

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**April 14, 2008**

**Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Those present:**

**President: Noel Cummings**

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill  
Vicky Moxley  
Larry Rice  
Paul Struve  
Ernest Millsap**

**Attorney: John O'Connell  
Patrick Rogers**

**Those Absent:**

**Trustee: Thomas Christopher**

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on March 10, 2008, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for February 2008. Motion to file for audit by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of March. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny discharge of bids for stage 2: Weeping Willow Road reconstruction Continental Toyota of Hodgkins. Mr. O'Connell states Mr. Cankar could not be here this evening so he will speak on his behalf. There were only two bids received on this project and the final bids came in. The two top bids included the existing site contractors, P. Walker Brothers. There was only a 2% difference between the two lowest bidders, including P. Walker Brothers who had been doing phase I. The matter was reviewed and for the purposes of continuity, it is suggested that there is an existing law which states that if the bid is 20% less than the amount of the bid for which the original contractor of phase I, we could do a change order. The change order says that as long as the same amount of bid the contractor had

submitted, we could discharge all the bids that were brought in and simply go with a change order on the P. Walker Brothers, who has been doing the work since October. We feel that the continuity of having the Walker Brothers there and since the bid was only \$5,000 of a \$333,000 bid; it is worth it for us to keep the original contractor. Mr. O'Connell suggests that we discharge all the bids we have received as a first step.

Mr. Struve is impressed with P. Walker Brothers due to a savings of \$175,000 to the Village as a direct result of P. Walker Brothers making the appropriate changes. Additionally, Mr. Cummings says that P. Walker Brothers has made suggestions concerning the wall along 67<sup>th</sup> Street which will save the Village approximately \$300,000.

Mr. O'Connell feels that this approach would be in the best interest of the Village to have P. Walker Brothers to continue with the project considering it is less than 2% of the cost. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Change Order #3 to P. Walker Brothers contract for Continental Toyota Project. This is the same as phase 2, only now it is phase 3. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Redevelopment Agreement with IAC (Certified Property). Mr. O'Connell states there are two items that need to be addressed. The redevelopment agreement is in exchange for the sale of the 0.8 acres, which is about 1/3 of the existing parking lot. We need that to square Weeping Willow Road. Because the property has been sold since the negotiations started we need to amend the redevelopment agreement with IAC.

1. They have asked for 6B for the building they are going to be putting up.
2. The Village will help them obtain any other subsidies available.
3. They have asked for an entrance off of 67<sup>th</sup> Street, which we had discussed preliminarily. This would mitigate the traffic situation we now have on Santa Fe Drive. We will work with the County to grant them an entrance off of 67<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. Relocation of utility poles to put electrical utility power underground along 67<sup>th</sup> Street. The Village would agree to pay ½ the cost of putting the electrical power utilities underground.
5. We would work with the owners and BNSF to abandon that north track that is never used. This would allow them to have additional parking. If the Village could obtain Federal Funding for a feeder road along the track to 75<sup>th</sup> Street. This is the most feasible way to avoid the delays created by the railroad on Santa Fe Drive.
6. There is an area that needs to be graveled at a cost to us of \$10,000.

Mr. O'Connell received a call this morning from the Certified people. They said they would eliminate that parking area completely and they would go down below adjacent to the parking lot onto the paved Certified lot. Their access would be off the Burma Road to the parking area where their trailer parking is now located. This area would accommodate approximately 100 cars. We would assume the cost of putting up the fence and moving the gate to the new area. This alleviates the cost of putting in the access road, cutting down all the trees, paving the area. The Access Agreement has been worked out with these changes included.

