

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 10, 2011

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustee: Vicky Moxley
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Ernest Millsap
Thomas Christopher

Attorney: John O'Connell
Timothy Callahan

Those absent:

Trustee: Donald Cuttill

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on September 12, 2011 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: 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 August 2011. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: 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. Christopher. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspections between the Village of Hodgkins and Cook County. This is primarily for restaurant inspections. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny awarding Central Blacktop for paving East Avenue Parking Lot in the amount of \$42,388.00. this was the lowest bid for the paving of the property by D&S Trucks. 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. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2011-07** Approving the CDBG Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$60,000.00: Mr. Cainkar states this program is for sidewalks along East Avenue and 67th Street. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a business license for Magic Irrigation, LLC located at 7099 Santa Fe Drive, Unit 1, Hodgkins. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hodgkins and the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. The Village enters into this agreement annually. 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.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell states he has two items to report. First, the property that is adjacent to Silbrico on River Road, which is owned by ComEd. The property would like to be purchased by Silbrico; however, until a month ago ComEd had insisted that the contamination on the property resulted from the disposal of trees and brush that were deposited on the property created a contamination that would cost \$15MM to remediate. Mr. O'Connell and environmental experts believe that a lot of the property that they feel is contaminated is actually a normal amount of arsenic based upon the properties that existed along the river.

Some tests were conducted that Silbrico paid for showed that the arsenic in the area was described as background material, which means it is naturally there. This convinced ComEd that of the seven acre parcel that they have, five of the seven acres is actually background material. Accordingly, ComEd has readjusted the amount from \$15MM to \$7MM (this number may go down as well). We are now in a position where legislation that would allow for the remediation is now a reasonable possibility. This legislation would probably be in the spring session starting in January. A bill would be passed that would allow us to formulate a TIF for that property and the instrument for the TIF property taxes would go for toward our share of the cost of remediation. So, the property taxes that Silbrico would pay would go into the TIF fund. ComEd would utilize the legislation to pass the cost of their portion of remediation over to the entire rate base. That would result in about \$0.03 per user. The key was to show ComEd that it was not contaminated soil. The positive result would be the gain of about 80 jobs at Silbrico.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe is in discussion with a hotel group to build a hotel adjacent to the Salerno property to build a hotel of 90 rooms to house overnight employees almost exclusively for their intermodal facility. The occupancy rate is about 90%. They like the location because of the OTB, the theater, shopping center. There are still negotiations to take place.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Officer Jim Pierce was injured on duty in early August and was scheduled to return to duty October 6th. However, an emergency appendectomy has precluded that from taking place. He is recuperating from the surgery nicely and may be able to return to duty in a couple of weeks.
- Officer Frank Beran has recently celebrated his twenty-year anniversary with the HPD. He was unable to attend this evening and sends his sincere apologies for not being here.
- There have been some changes with the squad cars and ESDA vehicle. One of our Expeditions that we just replaced has been turned over to our ESDA group. As a result of that and old (2000) small, two-door Blazer is due to be cycled out. The value is minimal and none of the Police equipment in the vehicle is used or repairable. Chief Kringlie requests that the vehicle be donated to the Alcorn County Sheriff's Department and the Farmington, MS P.D. they are interested in sharing this vehicle for their K-9 utility vehicle. We have sold squad cars to them in years past and Chief Kringlie thinks it would be a good gesture to donate this vehicle to them if they assume the liability of an "as is" condition. Motion to donate the Blazer to Farmington, MS P.D. by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.
- Halloween is on a Monday this year. The Park District is having a carnival on Monday night starting their program at 6:30 p.m. the trick or treat time frame for our community is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The school will be notified and the Park District is already aware of the times.
- Thanks to all for the supplies that were donated to be sent to our troops. Mrs. Thompson was the organizer and has done a wonderful job. There was a great response of Village residents at the benefit given at the American Legion Hall last Saturday night. A net profit of ~\$13,000 was donated that will pay for a lot of supplies and postage for our troops overseas.

Mr. Millsap suggests that a reverse 9-1-1 be used to let people know what the hours are for Halloween.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

- Mr. Rice reports that all projects in the Quarry Mall are completely finished (Sam's Club, Kohl's and Target).
- All the new Village signs are completely done.

Mr. Millsap asked about our salt supply. Mr. Rice states there is plenty of salt including for East Avenue and 67th.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Mr. Evans reports that the trees at 6035 East Avenue will be cut down on Wednesday. Friday the asbestos tile will be removed and hopefully, Monday the demolition of the house will take place.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reported on the meeting held September 21st.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Report on the meeting of September 21, 2011.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

Mr. Christopher is looking at TIF funds for a water project on East Avenue.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap requests Superintendent Rice remove some school zone signs in an area along Catherine Anne Drive (Lenzi Avenue) where there are no school children in the area. Mr. Rice said they removed two signs last week. Mr. Rice will check to make sure all the signs are removed.

There is a special Breast Cancer Survivors benefit to take place at Advantage Chevrolet October 20th.

October 19th is Noel B. Cummings Day in the Village of Hodgkins.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

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

No Report.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

No Report.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley states the Heartland Blood Services will be back again October 27th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is our third blood drive with them. The Secretary of State of Illinois Office will be here on the same date to renew driver's licenses and state ID cards.

Old Business.

Mr. Cummings gives the Board of Trustees a scenario to ponder concerning the vacant lots the Village owns. Instead the Village would build houses on the vacant lots. Mr. Cummings hopes to work in concert with Menards and local contractors to build affordable houses for the young local residents. Hopefully the cost of the building would be less than what it would be if a contractor built the house.

A lot of study and research needs to be done to make this a reality.

Mr. Millsap suggests that this issue be put into a Building Committee for in-depth study.

In other old business Mr. Millsap states that the testing process for new police officers has begun. The Civil Service Commission held testing at the Park District last week. One hundred fifty three people took the test with approximately two-thirds passed the written test. The physical agility test will take place on the 18th & 20th.

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Randy Caldwell addressed the Board of Trustees asking for intervention into the ever increasing tax bills. He says that his tax bill is in the \$9,000 per year range. His research shows there is a large disparity between his tax bill and the tax bill in a neighboring community on a more expensive and larger house on a larger lot than his and they are paying substantially less for taxes than he pays. The property in the neighboring community pays into the same grade school district and the same high school district.

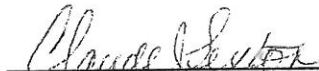
Mr. Caldwell is appreciative of the Village rebating the Village portion of the tax bill to the homeowners. However, he would hope that a portion of the revenues being generated by the community would be redistributed to the homeowners by abating an increment of the tax bill.

Mr. Millsap points out that the other community does not have a park district near the scope of ours and there is no library in that community.

Mr. Cummings asks Mr. O'Connell to look into the situation and get back to the Board with his findings. Mr. Cummings would like to have all the home taxes looked into.

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

Adjourned: 7:44 P.M.



Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed: 11-14-11

Voting Aye: 6

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0