

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

**Special Board Meeting**

**August 23, 2016**

**Meeting called to order: 5:00 P.M.**

**Those Present:**

**President: Noel Cummings**

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

**Attorney: John O'Connell**

**Absent:**

**Stephanie Gardner, Clerk**

Roll Call

Mr. Cummings asked if anyone from Superior Lawns was in attendance. Mr. Richard Helfrich was in the audience and came forward. Trustee Struve welcomed Mr. Helfrich to the Village and asked him to give a brief description regarding his business.

Mr. Helfrich stated Superior Lawns was hoping to locate their facility at 6200 River Road. They would be doing business as Spring Green and they provide lawn maintenance pertaining to weeds and bug damage. They would be using chemicals such as Round Up for the lawns and bug killing chemicals. They would store those types of chemicals at this facility.

Mr. Struve asked how many employees would be at this location and how many vehicles would also be housed there. Mr. Helfrich responded they expected to have 13 employees and 13 vehicles. Employees would be dropping off their own vehicles for the day and pick up a truck to work during the day. Only the branch manager and the

assistant manager take company vehicles home. Mr. Helfrich noted that in five years they hoped to be up to 16 trucks.

Trustee Misasi made a motion to approve a business license for Superior Lawns. Trustee Rice seconded. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve or deny the bid of \$58,340.00 from K-Five Construction for the pad of the salt dome.

Mr. Kringlie stated this had gone out to bid, two companies submitted a proposal and K-Five was the lowest. He also noted Engineer, Jim Cainkar reviewed the proposal and everything was satisfactory.

Mr. Kringlie made the motion to approve the bid of \$58,340.00 from K-Five Construction for the salt dome pad. Mr. Struve second. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for Mr. Struve to discuss with the Board as to what he foresaw as the Handicapped Assistance Program to be.

Mr. Struve stated the trustees had always discussed ways that the Village could help residents with special needs using special equipment or ramps for disabilities. He stated he noticed that Pete DePaoli, a Village resident had a "Go Fund Me" notice on the internet to help put an outside elevator in front of Andy Lynn's residence on Kimball Avenue, since he has recently had a heart transplant. When Mr. Lynn returns home he will be unable to use the steps to get into his home. Instead of building a ramp, which takes up a large portion of his front yard, this small lift would be situated beside the steps and would lift him in his wheel chair from the ground to the landing in front of his front door and return him to ground level when he needs to go out.

Mr. Struve continued he would like to see the Village supply this lift for Andy Lynn and possibly purchase a total of five (5) the Village could use to help other residents. These lifts cost approximately \$2,500 each. He suggested this be put into the Health Committee to be discussed further.

Mrs. Moxley stated she thought this was an excellent idea and suggested as Mr. Lynn was the son of a past Chief of Police the Village should install this at his residence. She also stated the Police Department might consider contributing to this structure for Mr. Lynn.

All of the trustees were in favor of starting a program like this to help residents. Mrs. Moxley asked Attorney O'Connell what would be the liability of installing this at resident's homes. Attorney O'Connell stated the liability was extremely high but if the trustees made up their minds to implement this program it would be handled if and when the time came.

It was decided to put this project into a committee to discuss how the Village would define the needs of an individual. If the recipients should be put into a lottery if there are more than the Village can provide? Should this also be handled the same as a Knox box that are installed on an individual home allowing access in case of emergencies, where the Village owns the lift and when it is no longer needed should be returned to the Village? Should the Public Works do the maintenance on the lifts? This will go to the Health Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Kringlie made a motion to install a lift at the home of Mr. Andy Lynn as a test case to see if this is something that makes life easier for handicapped individuals and if the Village should proceed with this type of project. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked Mrs. Moxley to lead the discussion regarding the 2016 Garbage Rebates.

Mrs. Moxley stated Mrs. Salerno put together the information regarding property taxes for the mobile home parks, Parkview Mobile Home Park, Valley Oaks and Weeping Willow Ranch and all apartment buildings located within Hodgkins along with how many individual residence in each park and apartment. This amount added up to just under \$180 per each location. Mrs. Moxley further stated this has been the amount for a long time and individuals have approached her to suggest it was time to increase the amount to rebate these residents. She stated the Village could begin with \$200 and increase it each year until it is \$225. After much discussion it was decided to increase the amount to \$225 beginning in 2016.

Mr. Kringlie stated he thought as the Village was increasing the Garbage Rebate amount from \$180 to \$225 this year that an increase should also be given to residents who pay property tax and are given a rebate on the Village tax portion. He did not want to include the rebate of the Park District or Library District amounts in the increase of the rebate and suggested a 10% on the Village tax portion.

Mrs. Moxley made a motion to approve a Garbage Rebate of \$225 for 2016 for mobile home parks and apartment buildings. And an addition 10% increase to residents who pay property tax on the Village of Hodgkins portion of their property taxes. Mr. Rice second. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

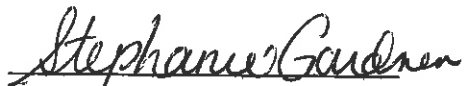
Mrs. Salerno stated she would have Trustee Kringlie compose a letter to the residents to explain the 10% increase on the Village portion of their rebate.

Trustee Kringlie and Attorney O'Connell excused themselves at 5:30p.m. as they had other commitments they needed to attend.

Mrs. Salerno asked the Board for their opinion regarding a resident that currently resides on Lenzi Avenue in one of the buildings that will be demolished in the near future. This resident will be going with Marci Ortiz to inspect a possible apartment this resident might consider relocating to another location. The previous residents left the apartment in need of considerable repairs and when the owner was asked as to when he thought they could have occupancy he said approximately three (3) weeks. Would the Board allow this resident to remain for an additional three weeks if he should decide this apartment would accommodate his need's. The consensus of the Board would allow this resident to remain until the apartment would be ready for occupancy.

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

Adjourned: 5:45P.M.



Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 9-12-16

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0