

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 14, 2009

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
Timothy Callahan**

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 Temp for this meeting. Motion to elect Mr. Cuttill by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. 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 August 10, 2009 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve 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. Cuttill asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for July 2009. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, 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 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 bid from Am-Coat Painting for \$155,630.00 for painting Quarry Shopping Center water tower. 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. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny payment for August to JP Bruno for work performed on the Village Hall for \$303,179.94. Mr. Evans is satisfied with the progress on the building. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. 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 payment #2 to Central Blacktop for \$910,715.24 for paving performed at Continental Toyota. 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 a motion to approve/deny a business license to Lincare, Inc. locating at 6880 River Road, Suite 22 & 25. Mr. Struve states that this company was interview at a Building Committee meeting and the consensus was to issue a business license. 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 **Ordinance #09-08** Zoning change for property located on River Road from I-55 on the south to 67th Street on the north from Light Manufacturing to Heavy Manufacturing. Mr. Rice states this issue was discussed at a Zoning Committee meeting and the consensus was to allow the zoning change. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. 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 **Ordinance #09-09** authorizing Special Use Concrete-Asphalt Plant. Mr. Rice states this was also discussed. Mr. O'Connell, however, is not completely satisfied with the agreement. Mr. O'Connell asks that this issue be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to Approve **Resolution #2009-11** Dedicating Don Cuttill Drive. 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.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

Mr. Struve asked about the new roads. Mr. Cainkar says the pre-construction meeting is this Thursday the start date is expected within two weeks after that. Mr. Rice also asked about the gas leaks along Kane Avenue, are they going to be repaired before the street is repaved? If not, the new street will be dug up when they do repair them. Mr. Millsap states that the Gas Company has been out here several times.

Mr. Evans suggests getting the Fire Department involved and have the area

carefully scrutinized by the Fire Department.

Mr. Struve asked Mr. O'Connell to review this from a legal standpoint. Mr. O'Connell states he does have a contact at NICOR and will contact him tomorrow.

Mr. Millsap suggests we have a Streets and Alley Committee meeting with a NICOR representative in attendance to explain the necessity of have the repairs done properly before the streets are repaved.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell states that the meeting with a law firm the other day about financing under the stimulus plan. The program for capital projects for municipalities provides for interest rebates i.e. 35% of the interest payments we pay on a bond could be rebated by the Federal Government. The two items we raised for consideration are overages for the Toyota Project are now about \$2MM over budget. We might be able to get 35% of the interest rebated if we get a bond reimbursed by the Federal Government. This is being looked into.

The Village Hall is over cost as well. This project would be eligible as well if we got a bond to fund the overages.

Other capital projects like the streets, the Murphy purchase, etc. All these items are eligible for the 35% interest rebate on a bond.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has sent out a report increasing the amount of funds from \$27MM to \$42MM. The discussion with ComEd about the bypass road is probably not going to occur. It is too close to their towers. The continual delays are still occurring at the Santa Fe Drive grade crossing. The plan arrived at in 2005 is for an underground passage at a cost of \$7.5MM, which is totally prohibitive. A representative from Com Ed came out last Tuesday and the situation was explained to him. The biggest problem is the overhead wires. A new approach has been adopted by Com Ed called Monopole tower that could elevate the wires and could provide some feasibility of an overpass. If we are able to get the money from the ICC and money from Santa Fe RR and any stimulus money, it might be worthwhile to bring back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. O'Connell has met with Cook County about the transfer of East Avenue and 67th Street to the Village. The County is very receptive. We told them that we do not want to pay for the deceleration lane on 67th Street for IAC.

Mr. Struve asked if Mr. O'Connell inquired about the additional lane on East Avenue for residential on street parking. Mr. O'Connell said he did not inquire.

The repairing would be done with federal money according to Mr. Cainkar. The repairs are typically done about every eight years.

Mr. Struve states that the street is already showing signs of needing repair with the crack sealing starting to deteriorate.

Mr. Struve states there is no advantage to the Village of taking over these streets without some incentives for the street upgrades and widening, etc. The only thing the Village would be getting is the maintenance.

Mr. Rice asked if the speed limit can be regulated by the Village on that road. Mr. O'Connell said the Village can regulate the speed limit.

Mr. Callahan states the Freedom of Information Act is going to change fairly dramatically. Mr. Callahan has been working with the Clerk's office to come up with a procedure. His suggestion is to draft an ordinance to cover the Freedom of Information Act. The sections giving municipalities reasons to deny access to documents has mostly been removed.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

Mr. Millsap reports for Chief Kringlie. The picnic went well, everyone did a fantastic job. There were no injuries of any sort, unlike prior years.

There have been some burglaries lately and we should all be vigilant about unusual cars and people in the area.

Mr. Struve suggests that the new automobile ignition key fobs are a good deterrent; just push the button and lock the door of your car if you suspect someone who should not be there is in or around your property.

Mr. Rice says that during the summer months there is a foot patrol.

Mr. Millsap says that we are not a unique community. The neighboring communities have been hit hard.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

No Report.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Things are moving along on the new Village Hall. Once the roof is installed the interior will move along nicely.

Mr. Millsap asked about an approximate finish date. Mr. Evans says he is being told it will be about the middle of January 2010.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reported on the meeting of September 9, 2009.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve reported on the meeting of September 2, 2009.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve reported on the meeting of September 2, 2009.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

Mr. Christopher mentions the bid for painting the water tower.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

There was a meeting. Another meeting is being planned.

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

All the personnel did an excellent job this past weekend at the Village Picnic.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill says the flu shots given at the Park District went over very well. Approximately 55 people received shots in a two hour period.

The Aging Well picnic is this Friday, everyone is invited.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley demonstrated a free service of the La Grange Hospital pharmacy. They will package you daily medications in a see-through dispenser for daily medications at no additional charge if the meds are purchased at the hospital pharmacy.

Old Business

New Business

Comments from the Audience

There were no comments.

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

Adjourned: 8:47 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: