

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DECEMBER 8, 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  
Thomas Christopher**

**Attorney: John O'Connell**

Pledge of allegiance.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #2 to Albin Carlson & Company for retraining wall and site utilities for Continental Toyota for \$2,149,756.20. Mr. Cummings asked Mr. Cainkar if he thought it was proper to pay the bill. Mr. Cainkar said it was OK to pay the bill. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny assisting Lenzi apartment building owners with infestation of roaches. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #08-14** amending Title 8 Building Regulations. This is an adoption of the International Building Codes as recommended by Mr. Evans of the Building Department. Meetings have been held in the past for the discussion of the Code. Mr. Struve states this is an on-going project and can be fine tuned as we go along when necessary. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the appointment of Mr. Michael Warkentien to the Police Pension Board. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the appointment of Mr. Tim Kovel to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #8 and semi-final to P. Walker Brothers for \$118,538.62 for work performed on the Toyota property. Mr. Cainkar states the work has been completed and the payment should be made. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #9 and semi-final to P. Walker Brothers for \$61,267.54 for work performed on the Toyota property. Mr. Cainkar states this is the withheld amount and the payment should be made. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny final payment to the Hodgkins Park District for \$66,787.50 for the Stroke of Luck bond. Mrs. Moxley states this is the last of the payments to the Park District that help them over the financial difficulty with the Stroke of Luck. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny contract with M&R Wrecking for the demolition of 6502 Conrad Avenue for \$8,500 plus permit fees. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny contract with M&R Wrecking for the demolition of 6510 Kimball Avenue for \$8,500 plus permit fees. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the possible purchase of property. Mrs. Moxley suggests that Mrs. Salerno be included in the closed session because she will have input into the discussion. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to resume the open meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the purchase of 6294-6298 East Avenue for \$860,000. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Mr. Millsap

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to create a TIF Expenditure Account. Motion to create a TIF Expenditure Account at the State Bank of Countryside by Mrs. Moxley. The account amount would be \$400,000 as a legal retainer fee for TIF projects. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny 2009 Budget. Mrs. Moxley thanks everyone for their diligence and hard work on the new budget. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a discussion regarding the new overpass on Santa Fe Drive. Mr. Cainkar about five years ago the study show that the south spur is the active spur the price for the study was \$21,338. The study was for whether or not to go over the tracks or under the tracks.

Mr. O'Connell states that traffic on Santa Fe Drive is becoming intolerable. The delays are now, on occasion, in excess of forty minutes.

Mr. Millsap suggests we look further into the previous discussions of building a road from Santa Fe Drive to 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No further report.

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

Mr. O'Connell has met with the attorneys who will assume Mr. Rogers role as prosecutor and adjudicator. They did the adjudication on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. O'Connell is schedule to go before Judge White on the acquisition of the 0.88 acres from the owners of the Certified Grocers property on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Chief Kringlie states that Joseph Klotz has graduated from the Police Training Institute and is scheduled to report for patrol duty December 7, 2008.
- Chief Kringlie expressed gratitude to the ESDA personnel for their crowd control assistance on Friday morning after Thanksgiving.

**Report from Acting Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice**

- The wall at the Toyota dealership is about finished.
- The street lights are installed, but not connected to the electricity yet.
- Truck bids have been received for a ¾ ton pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works. No bid was received from Toyota because they do not make a ¾ ton pick-up truck.
- RAGS Electric has responded with the generator move.
- Prices have been received for new overhead doors at the Department of Public Works.

**Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

Mr. Evans reports on the meeting with J. P. Bruno regarding the timeline for the construction of the new Village Hall. The concrete work will not begin until the middle of March 2009. The building completion is expected by mid-November 2009.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

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

Gave accolades to the Department of Public Works for the exemplary job they did with the snow removal in the community.

The new chipper has been received. We received a very good deal on the chipper.

**Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

The Building Department has been busy with the new code adoption. There will be a meeting this Wednesday.

**Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

The hookup fees for water and sewer have been waived for the residents of the Village. Mr. Cummings states that we should not charge our residents for a tap on fee. This is yet another benefit for living in the Village of Hodgkins.

Mr. O'Connell suggests that we waive the fee up to a certain amount.

Mr. Struve states that we are required to report tap-on to MWRDGC.

Mr. Cummings states this need to be put into Committee to discuss the rust protection for the water tower. Also, some of the money for cellular antennas should be used for the maintenance of the water towers.

**Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Report.

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

No Report.

**Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

No Report.

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

Mr. Christopher thanks the E.S.D.A. personnel for their good job on Friday after Thanksgiving and for their involvement with Breakfast with Santa.

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

Mr. Cuttill states the feedback from the Aging Well attendees at the Village Christmas Party was that it was a wonderful Christmas Party.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley stresses the necessity of practicing good winter weather safety. People should make regular checks on the elderly this time of year. Auxiliary electric heaters should be kept in good repair.

**Old Business**

Mr. Cainkar asked that a motion to pay Albin Carlson payment #3 for \$754,735.22. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business**

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Tim Kovel expresses his appreciation to the Department of Public Works and Police Department personnel for their diligence toward observance of residential property. Burglars broke into his home last month and were apprehended by the Police after being reported by Department of Public Works personnel.

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, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 8:20 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed:**

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**