

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 10, 2014

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Vicky Moxley
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Hugh Rhodes
Phillip Kringlie

Also Present: John O'Connell, Attorney
Tim Callahan, Attorney
Jim Cainkar, Engineer

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on January 13, 2014, 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. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for December 2013. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of January. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hodgkins and the Hodgkins Park District. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny awarding of bid to Utility Dynamics Corp in the amount of \$134,075 for 2014 LED Luminaire Conversion Project. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Kringlie asked if Mr. Cainkar was familiar with this Company and if they were qualified to embark on this job due to the difference of the projected engineer cost and the amount that was bid. Mr. Cainkar

noted he has worked with this company and they are qualified. As to the difference in costs, Mr. Cainkar noted the cost of the LED Lights has decreased significantly; therefore the cost reduction is why the large difference between the engineers estimated cost and the bids received. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Resolution #2014-02 regarding TIF 1 Village payments to State of Illinois for East Avenue improvements. Attorney O'Connell noted the monies designated for the East Avenue project will not be paid until later this year and as the monies from TIF 1 were designated for this project even though TIF 1 ended December 31, 2013. This money needs to go into its own bank account exclusively for this project to be paid and all invoices for this project need to be paid from this account. Therefore the President and Board of Trustees needed to have this Resolution to direct the \$202,000 to go into this special account at the State Bank of Countryside for these payments. Allowing the Village to meet its obligations to the State of Illinois for payment of this project. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny authorization for the Village Attorney to seek acquisition of 1.25 acres on East Avenue. Mr. O'Connell stated this is the property that is in front of Village property located on East Avenue by the quarry entrance across from the movie theater. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rhodes. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John T. O'Connell

Attorney O'Connell stated he would be making an effort to negotiate in making a successful acquisition for the 1.25 acres on East Avenue. This would add to the 2.9 acres behind this property. So this acquisition would facilitate this property to be more able to support a business such as Advantage Chevrolet. The Village has received a rough appraisal amount of the property's value.

The Village is also working on two redevelop agreements with Mr. Ben Shipper and Mr. Desmond Roberts, regarding property along East Avenue. Phase 1 was to purchase 1.4 acres of property along East Avenue that was done in 2013. This is beginning of Phase 2 to start the process by purchasing the 1.25 acres on East Avenue.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap

Mr. Cummings noted the Chief had back surgery and was getting better every day. Deputy Chief, Jack Azzarello noted he had no report

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott

Mr. Scott mentioned the abundance of snow that has fallen, approximately 60" so far. He noted there were numerous complaints from residents regarding their driveways being blocked in by snow from the Village snow plows. He assured them the Public Works Department is almost completely done in remedying this problem and asks for a little patience from those that still need some plowing done.

Resident, Marilyn Soutar asked if the Village was out of salt for the roads. Mr. Scott replied the Village has enough for itself but did not have enough to help out other communities with their shortage.

Report From Building Inspector, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reports the Park District building and Ettleson Cadillac is moving steadily along. He also noted UPS has started its renovation.

Mr. Scott wanted to thank Mr. Kovel for his help pertaining to the numerous projects that had not been previously completed.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky

Mr. Tholotowsky noted he is still working with the owners of the Lenzi Avenue. He has conducted several apartment inspections during the last several months and some have needed more inspections than others but eventually they have corrected the problems. He stated he has just completed basement inspections with the Village plumber, Ray Gibson and is waiting for Mr. Gibson's report. They did find some violations but is optimistic the landlords will correct those as well.

There have been some issues regarding unit heaters and this will be the last season the current heaters will be used. He had met with Mr. Pat Callahan regarding new heater's that will be chosen to replace the current ones hopefully this will happen in short order.

A new procedure has been started as to when an apartment has been vacated, before a new resident is allowed to move in there will be an occupancy inspection done at that apartment so all violations will be resolved before a new tenant may occupy it.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley stated the meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd was held and information was given regarding the audit of the Police Pension Fund. There will be further meetings working with their actuary and the Village to resolve the Village's portion of pension funding.

Public Works Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie commended Mr. Scott and Mr. Tholotowsky regarding all their work pertaining to the Building Department and new upgrades to make it work more efficiently.

He noted the sprinkler head in the Village Hall lobby broke again and K&S Sprinklers came and capped off the leak.

He commended the public works for all the plowing they have been doing.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve stated he will be scheduling a committee meeting in the future to discuss the costs of multiple building inspections.

Water Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie stated the Village is moving forward with the new server for the water system. The server is already installed and is currently downloading and uploading all the information, programs and connections from the previous computer.

He has been talking to Jack Scott and they are hoping to replace a valve at the reservoir on Lenzi Avenue to prevent any problems that might happen.

Mr. Kringlie stated they are hoping to start the River Road sewer project soon.

Police Committee, Hugh Rhodes, Chairman

Mr. Rhodes stated the garage doors for the Police Department should be installed this week.

The part-time records clerk, Jackie Warkentein, has finished her 90 day probation period. It was reported to him she was doing an excellent job.

The next meeting with the F.O.P. has been scheduled for February 24th.

The Deputy Chief also advised him of a fatal accident that happened Saturday night on LaGrange Road.

9-1-1 Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

E.S.D.A. Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve mentioned he needed to meet with Allan Mills, ESDA Coordinator to discuss hiring more ESDA employees. Mr. Struve then asked Mr. Mills to update the Board on any information regarding ESDA.

Mr. Mills stated he had plenty of employees, approximately 13. They did not go out because of the snow and the bitter cold weather if they didn't have to.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill stated the next Aging Well committee will be on February 19th at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held upstairs in the Josh Adair room. Usually the meetings are held in the meeting room in the basement but currently Tot Time from the Park District is using the room because of the construction going on at the Park District.

He also mentioned talking with Jack Scott regarding the Christmas decorations that have yet to be taken down. Mr. Scott stated this is on their agenda but it takes a back seat to the weather conditions that must be taken care of first.

Mr. Cuttill asked Deputy Chief, Jack Azzarello if he could attend the aging well meeting or if one of the officers, such as Todd Miller could attend. DC Azzarello stated someone would be at their next meeting.

Health, Safety & Human Resource, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley mentioned how reassuring it was to see people checking on their neighbors and helping each other out during the recent extreme weather conditions.

She also wanted the Public Works Department to know how appreciative she was regarding them keeping the street clear. She stated other towns look like war zones and it seems like nothing was being done to clear them while the Village streets are clear.

She said one cannot judge how the Village looks until you go into other communities in regards to the weather.

It was mentioned that Hodgkins Immanuel Lutheran Church has just installed a new minister recently and it is hoped there is a resurgence in attendance at the church and any others that would like to attend. If there are any other religious institutions that would like to get out important information the Village would be glad to mention it at these meetings.

Old Business

Mr. Cummings mentioned the Village had received one bid regarding the asbestos removal for 6103 East Avenue. He asked Mr. Jack Scott if he had received any of the others yet but Mr. Scott responded he had not gotten one yet. Attorney O'Connell mentioned the original proposal was \$27,000 which exceeds the amount the Village can accept without having other bids. The reason this is so high is because the outside of the building is mostly asbestos. Therefore, Mr. Cummings asked if he could have a motion to put this into the Building Committee for a motion to approve or deny the appropriate bid as this project needs to be done immediately.

Mr. Kringlie asked if the Village publicized these bids. Attorney O'Connell stated no, but stated they had 3 bids that are being submitted to us, plus the one we already have. Asbestos abatement is different from other bids and is not necessary to publicize them.

Mr. Kringlie asked as to the time line that was needed to have this done. Attorney O'Connell stated there was no time line other than this needed to be done prior to the demolition of this building. Mr. Kringlie asked then if there was any reason that this should not be put in the paper requesting bids? He mentioned he would feel better if it was put into the paper but he wasn't sure as to the time frame when the asbestos removal needed to be done. Mr. Cummings stated this needed to be done a.s.a.p. and Attorney O'Connell agreed. Attorney O'Connell stated then the thing that should be done is to publish the ad in the DesPlaines Valley News and instead of being approved or denied in a committee meeting the Village just wait until the next Board Meeting. Mr. Cummings stated TIF monies had been slated for this project as well and now that leaves the money sitting longer until this project can be completed. Attorney O'Connell stated as there was a discussion regarding this topic it is in the best interest of the Board members to put notice of this bid into the paper for transparency in government. Therefore this money should also be set up in a special account in the bank for this project exclusivity as done previously for the Resolution that was passed earlier in this meeting. Mr. Cummings asked if a vote was needed regarding this and the Clerk, Mr. Sexton responded no, but Mr. Rhodes made a motion to post the bid in the DesPlaines Valley News regarding bids for asbestos removal for 6103 East Avenue. Second by Mr. Kringlie. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings wanted to discuss the selling of the Village owned lots in Hodgkins starting with the 6500 Chester Avenue lot. He suggested the bid price begin with a minimum \$50,000 and an ad be put into the DesPlaines Valley News regarding information with date and time of bid opening. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Mr. R.V. Millsap stated he did not hear the vote regarding awarding the bid to Utility Dynamics Corp in the amount of \$134,075 for 2014 LED Luminaire Conversion Project. He was told it was a six ayes were given.

Mrs. Suzy Azzarello wanted to commend the Public Works Department for their snow plowing and noted that if a person went out of the Village of Hodgkins they would see how wonderful the Village was in regards to plowing. The roads on her way to work are always in extremely bad shape early on snow days but Hodgkins is always plowed for traffic. She noted Village residents were spoiled.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:45 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk by
Sharon Wells, Deputy Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0