185 spaces, new bus parking of 35 stalls, new staff parking lot with 116 spaces and an additional 19 spaces for staff.

Trustee Piwko asked if the parking lot expansions would take place during the 1st phase to which Mr. Schroepfer replied yes. Trustee Piwko recommended also reducing the median in the existing entrance for emergency vehicles.

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY PRESENTATION:

A) Overview of Village Review Process for Harmony Road Campus Expansion

Director of Development Services Charles Nordman reviewed the Village Review Process:

- 1) Village Board Conceptual Review and Referral to Plan Commission
- 2) Plan Commission Conceptual Review
- 3) Development Application Submittal and Review
- 4) Plan Commission Meeting and Public Hearing
- 5) Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 6) Village Board Meeting

Mayor Sass asked if there were any questions; there were none. Mayor Sass asked the Village Committee of the Whole if they approved of sending the Harmony Road Campus Expansion on to the Plan Commission.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to refer the Harmony Road Campus Expansion to the Plan Commission.

B) Year in Review 2013

Village Manager David Johnson reviewed the Village's major accomplishments in 2013:

- Completion of the \$61 million reconstructed full interchange at I-90 and Route 47, which opened on November 8th
- Construction started on the \$6.5 million extension of Kreutzer Road west of Route 47 to complete the connection between Route 47 and W. Main Street, a distance of approximately 4,134 linear feet (0.783 mile)
- Developed "Citizens Information Center" for the Village web site and among 102 suburban governmental agencies in Illinois that have been ranked by the Illinois Policy Institute for transparency, received the fourth highest rating with a rating of 98.3%

- Completed repaving of approximately 9,500 linear feet (1.8 mile) of Kreutzer Road east of Walmart to Huntley-Dundee Road through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies and the contractor completing the work
- Established a Tax Increment Finance District for the downtown and adjacent areas along Route 47
- United Health Care (UHC) recognized the Village of Huntley as one of the 10 Small Business Worksite Wellness Award Winners for 2012
- The Village received MP3 Awards from the McHenry County Council of Governments for the Employee Wellness Program and the Green Interchange (I-90/Route 47)
- Police Department awarded CALEA re-accreditation (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies)

Village Manager Johnson asked if there were any questions; there were none.

C) Capital Projects and Development Plans for 2014

Village Manager Johnson reported the Village's Capital Projects and Development Plans for 2014:

- Construction of the \$200 million, 360,000 square foot, 128-bed Centegra-Huntley hospital in early 2014, with a completion date in 2016. Centegra estimates the project will create more than 800 construction jobs and employ about 1,000 hospital employees. This project represents the largest single capital investment ever to be made in the Village.
- Completion of the \$6.5 million Kreutzer Road Extension (west) which extends Kreutzer Road from the southern limit of existing Kreutzer Road south of Main Street, south and east to connect to Route 47.
- Projects totaling \$600,000 for the Downtown area in 2014 include:
 - Improvements to the municipal parking lot including additional landscape screening along the western edge adjacent to the railroad tracks and potential reconfiguration in association with the redevelopment of the Sawyer Kelley Mill site.
 - A façade improvement program has been established to provide assistance to business owners for building improvements that contribute to the economic revitalization and historic character of the downtown area.
- The \$1.1 million 2014 Pavement Management Program consists of resurfacing Del Webb Boulevard from Route 47 west to Eakin Creek Court, resurfacing Wing Pointe Phase I.
- Construction of a 6,560 square foot building housing Brunch Café and a 17,014 square foot building for an Aldi Food Market.
- Construction of a 4,597 square foot McDonald's Restaurant in the Huntley Grove Commercial Subdivision adjacent to Route 47 in front of Wal-Mart.
- Cargo Equipment has announced plans to build a new 40,000 square foot building in the Huntley Corporate Park.

- Continue to market property adjacent to the Huntley Outlet Center. Property is targeted for a Business Park with Light Manufacturing / Industrial potential.
- Appointment of a juvenile specialist in the Police Department.

Village Manager Johnson asked Police Chief Perkins to expand on the appointment of the juvenile specialist. Chief Perkins reported that the Juvenile Specialist has been assigned in order to stay ahead of juvenile crime and will also be used as a secondary School Resource Officer.

Village Manager Johnson asked if there were any questions.

Board Member Fleck asked about the Village's crime rates. Chief Perkins reported that over the past seven (7) years the overall crime rate has gone down as the Village population has risen; however, the juvenile crime rate has risen.

Board Member Quagliano asked if the Centegra Hospital Campus will be exempt from property taxes. Village Manager Johnson reported that the majority of the Centegra campus will be exempt but Health Bridge will pay property taxes and there is the potential for portions of the new medical office building to pay property taxes. Village Manager Johnson reported that the hospital is considered to be the anchor for future economic development on the North side of the Village and spin off property tax generation development is a strong possibility.

There were no other comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items to discuss, a MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION: School Board President Drzal

SECOND: School Board Vice President Troy

The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read
Recording Secretary