

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2008

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

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

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

Those Absent:

Trustee: Donald Cuttill

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on February 11, 2008 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on February 21, 2008 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: 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 January. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: 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 February. 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. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the bids for stage 2: Weeping Willow Road Reconstruction Continental Toyota of Hodgkins. Mr. O'Connell states there were only two responses to the bidding. Mr. Cainkar suggests to Mr. O'Connell there should be at least five bids and the project should be re-bid. Motion to approve the re-bidding by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Quarry Water Tower Agreement Amendment. The owners of Mid America was required to repaint the water tower in 2003, or there about, they did not repaint it because it did not require it. When Mid America did their title search during the Wal-Mart expansion plans, they found the lease agreements for the cellular antennas. There is no provision in our original agreement for these lease agreements on the water tower. The Village owns the water tower and Mid America owns the underlying property where the cellular components are housed and we only had an easement. The cellular leases have been very lucrative for the Village. In return for us to extend the lease agreements, the Village would bare the cost of having the water tower repainted. Mr. Rogers mentions there is another lessee interested in an antenna. Motion to approve Quarry Water Tower Agreement Amendment by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve Union Labor Agreement for future Village Projects. Mr. Rogers states we had discussion last October on this issue, but we did not take any action. Mr. Rogers also states this is an agreement which prevents work stoppage during the construction of the Village Hall similar to what the Fire District did on their new station on Lenzi Avenue. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny purchase of 0.8 acres from IAC. This purchase is to square off the property. The asking price is \$9/sq. ft.(market value \$12/sq.ft.) The Toyota Dealership will pay for one-third of the cost because they would benefit by that amount. Mr. O'Connell adds he would like to be able to talk with IAC with regard to 6B and roadway additions and an entrance off of 67th Street. The \$9 price is given if we agree with their concepts for the property. Motion to approve with the additional concepts and purchase of the 0.8 acres by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

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

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reports the payment to Cook County for the Village's portion of the cost for the 67th Street and East Avenue traffic signal is \$78,000. 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. Rogers reports that he has been contacted by a company that buys the leases of billboards companies. We have been contacted in the past by these companies and have not expressed an interest; will keep the Board apprized of the developments.

Mr. Rogers also reports on the tax protesters (the railroad is the largest tax objector) in terms of 2001-2001 taxes. Mr. Rogers needs Board action for the settlement. It is the

same dollar amount as last years protest. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Rogers has also been contacted by Black Dot Wireless who represents Sprint. They have two cell sites in the Village. They are very aggressive and have been told in the past we were not interested. Mr. Rogers continues to recommend we do not take any action.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Chief Kringlie distributed the annual report for the Police Department.
- The Police Department participated in a D.A.R.E. basketball game sponsored by the Countryside Police Department. Eleven officers from our department took part in the game.
- April 5th is the scheduled examination date set by the Civil Service Commission for to start the process of establishing a new list for patrol officers.
- Officer Carrisquillo is in the process of getting his final discharge.

Report from Public Works Foreman, Dennis Folkerts

No Report.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve Chairman

Mr. Folkerts is still on medical leave with an infection in his foot. The Department of Public Works has been concentrating on the move out of the Village Hall into temporary facilities on 67th Street.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

There has been some interest indicated from businesses who are looking at purchasing the public works building.

Mr. O'Connell discusses the property he is part owner of on River Road. Mr. Brett Kovel has purchased one of the industrial condominiums and operates a property management business called Elite Management. Mr. Kovel has petitioned the Village for a business license. Mr. Kovel will also be the president of the condominium association in that building. Motion to approve a business license for Elite Management by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

The next business is owned by William Bidy is a body shop that he will operate during the evening hours. Since this is a grass roots business, he will continue to work his regular job (fire department blacksmith) during the day. No equipment will be stored outside. This is a fair distance from any residential areas, so noise

would not be an issue with this type of business. Motion to approve a business license after the Pleasantview Fire Protection District has given approval. by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap comments on the letter received from Mrs. Drenning regarding the above average condition of our streets during snow storms vs. other communities. Additionally, there were many positive comments about the tax rebates.

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

No Report. Mr. Cuttill has been hospitalized in the ICU for a congestive heart condition and possibly pneumonia. Mrs. Cuttill is doing much better.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Old Business

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Marilyn from Weeping Willow Ranch asks how long will it be for the bids to go out for bids. Mr. O'Connell states that it will be in ~3 weeks. Additionally, the brightness of a new electronic sign has been dimmed; had been too bright.

Mr. Ron Sneed comments on the disposal of fluorescent bulbs because they contain mercury. The Village should make an effort to educate the residents with regard to the proper disposal procedures. Mr. Cummings says he will look into the matter; maybe a special container.

Mr. Struve comments that the same should be done for the proper disposal and recycling of batteries as well.

Closed Session.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the new Village Hall. Motion by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

CLOSED SESSION

Resume Open Session.

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

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

Adjourned: 8:30 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Voting Aye: _____ **Voting Nay:** _____ **Abstain:** _____