

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**January 11, 2016**

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

**Those Present:**

**Acting President: Donald Cuttill**

**Trustee: Vicky Moxley  
Larry Rice  
Paul Struve  
Dominic Misasi  
Philip Kringlie**

**Attorney: John O'Connell**

**Those Absent:**

**President: Noel Cummings**

Clerk Gardner Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to have Mr. Cuttill be acting president for the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2015, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion approved by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Abstain from vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for November 2015. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of December. Motion to approve the bills by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hodgkins, the Hodgkins Park District, and the Hodgkins Library. Mr. Struve had a change that needed to be made. On page 2, item 8 needs to be amended. It needs to say the parkways on East and West sides of Kimball all the way until the end of the street, not stopping at Cobb Street. It needs to go all the way down to include the houses and the church that are located on this street. A motion to accept the agreement, pending the corrections was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Aye: None. Abstain from vote: Mr. Misasi

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny purchase of 1.3 Acres from Vulcan Materials in the amount of \$175,000. Mr. O'Connell asked that any approval of the purchase of the property be contingent on acquiring of the "Dostal" property. The property is east of the Dostal property, and is a triangle shaped piece which is 1.3 acres and is about \$3.00 a sq. ft. Mr. O'Connell recommended that we approve the price of the property for 1.3 acres of property, subject to the Village acquiring the Dostal property. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny appointment of Retired Deputy Chief Azzarello to Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. Moxley asked for update on what the salary and hours would be for the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Struve said it would be about 22 hours per pay period, at about \$30.00 per hour or about \$18,000 annually. Having a Code Enforcement Officer would allow us to have someone to actually write citations, that will work in the beginning with Mr. Tholotowsky and in all areas of the Village that need work. Deputy Chief, Retired, Azzarello is already familiar with the codes and the court process, so that we would not have to utilize the Police Department, who is already very busy. It would be an assist to the code department. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #16-01 to require notice to the Village Clerk of an intent to Convey Sale of Real Estate. Mr. O'Connell stated that the transfer tax that was added last year required that there be a referendum. The Illinois Real Estate Association brought it to our attention that this referendum needed to be

done. At the time we were under pressure to do something to make sure certain properties were being sold without our knowledge. What we have done is wait and see if we want to have a referendum in November and in the meantime in order for building inspections to proceed, this would require notification to the Village Clerk, that the party intended to send their improved real estate, property with a building on it as soon as knowledge of their intent to sell becomes knowledgeable. The building inspection would be done to show the property is up to code, and then a certificate would be given to the grantee or grantor showing the property is up to code. There will be no tax. Mr. O'Connell stated there is an amendment of its face to #16-01, which is to delete the paragraph on page one, the Escrow paragraph. The Escrow paragraph will be deleted. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny a Letter of Understanding between the Illinois FOP Council and the Village of Hodgkins Regarding Two Retired Police Insurance Benefits. Mr. O'Connell stated that under the police contract there were two provisions which would be triggered when an individual retires. The first being if the officer retires at age 50 with at least 20 years of experience. The two that retired had more than 25 years of service. There was a discussion with the FOP, and if an officer is to retire with more than 25 years of experience that it was our consideration that they achieved what the village wanted to achieve with the longevity of our officers instead of just an age. Nick Sedwinski, the Village representative and the FOP there is a preliminary approval to allow for an individual aged 50 but more than 25 years' experience, to include their dependents and themselves for insurance benefits. Mr. O'Connell said this was done by deleting the age 55. Mr. Struve thought it would be fair to add this. Mr. O'Connell stated the recent changes to the FOP had not been filed, so these changes could be added also. Mr. Kringlie said he understood the reason for this process and he understood where this is going. He did not believe this to be what they were talking about. This is a Village wide for all employees not just the police department. He said you are offering full medical benefits with 25 years of service, even if they are under the age of 50. There was believed to be a state statute, but this needs to be clarified. Mr. Kringlie believes insurance wise this would be a huge financial impact on the village. Mr. O'Connell states that he was advised by Council that there is a state statute of 50 years old. Mr. Kringlie believes that the state statute is not applicable for public works employees and all other village employees.

Mr. O'Connell asked that this be tabled and sent to the police committee with appropriate amendments to avoid the concerns that Mr. Kringlie and Mr. Struve are concerned about. Mr. Struve recommended this to be sent to the police committee and when they figure out what the appropriate corrections are, then they approach the board

with the corrections that are necessary. Mr. Rice seconded that recommendation/motion. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining from vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny Payment #2 and final to Central Blacktop Company, INC. in the amount of \$5402.56 for the Hank Loukota Drive repaving. Mr. Kringlie that this job has been completed and signed off on by Mr. Cainkar. A motion to approve the payment was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny the relocation of the water department computer servers from the Public Works building to the Village Hall. Mr. Kringlie stated that this is a project we have been working on, and it is somewhat complex. The best system is a microwave wifi station. They will be secured safely here in the village hall, and phone and computers will be consolidated. The quote is approximately \$20,000 A motion to approve the relocation of the servers was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

#### **Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

Absent- No Report

#### **Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell**

January 28<sup>th</sup> is a quick take hearing to acquire the 8.2 acres of the Dostal property.

#### **Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap.**

Rubin Rodriguez graduated on December 18<sup>th</sup> from police academy. He is the field training program.

The Police Department is in the process of updating all their policies and procedures with Lexapro, and it is expected to take about 6 months.

The new Chevy Capris will be delivered next week.

#### **Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott**

Mr. Scott reported that we have 6 loads of salt and the bin is full. We also have 3 loads of treated salts for extreme cold weather.

The storm sewer evaluation came in for Santa Fe Drive and there is one part of the sewer that is 45% collapsed for approximately 200 feet. This will need to be addressed rather quickly.

We have new equipment coming, and Mr. Scott deferred that to Mr. Kringlie for further details

### **Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel**

Absent- No Report

### **Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky**

Mr. Tholotowsky reported that inspections are continuing on Lenzi Ave. Apartments. At 6021 Lenzi there is some extensive work going on and inspections are ongoing. All the inspections at the mobile home parks are ongoing.

Jenny Craig has moved into the Quarry shopping center. They have had occupancy inspections.

Business Licenses are going on and being reviewed for multifamily apartments for this business year. Mr. Tholotowsky looks forward to working with Deputy Chief Azzarello

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report

#### **Public Works Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman**

The quiet zone construction is almost complete. There has been another stumbling block with the railroad. There is a driveway on the east side and they are damaging the gate as they leave. There are some other issues that need to be addressed. We are in the process of meeting with them.

Next week a new tractor is being delivered, it will help with snowplowing and grass cutting.

At the next meeting there will be a new line added to the budget for a new truck and snowplow.

Today there was an issue with the generators not kicking on. They have been in contact with Illini Power, they were out today and test runs will be done over the next week to solve the issues.

**Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

There was a building committee meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed Eagle Freight. With the agreements with AIC we had to allow them to have Eagle Freight come in to the facility. When inspections are completed they will be welcomed in.

**Water Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman**

There was an emergency repair done on Friday the River Road pumping station. The heater went out on Thursday, it has been replaced the roof top mounted heat pump.

We are still in the planning stage for the Storm Sewer Project on Santa Fe Road storm sewer project. Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Cainkar, and consultants. This will be an extensive project that will hopefully be ready by spring.

The process for the wireless computer system will be starting.

**Police Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

Absent- No Report

**911 Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman**

No Report

**Zoning Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman**

No Report

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

E.S.D.A. is doing a good job.

**Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman**

There will not be any meetings for January. The next meeting will be in February

**Health, Safety, & Human Resource Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report

## **Old Business**

Chief Millsap asked about the contribution to the pension fund. Mrs. Salerno said this is already being taken care of and is being scheduled. Mr. Struve stated that for the last two years, as a board, they have decided to add extra money to this fund to try and get the Village to a higher level in the pension fund.

Mrs. Sherry Wells asked about water rates for this year. At this time water rates are not expected to have to be increased for residents of the Village

## **New Business**

### **Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Alfredo Montoya of Valley Oaks came to the podium to speak. He is concerned about things that are going on in Valley Oaks, strange cars, people walking around. He asked about having cameras at the main entrances of the park. It was explained that there are plans for cameras around the community and there is a plan for increasing the number of cameras. It was explained that this will be a multi-year project. Chief Millsap asked to anyone call immediately with any concerns, and let him know there is a Neighborhood watch in Valley Oaks, so please call with any issues. Mr. Tholotowsky did state there has been some gang graffiti and the police and park managers have been notified of this issue. Chief Millsap let Mr. Montoya know that if he would like cameras in the park that possibly they can talk with the management of the park to add cameras to the park to make it safer..

David Roman came to the podium to speak, he also stated his safety concerns for the community. He would like info on the neighborhood watch program also.

Mrs. Marilyn Suter stated her safety concerns for people who are turning left from Don Cuttill Drive onto South LaGrange Road at times they are not supposed to. She is concerned about accidents happening. Mr. Urban and Mr. Struve gave some suggestions, and it will be monitored. There are signs posted of the no left turn at certain times of the day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:56 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 2-8-16

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0