

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 12, 2009

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**

Those absent:

Attorney: John O'Connell

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 8, 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 November 2008. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. 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 December. 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 payment #2 & final to Swallow Construction for \$74,325.95 for the East Avenue Water Main Replacement Phase V. Mr. Cankar states that everything was in order and that it is okay to make the payment. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. 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 revised payment #9 & semi-final for \$26,354.35 to P. Walker Brothers for earthwork and site preparation on the Toyota property. Mr. Struve asked if Walker Brothers was responsible for the

roadway and if the stone is properly compacted. Mr. Cainkar thinks it would be more of Carlson's responsibility at this point. 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 #09-01** approving the 2009 budget. 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 invoice from John O'Connell for \$60,000 for condemnation work in the T.I.F. 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 #1 to J.P. Bruno for \$167,451.62 for work performed on the new Village Hall. 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.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

Public hearings will be conducted in the near future for CDBG projects for 2009.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Due to the bad weather I've asked that my report be read by Clerk Sexton while I leave for Springfield before the bad weather starts in earnest. Thank you for the indulgence.

This morning we completed the paperwork needed to acquire the 0.88 acres from IAC. Our plans are to sell it to Continental Toyota next week. This will finalize all the land needed for the Toyota project. I have been advised that their building is one month ahead of schedule.

Also, we have been advised that the Scheck family is unable to timely build its office headquarters. Accordingly, the Agreement we signed with the Scheck family gives us the right to buy the property back at the price we sold it two years ago. Unless I hear from you otherwise I am beginning this process.

Attorney Bob Molaro and his partner Ron Belmonte have been handling the Village prosecutor and adjudicator duties. Attorney Tim Callahan will be handling Civil Service duties.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

Chief Kringlie reports that Lt. Wilkans has presented a letter indicating his intentions to retire effective March 1, 2009. He is currently on vacation and will be available for consultation on issues concerning the new Village Hall.

Mr. Millsap asked Chief Kringlie if there have been any further developments on the school zone flashing light on East Avenue.

Chief Kringlie has spoken with RAGS Electric. Everything has been approved with the exception of the County has an issue with the qualifications of the installer. He does not have a certificate to work on road projects. He has certificates to work on electrical projects. However, a separate certificate is required for Cook County DOT to work on electrical signs. All the equipment is in and ready to be installed. Mr. O'Connell is working on getting the certification expedited.

Report from Acting Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

No Report.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley thanks everyone for their work on the 2009 budget that was passed this evening.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve states that our DPW crew has done an excellent job on the snow removal this winter. Mr. Cuttill echoes Mr. Struve's commendation for the DPW employees.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve and Mr. Evans have been working on new Village Hall issues. There may even be some construction started as early as this month yet. We will not assume any added expenses for weather related delays. They are anxious to get started.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report. Mr. Christopher would like to have a meeting within the next ten days.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Materials for the promotional test have been distributed to the Police Department personnel eligible for Sergeant and Lieutenant testing. There was a burglary in progress thwarted at the Toyota construction site by Hodgkins Police personnel where a generator was in the process of being stolen.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

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

No Report.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

No Report.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley states she has weather related issues to address. Remember to trickle the cold water faucets to prevent the water pipes from freezing. Outside walls, open up cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the piping.

Mrs. Moxley thinks the Park District may be a warming center. If anyone needs to use a warming center, please call the Park District to find out if this is a designated warming center if heat or electricity is lost in your home or apartment. Do not stay in your house; get to a warming center.

Old Business

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the hiring of Mr. Kenneth Tucker, Jr. for a position in the Department of Public Works starting February 2, 2009. Mr. Cummings suggests that he be teamed with Mr. Jody Kovel as a work partner. Mr. Dennis Folkerts and Mr. Matthew Struve as work partners. Mr. Albert Mills will be detailed to the Police Department. Mr. Eric Rice will be the Superintendent of Public Works. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. 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 the hiring of Mr. Rodney Cummings for a position of clerk at the Police Department. Mr. Rodney Cummings has a college degree. Mr. Rodney Cummings would also start February 2, 2009. Motion to approve by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Christopher adds that Mr. Cummings signed a statement of intent for Cook County Disaster Mitigation Plan. A Federal requirement to receive disaster funding from FEMA.

New Business**Comments from the Audience**

Ms Marilyn Sauter asked when the street lights be turned on along Weeping Willow Road. Mr. Cummings is going to look into the reason they are not on. Who was being hired and why. Mr. Cummings re-states who will be hired and where they will be working.

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: 7:24 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: