

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

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

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

Those absent:

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Thomas Christopher**

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on October 13, 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. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on October 22, 2008, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #1 to Albin Carlson & Company for \$969,321.20 for retaining wall and site utilities at the 67th and LaGrange Road project. Mr. Cainkar states that the work has been done satisfactorily. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement for the

provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services. Mr. Struve points out this is an annual agreement with the Cook County Board of Health. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2008-4** Supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympics Games. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the purchase of 6502 Conrad Avenue from John Zaccari for \$185,000. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #08-12** approving water rate increase for the Village of Hodgkins in the amount of \$0.29 per one thousand gallons for 2009. Mr. Millsap states this is an increase imposed upon the Village of McCook by the City of Chicago. The Village of Hodgkins is merely passing along the increase. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for discussion/action regarding proposed Water Department meter reading error at the AMC Theater. Mr. Rogers has had contact with the theater and they have requested the \$34,950.00 be repaid in three installments. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny invoice from John O'Connell for services rendered on the Continental Toyota Project for \$34,950.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #1 and final to Genco Industries for \$23,051.00 for water system modifications for a liquid chlorine system installation. The system has been installed and working properly. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2008-5** executing 2008 CDBG Project #08-022 for sidewalk improvements. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a discussion/action to authorize the Civil Service Commission to start the promotion examinations for Lieutenants and Sergeants. The current promotion list expires April 17, 2009. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #08-13** for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Hodgkins for 2008. Mr. Hortsman states this is

for the building of the structure for the budget for 2009 and needs to be approved by the last Tuesday of December. This also takes into account new growth we will be assessing. The objective is to keep the tax rate about where it is right now at ~\$1.15. This levy will not increase that tax rate and the objectives have been met. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the appointment of a new Village Prosecutor. Our current Village Prosecutor, Mr. Rogers, has been elected to a position of judge in the recent election. Mr. Rogers and Mr. O'Connell have had discussions concerning Mr. Rogers' successor. The recommendation from Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Rogers is Mr. Robert Malaro and his partner Mr. John Belmonte. Mr. O'Connell personally knows Mr. Malaro. Mr. Malaro is a State Representative and has been a lawyer for twenty-five years. He is a prosecutor in Berwyn, Burbank and Bridgeview. His offices are located on the southwest side of Chicago in the 23rd Ward. The thought is to bring them on for a test basis at an hourly rate to determine how it works out. There is an urgency to find a replacement for Mr. Rogers who starts his new assignment as a judge December 1, 2008. There are three dates that need to have Mr. Rogers' successor attend, December 1st for the local adjudication and the court dates in Bridgeview on December 12th and December 22nd need to have a representation by a Village attorney. The hourly rate has not yet been determined, but the industry standard should be applied. Mr. Millsap states that he is comfortable with whatever decision Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Rogers arrive at and the one month trial is agreeable with him. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #1 to Swallow Construction for \$76,952.70 for East Avenue water main replacement phase V. Mr. Struve is troubled by the week of idle time during the construction. It did not appear there was any logical reason work could not proceed for that time period. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reports that the 0.8 acres owned by IAC, Certified Grocers (tenant), Wells Fargo Bank (lender) to agree to sign stipulation agreement, the redevelopment agreement, and the settlement agreement and allow Mr. O'Connell to appear before Judge White. The property should be acquired by the next Board meeting.

Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Cummings met with the Police Pension Board and explained the actions regarding the transference of their funds to the State Bank of Countryside. Fifty thousand dollars was left in Republic Bank to cover interim expenses. The Pension Board understood the issue and is taking steps to set up a new system of how they invest.

Mr. O'Connell expressed his gratitude toward Mr. Rogers and the way he has performed his duties for the past twenty year. This is the last meeting for Mr. Rogers as a Village attorney. Mr. O'Connell congratulates Mr. Rogers on his recent election as judge.

Mr. Cummings also expresses his gratitude to Mr. Rogers for his service to the Village.

Mr. Rogers responds with his gratefulness toward Mr. Cummings, Mr. O'Connell and the Village and that this was never really a job, but a labor of love.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

Chief Kringlie expresses his gratitude toward Mr. Rogers for the representation he has provided in court for the past twenty years.

Chief Kringlie presented commendations to the following officers for their participation October 14, 2008, in the capture of two residential burglary suspects:

- Lt. Azzarello
- Sgt. Milojevich
- Officer Polowski
- Officer Byrd
- Officer Bennett

Additionally, Officer Byrd received a commendation for his rescue efforts on October 14, 2008, at the CITGO gas station on Joliet Road. Officer Byrd administered CPR until Pleasantview personnel arrived.

Mr. Cummings states that this demonstrates how well the Village of Hodgkins is protected.

Report from Acting Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

Mr. Rice reports on the following:

- Progress of the Toyota progress at 67th Street. The project is moving along on schedule.
- The Burma Road will not be done this winter as expected.
- Street lighting is in and lights are expected to be operational with the next week.
- Parkway trees have been planted and watered.
- Wal-Mart expansion is proceeding. Bids have been let for the project.
- Railroad track crossing is completed.

Mr. O'Connell interjects with a request regarding an invoice from AT&T to remove utility poles in the amount of \$37,234.37. Mr. O'Connell states that this needs to be voted on to pay as part of the cost to remove. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked about the sign request from last meeting. Mr. Rice said the signs were put up the next day.

Mr. Millsap also asked if there was an adequate salt supply for the winter. Mr. Rice said there was enough salt (1,200 tons).

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Mr. Evans expresses his appreciation for Mr. Rogers and his guidance.

- There have been several complaints on Lenzi Avenue and are being addressed.
- Valley Oaks had some situations and are being addressed.

- Update from the architect for the new Village Hall on what can be expected.
- November 17, 2008, foundation excavation ready. The structural steel plan.
- Structural and mechanical engineer is coordinating with the electrical engineer.
- Mr. Evans gives a tentative timeline for the remaining construction of the building.
- Mr. Evans is to meet with the architect this coming Thursday.

Mr. O'Connell states he has received the contract from the Design/Build team. The contract is consistent with all the discussion. There has not been a guaranteed maximum price inserted because that has not been determined yet. For the purposes of keeping the project moving along smoothly, Mr. O'Connell asked for a motion authorize the Village President to sign the agreement with the understanding that the final price has not been ascertained. This will keep the project moving. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

The 2009 budget is being prepared.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Leaves are being picked up.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

Mr. Rogers mentions the satellite dish installation on the water tower. This installation requires an amendment to the current lease agreement. Motion to amend lease by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap expresses his gratitude to Mr. Rogers for his dedication to the Village of Hodgkins for the past twenty years.

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

No Report.

Old Business

New Business

Comments from the Audience

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

Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: