

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 9, 2008

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

Those present:

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

Attorney: John O'Connell  
Patrick Rogers

Those absent:

President: Noel Cummings

Clerk Sexton called the meeting to order. Clerk Sexton states that President Cummings is absent and would entertain a motion to elect a President Pro Tem for this meeting. Motion to elect Mr. Cuttill by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2008 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #3 and semi-final to Chicagoland Paving for \$20,669.09 for work performed on Reservoir Road. Motion by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2008-2** appropriating \$75,356.20 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways for 2008. Motion by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny a business license for Chicago CNC Machining Company located at 6880 River Road Unit 2. Mr. Struve states there was a Committee meeting with the applicants. They are moving machinery into the unit, however they will not be operating until all building and fire issues have been resolved. Motion by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a variance request by Arnold Logistics located at 7220 Santa Fe Drive. This is in regard to removing the parkway islands. The Streets and Alley Committee has determined it would be better to ask for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals rather than change the Village code. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for discussion/action regarding final certification of the Police Eligibility List. Chief Kringlie distributed a list of eligible candidates.

- There were 215 applicants
- 117 showed up for the written test
- 57 passed the written test
- 37 passed the physical agility test
- 36 people on the final list.

Mr. Rogers states this is the final list with preference points included as provided by State Statute. This list will stand for two years by statute.

Motion to approve the Civil Service Commission valid from June 9, 2008, to June 9, 2010, list by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny State of Illinois Elevator Inspection Program. Mr. Rogers states that the State of Illinois has adopted an elevator inspection program. The Village has a contract for inspection with Thompson Elevator and are very satisfied. Therefore it is recommended that we do not participate in the state's elevator program. We are required to notify the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office we will not be participating. There may be a necessity in the near future to amend some of our codes. Motion to deny by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny sending the top three candidates on the Patrolman List for psychological exams. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #08-07** adopting the Village of Hodgkins Floodplain. Mr. Cainkar states that the Federal Government has changed the flood insurance rate act and we are required to adopt a whole new flood plain ordinance. The model ordinance sent to the Village appears to be acceptable according to Mr. Cainkar and his recommendation is to adopt it. If there are conflicting areas Mr. Cainkar will make the appropriate adjustments. Mr. Millsap does not completely understand the ordinance and suggests the issue be sent to Streets and Alleys Committee for review and give the Committee the authority to approve or deny the ordinance. Motion to give the authority to The Streets and Alley Committee to approve or deny by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #4 to P. Walker Brothers for \$314,227.31 for work performed at 67<sup>th</sup> Street and LaGrange Road. There is some question as to whether or not this bill had already been paid last month. Mr. Cainkar did not receive notice that it had been paid. Mr. Cuttill asked how much more money was to be paid. Mr. Cainkar states that the contract was for \$2.4 MM and he has been paid \$1.4 MM leaving ~\$1 MM left on the contract.

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

No further report.

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

Mr. O'Connell reports that on Thursday last week we sold lot three of the Public Works Subdivision to Mr. John Mooncotch for \$50,000. We have publicized the bids for lot #1, the Public Works building, with a minimum bid of \$350,000. The bids are to be in by June 15<sup>th</sup>. All the bids are not in, but we do know there are several people interested in the property.

This Wednesday we are closing with the owners of the Certified property on the 0.8 acre parcel we purchased. This has become very complicated because of the parking lot move to another area. After the closing we are going to sell Toyota 0.31 acres of the 0.8 acres.

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

- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Lt. Jack Azzarello graduated from the Northwestern University Center For Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.
- On Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Hodgkins Police Department served as pallbearers and escorts for the Funeral Service for Mrs. Shirley Drenning.

- The Annual Memorial Day service was held on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Department served as escorts for the American Legion Post #1941, who conducted the service at our Memorial on Lyons Street.
- The Civil Service Commission has completed the testing process for the Police Officer Eligibility List, which is presented to the board for approval. Many thanks to the Commission Chairman Ron Johnson, Hugh Rhodes and the late Mrs. Shirley Drenning and the Commission's Attorney Pat Rogers. Thanks also to Lt. Mark Wilkans and Lt. Jack Azzarello for their participation in assisting the Commission during this process.
- Upon the approval of this list, pursuant with the Boards approval, an offer of employment will be made to the first applicant on the list. Mr. Phillip L. Kringlie has successfully passed the psychological and physical test.
- We met last week and discussed issues with improving our severe weather siren alarm system. ESDA Coordinator Al Mills is in contact and obtaining more information from the Siren Company responsible in our area.
- **GOOD NEWS** – Officer Ryan Carrasquillo is back to work from the Marine Corps.
- **BAD NEWS** – Officer Jeff Keilman has been activated from Inactive Reserve status and is scheduled to report to Ft. Benning, Georgia.

There was some additional discussion with regard to giving officer Keilman the same benefit as given to officer Carrasquillo regarding his ongoing benefits package. The Board decided that all employees would be treated the same with regard to continuing benefits when called to active duty in the military. 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.

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

No Report.

#### **Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

Reserve comments for Closed Session.

#### **Motion to go into Closed Session. 7:30 pm**

Motion by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

#### **Motion to resume Open Session. 7:36 pm**

Motion by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Rogers requests the Board of Trustees authorize either himself or Mr. O'Connell to enter into an agreement with the attorney of the owners of the property located at 6510 Conrad to deal with the eviction issues dealing with the accessory building. The terms will be the cost of the removal of the building itself, reimbursement of attorney's fees for the owners of the property and the

security deposit for one tenant to relocate. The total cost, including demolition, not to exceed \$10,000. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

### **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 states there were five meeting this past month all regarding the bidding process for the construction of the New Village Hall. The prospective contractors have been narrowed to three. Further input from these three is now being sought.

#### **Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

Mr. Christopher states there are new methods available for testing water purification and we should call a meeting to determine if we should adopt the newer testing procedures.

#### **Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Further Report. Mr. Millsap takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Eric Rice for his quick response to his request to have specific work done around the Village.

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

No Report.

#### **Zoning Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No report.

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

Mr. Christopher has asked E.S.D.A. Coordinator Mills to look into the purchase of additional weather alert sirens for the Village of Hodgkins. The new siren offered is billed as the worlds loudest at 130 decibels with a range of 7400 feet outdoor warning siren. Inside warnings are to be your radio, television or weather radio.

The new siren would be mounted 55 feet high on a free-standing pole.

Mr. Christopher poled the Board whether or not Mr. Mills should pursue and purchase the new system. There is enough money in the budget for

the purchase.

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

Mr. Cuttill states that on June 18, 2008, Aging Well will meet at the east end of the park district at 9:00 am. A tour of the quarry will begin at Vulcan's community center where they will explain the activities of the quarry including the operations across I-55. Then back for a light lunch at the Vulcan Community Center.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

**Old Business**

Mr. Millsap asked if that was a quarry blast he felt today. It was our understanding that there would not be any more blasts for at least 12 years. Mr. Millsap also asked if all the plaques had been removed from the wall. Mr. E. Rice said they had all been removed.

**New Business**

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Evans points out that the requested height of 55' for the siren pole is in violation of the current Village ordinance limiting the height to 45'. A variance for the additional height would be in order.

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

Adjourned: 8:03 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed:**

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**