

**MINUTES**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 16, 2024**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Local Government Efficiency Committee was held on January 16, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Kaplan, McGinn, Dressler, Friedman, Evans and MacGregor, Community Reps Beranek, Bettencourt, Henderson and Pilafas, Executive Director Talsma

Absent:

Also Present: Director of Finance & Administration Hopkins, Superintendent of Business Peddinghaus, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Deputy Director Bechtold, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Specialist Hassler

Audience:

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**3. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**4. Committee on Local Government Efficiency / M24-002:**

A. Efficiency Report Framework

Executive Director Talsma read an introduction to explain the reason for the committee, which is to show efficiencies between different governmental units, and how we operate with other governmental agencies. The state is trying to find duplications in services and whether all are needed. Some smaller units have been eliminated. This is our way of showing we are valuable and integral to the community. It also shows how well we work with other agencies and how we already share our resources and create efficiencies. It aims to create increased transparency, cost savings and efficiencies.

Commissioner McGinn asked if IAPD provided a template. Executive Director Talsma said yes, they did, and Superintendent Peddinghaus has done a wonderful job putting it all together.

Superintendent Peddinghaus said this has been a wonderful learning experience so far; he had no idea how many intergovernmental agreements there are. Executive Director Talsma added that there are links to many of the documents, and most of this was pre-existing; this exercise pulled them all together.

Executive Director Talsma noted that at the end of the report, you will see where it says, "Recommendations for Increasing Accountability and Efficiencies." We will have some recommendations, and then file the report with Cook County. This is a state law, but the report gets filed with the county.

Comm Rep Beranek asked if the state expects this every year. Executive Director Talsma said we are asked to do this once now, and then every ten years, to justify the multiple taxing districts.

Comm Rep Henderson asked what happens after we turn this in to Cook County. Executive Director Talsma said we will most likely wait several years to see if anything will change.

Commissioner Evans asked if we are supposed to submit suggestions. Executive Director Talsma said that we could suggest to other entities that we combine our efforts on certain things.

Director Hopkins said to look for the links in the report framework and review those documents.

Executive Director Talsma added that at the next meeting in March, we will discuss open items. Staff will return with answers to some of these questions, and maybe have some ideas for recommendations. He thanked Director Hopkins and Superintendent Peddinghaus for their work thus far.

B. Intergovernmental Payments Report

The committee should review this report and return in March with any questions.

5. **Committee Member Comments:**

None

6. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant