

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 13, 2008

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

Attorney: John O'Connell
Patrick Rogers

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2008, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. 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 the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on September 29, 2008, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. 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 file for audit the Finance Statement for May 2008. Motion to file for audit 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 file for audit the Finance Statement for June, 2008. Motion to file for audit by Mr. Millsap. 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 file for audit the Finance Statement for July 2008. Motion to file for audit 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 the payment of bills for the month of September. 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 authorizing the 2008 garbage/real estate tax rebates for the residents of the Village of Hodgkins. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation on the AIC variance request. Mr. Struve states that the only question he has is whether or not the action would be revisited if there was a new owner in the future. Mr. O'Connell states the variance goes with the property and not the ownership. 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 TIF expenditure on Salerno Pincente Restaurante. Mr. O'Connell states that there was a lengthy discussion in the closed session of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees where this matter was discussed in a general way for some form of a grant from the TIF expenditure. The consensus taken at the closed session was three for and three against; there was never a vote taken beyond that. October 10, 2008, there was a meeting of the TIF Joint Review Board where this subject was discussed among other items. The taxing bodies were given an idea of what they would be receiving by way of the surplus. At that time, the Salerno-Pincente Restaurante proposal brought up. The new approach is to make the TIF expenditure in the form of a forgivable mortgage for \$300,000 with a five year term for repayment with 20% per year forgivable for each year the restaurant stayed in business. Therefore, if the restaurant is still in operation in five years, the mortgage would be completely forgiven. The consideration is the approximately \$150,000 annually from the OTB, a redevelopment agreement would be executed by the Village and the owners of the Salerno Pincente Restaurant which would state this is a mortgage and this is how it would work. Furthermore, the OTB license issued to Andrew Salerno and Frank Pincente by the Racing Board in 2007, that license would have to remain at that facility so that prior to the five years they would close, they could not use the license at another location unless the balance of the mortgage was paid in full. This scenario protects the Village from loss of revenue. The Village would hold a subordinate mortgage to the State Bank of Countryside. The property has been appraised for an amount that would protect the Village. This is a little different from what was originally talked about. This is not an unprecedented procedure, i.e. when Ettleson brought in the additional dealership, TIF expenditures were used affect the move.

Mr. Millsap agrees that it is a nice facility that everyone wants to see succeed. However, the restaurant has been in business almost a year and we are doing this now; this should have been done at the beginning. This is a difficult economic time for any new business. The point is, if we do this for Salerno Pincente, are we going to make the same offer to other businesses in the TIF area? Mr. Millsap is not comfortable voting on this new approach without further research.

Mr. Cummings feels a delay could mean closure for the restaurant and, therefore, is calling for a vote on the issue tonight. Motion to approve the TIF expenditure on Salerno Pincente Restaurante by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve. Voting Nay: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Clerk Sexton notes that there is a tie vote requiring President Cummings to cast the tie breaking vote. Mr. Cummings votes aye to break the tie and approve the TIF expenditure.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment to ComEd for \$233,163.62 for underground electric for Continental Toyota on 67th Street and LaGrange Road. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Cuttill. 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 a two hour minimum call out time. Mr. Struve states that this was a discussion item in committee. Mr. Millsap clarifies that the two hour minimum time would be at the time and one-half rate. 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.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

A judgment agreement for the 0.8 acres has been worked out with Certified Grocers, IAC and Wells Fargo Bank (Wells Fargo owns the mortgage). The agreement should be presented to Judge White either this week or next week. This allows the Village could then sell a portion to Toyota and the other portion would become Weeping Willow Road/Burma Road.

Mr. Rogers has received a proposal from Sprint with regard to our water tower. When they do the expansion consists of a seven pound satellite with no additional ground work. Mr. Rogers would like Mr. Cainkar to look at the proposal to ensure the install what they say they are going to install. Action can be taken at the next meeting.

The NAG meeting attended by Mr. Rogers, residents gave positive responses to the police foot patrol initiated by Chief Kringlie this summer.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Officer Mike Bennett has returned to work following his off-duty auto accident.
- Police Recruit Joseph Klotz is doing well in the Police Academy and is scheduled to graduate on December 4th, 2008.
- Officer Hansel Howard retired from the Department on Sept 9th and is enjoying retirement after serving 25 years with us. The FOP is hosting a Retirement party at Salerno's Restaurant on Friday October 17th, 2008.
- Santa Fe Railroad will be replacing the crossing on Santa Fe Drive. This will require the street to be closed for 2-3 days. I have worked with Eric Rice on this issue. The tentative date for this is Oct 24-26. We will be making contact with all the businesses on Santa Fe Drive and River Road and the street will be posted with signage advising the public on the road closure.
- I would like to thank the Hodgkins ESDA members for their assistance over the past couple of months. They were extremely helpful with the recent floods in the area, the Village Picnic and Coordinator Al Mills working with Eric Rice has the new severe weather siren up and running.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

- 1) The truck issue at 7220 Santa Fe Drive has been satisfactorily resolved with both islands having been removed. Sixteen trees have been planted in the remaining green space. The landscaping across the street at Wonder Bread has also been completed.
- 2) Meetings were held October 6th and 7th with General Contractor Bruno Corp. and Fitzgerald Earls Architects. The revised design drawings for the New Village Hall were finalized and approved.
 - Weather was discussed regarding expectation dates. All plans and documents will be completed in approximately four weeks (November 11, 2008).
 - Steve, from Bruno stated the bid process would take two to four weeks or sometime between November 25 and December 8, 2008.
 - There was an agreement to meet again in November to see where we are.
 - The Village Board needs to decide if we should delay the start of the project until next spring instead of starting the project in the winter.
 - The entrance to the Boardroom is just about completed. Mr. Cuttill is in agreement with the current plan.

Mr. Eric Rice further adds:

- 1) The Toyota project is moving along well.
- 2) New "Burma Road" is going along well.
- 3) New sod and guard rail has been installed; looks very good.
- 4) Project as a whole is moving along nicely.

- 5) New water main has been installed on the site.
- 6) Streets in the residential area of town are being repaired.
- 7) New street signs have all been installed and look very good.

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 the meeting held September 18, 2008.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap states he has already started working on the 2009 budget for the Police Department. Mr. Millsap also states the banners along 63rd Street look very good and has had many compliments. Perhaps we should consider banners of this type along East Avenue.

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. Mills, E.S.D.A. Coordinator, reports that the new siren is up and functional with help from Mr. Eric Rice.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill reports that the Aging Well flu and pneumonia shot program conducted last Friday was a huge success. Approximately 50 people showed up at the Park District for the inoculation.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley distributed a wallet card where your personal medical information may be kept and retrieved in case of an emergency, or if you are unable to communicate your medical history.

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Cainkar states that a bill from P. Walker Brothers Construction was omitted and needs to be paid. Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment to P. Walker Brothers for \$200,057.64. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Comments from the Audience

Chief Kringlie, speaking as a resident of the Village of Hodgkins, states he is very appreciative of the tax rebate program the Board of Trustees has implemented again this year.

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: 8:00 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: