

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**MAY 12, 2008**

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

**Those present:**

**President: Noel Cummings**

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

**Attorney: Patrick Rogers**

**Those absent:**

**Trustee: Larry Rice  
Thomas Christopher**

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on April 14, 2008, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment to P. Walker Brothers for \$349,140.50 for work performed at 67<sup>th</sup> Street and LaGrange Road. Mr. Struve asked if the work is to the satisfaction of Mr. Cummings. Mr. Cummings states that it was. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment to MICA for \$121,798.00 for 2008-2009 liability insurance. Mr. Millsap asked how this amount compared to last year. Mrs. Salerno states that the premium has increased approximately \$10,000.00. Mr. Cummings points out that we considered becoming self insuring some time ago and if we had done that we would be approximately \$1MM ahead. However, one major incident would have a devastating economic impact on the Village. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve,

Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Suburban Mayors Council. Chief Kringlie states this is a new program for police officers to practice with computer generated scenarios. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny eliminating any residential building permit fees. Mr. Struve notes this would only be for R-1 building permits. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny reimbursing any residential building permit fees charged in 2008. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for discussion/action regarding relocation of utility poles on John O'Connell Drive (formerly known as Reservoir Road). Mr. Millsap states the proposal is to have a cost share of 50/50 with an estimated cost of \$100,000. However, after discussion the motion was amended to have cost sharing of 50/50, with the Village share not to exceed \$75,000.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

The item regarding the Billboard on John O'Connell Drive was tabled.

Mr. Struve resurrects the issue of guard rails along River Road where the road makes a jog to prevent the possibility of someone not negotiating curve in the road properly.

Mr. Cummings says that if something needs to be put up, then let's put it in. We should contact Mr. Cainkar to get the guard rails installed.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

**Report from Village Attorney, Patrick Rogers**

No Report.

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

- The Youth Division sponsored our Annual Anti-Gang Day at Hodgkins School on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. We spent the morning with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders talking about the dangers of getting involved with street gangs. In the afternoon the Police Department sponsored our Annual Safety Day.
- On Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 the Youth Division held our annual 18<sup>th</sup> Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Our fundraising this year included a Basketball challenge with the Police Department playing against the Hodgkins Park District on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's fundraising totaled over \$5,000.00.
- Recognition and thanks to the Hodgkins and Countryside ESDA for assisting with the Bike-A-Thon and crowd control for the Kentucky Derby festivities at the OTB. Coordinator Allan Mills is to be commended for directing the ESDA personnel for

- the entire day.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup> the Department hosted a Town Meeting with the residents of Lenzi Avenue. We discussed concerns over criminal activity in the area.
  - Our Youth Floor Hockey/Soccer league just completed their season. This program is ran by Sgt Chris Milojevich and included about 60-65 local kids who spent Friday evenings at the Park District playing Floor Hockey and Soccer. The Youth Division supplied the participants with T-Shirts.
  - The D.A.R.E. Class graduated on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Hodgkins Elementary School.
  - Our Police Intern started today. Nicole Vittori will spend the next 12 weeks completing the requirements for her Criminal Justice Degree from Western Illinois University.
  - Lt. Azzarello is scheduled to Graduate from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command this Friday.

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

No Report.

**Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

Mr. Evans reports of a fire on Lenzi Avenue. The fire occurred at 6026 Lenzi Avenue on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. The sprinklers did their job and suppressed the fire immediately with minimal damage. On April 26<sup>th</sup> in mid afternoon, there was a fire at Lone Star Restaurant. The origin was the neon lighting around the building. Business was interrupted about an hour. There was no internal or structural damage.

Additionally, there have been complaints from Weeping Willow Ranch residents concerning the condition of the exit ramp regarding a buckle in the pavement. When dump trucks hit the bump, their tailgates make a loud banging noise. Mr. Evans has been in contact with IDOT and it is on their schedule to repair. However, they are on shutdown right now. Mr. Evans was told that their priority at the moment was emergency repairs to potholes, etc. Mr. Evans was also told that the repair would, in all probability not occur this year.

Mr. Cummings has asked Mr. Evans to contact IDOT and request the Village make the repairs using Central Blacktop, an IDOT recognized company. This is a small project and the repairs would interrupt traffic for a very short period of time.

Mr. Evans states that IDOT is not stonewalling, since they have done other things that we have requested in the past, i.e. tree removal and replacement.

**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 reports on meetings on April 22, 2008, and May 5, 2008. The

discussion was with regard to a business license request for a small business to be located in the industrial condominiums on Santa Fe Drive. Another topic of discussion was of trucks servicing Arnold Logistics marring the green strip on the parkway along Santa Fe Drive. Mr. Evans thinks that things have gotten better since the meeting and the truck drivers are using the staging area.

Regarding the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Struve thinks that with the process the Board has decided to take with regard to the new Village Hall will delay construction approximately three months, but the wait should be worth it.

**Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Report.

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

There has been renewed discussion with regard to dispatch service with Willow Springs. The Village will need to make a decision on dispatch very soon. There are issues with the 9-1-1 revamp at Willow Springs. They are asking the Village to pay for one-half of the costs for the revamp. Currently, we are looking for alternative options. There has been a preliminary meeting with McCook.

Mr. Cummings states that we have discussed this in the past and we need to have a number of communities to join forces to form a central dispatch.

**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 on April 15<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Soutar was to be presented a Sherriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award for kindness, generosity and caring to her neighbors and friends. She was unable to pick up her medal on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rogers went into the city and picked up the medal for her.

Mr. Cummings presented Marilyn with her award.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley states she has put a publication from the Illinois Department of Public Health in each of the Trustees packets regarding the West Nile Virus.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Skip Meyers a resident of Pensacola, FL and Burr Ridge, IL addresses the Board of Trustees. Mr. Meyers asked if the Village had any ordinances with regard to parking

commercial vehicles on grass areas or does the vehicle need to be parked on a paved driveway. Mr. Meyers commends the Village for their improvements since the mid 1980's. Mr. Meyers admittedly has an undisclosed disagreement with Advantage Chevrolet. Mr. Meyers has made efforts through various agencies to force Advantage Chevrolet to remove their vehicles from the state right-of-way.

Mr. Rogers acknowledges he received a phone call from Mr. Meyers and asked how many other communities he has challenged for having vehicles parked on right-of-ways.

Mr. Meyers states he has not challenged any other community in this regard.

Mr. Cummings chastised Mr. Meyers for his unreasonable request to the Village to enforce an ordinance based on a personal vendetta.

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

Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Abstain:**