The final analysis shows we are not giving up anything except ½ the cost of relocating the utilities. Parking is the key issue with the agreement. Motion to approve the Redevelopment Agreement by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Access Agreement Mr. O'Connell referred to in his statement. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny bid proposal from Lyons Pinner Electric to disconnect, move and reconnect generator located at 8990 Lyons Street to 6015 Lenzi Avenue for \$42,700.00. This generator unit is larger than the unit at the Police Department. Mr. Millsap asked if TIF money could be used for this relocation because the Police Department is in the TIF district and a large number of calls are in the TIF District. Mr. O'Connell states that he does not think the money can come from TIF funds. Mrs. Salerno says that the money cannot come from TIF based on a percentage based on the previous meetings with the TIF Joint Review Board. Mr. Struve asked Mr. O'Connell to check on the possibility of using a percentage of TIF funds. Mr. Struve would also like to retain the transfer stations that are now part of the system because the bid calls for new transfer stations. These transfer stations are very expensive and can be used in other applications. Motion to approve by Mr. Ernie. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny hiring a new Patrol Officer. Mr. Millsap states the Police Department has received a letter of resignation from one of our probationary officers. The letter was accepted on Tuesday last week. Mr. Millsap is asking the Board of Trustees to authorize Mr. Rogers to tender a letter to the last person left on our existing list to determine if he is still interested in the position. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny bid from Alpine Demolition for \$33,200.00 for the demolition and asbestos removal for the Hodgkins Village Hall. This demolition is scheduled for the end of May 2008. Mr. Cummings asked that the doors and associated hardware be retained for future use. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny air conditioning & heating service agreement for all Village of Hodgkins Municipal buildings to Heat Engineering for \$7,560 or Assured Air, Limited for \$3,461. Mr. Eric Rice states the bids were on the same basis so no questions could be raised with regard to what was included in the bid. Mr. Rice feels that Assured Air, Limited is qualified to do the work. Assured Air has been used on an emergency basis in the past when Heat Engineering could not service our units in a timely manner. Motion to approve letting the contract to Assured Air, Limited for \$3,461 by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

**Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell**

Mr. O'Connell reports that the bid packages have gone out for the new Village Hall. Mrs. Salerno has been most of the work on the bids. The publication was placed in the Suburban Life. The plans from FGM, which we purchased, were used as the basis for the bid and identify the scope of the plan. A number of calls were received from contractors indicating more information is needed. A copy of the exterior design has been sent as an addendum to the bid packages. Two types of bids were in the package. One type is for a full basement and another with no basement under the Board Room. There was another addendum which included the geo technical survey of the condition of the ground.

The bid opening is scheduled for April 25, 2008. Then there would be a meeting on April 29, 2008, whereby the Board of Trustees could review the bids and invite the selected contractors for a face-to-face review.

Mr. Struve is concerned about the lack of specifications for the building.

Mr. O'Connell states the meeting with the design/build contractor could supply the information the Board requires.

Mr. Rogers reports the police examination is in progress right now. One hundred-fifteen applicants were given the written portion of the examination fifty-seven of which passed. This coming Saturday the power test will be given at the Park District. Oral interview will be given to those who are successful with the power test. Mr. Rogers reports three residents of Hodgkins were on the list to take the power test.

**Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie**

Mr. Millsap states there was a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The contest was a basketball game between The Hodgkins Police Department vs. the Park District employees. The Police won the contest. The event raised over \$1,000.

**Report from Public Works Foreman, Dennis Folkerts**

No Report.

**Report from Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

Mr. Evans states Mr. Majid has replaced the brick on his buildings and replaced the columns with new steel columns alongside the buildings.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

No Report

**Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve Chairman**

No Report

**Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

Mr. Struve mentions some of the topics for the upcoming meetings. Additionally,

Dennis Folkerts is back at work. There is also a new DPW employee detailed to the Police Department.

**Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

Mr. Millsap states the Patrol Officer position available will be offered to the last remaining person on the current eligibility list, after which the list will be expired requiring the establishment of a new list.

Mr. Millsap asked what can be done about the fire hydrant in the driveway between Menards and Ulta. It appears that it is in a precarious position in the roadway.

Mr. Evans states that it was in the loop system for the shopping center and the other one is for Menards and they are both private systems which we do not have any control over their placement.

**9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Report.

**Zoning Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

**E.S.D.A. Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman**

Mr. Cuttill states that last week's Aging Well meeting was the most successful meetings to date. Between 70 and 75 people were in attendance.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

**Old Business**

Mr. Cummings states the old Stroke of Luck Entertainment Center sign has been unused and sitting in storage since the building was demolished. Mr. Cummings suggests the sign be put to use advertizing the Salerno-Pincente Restaurante on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and to use TIF funds for erecting the sign. Motion by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to accept a Proclamation declaring the month of May Motorcycle Awareness Month as submitted by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. This resolution promotes motorcycle safety and awareness. Motion by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business**

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Abstain:**