

## VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

### MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 14, 2011

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

Those present:

Trustee: Donald Cuttill  
Vicky Moxley  
Paul Struve  
Ernest Millsap

Attorney: John O'Connell

Those absent:

President: Noel Cummings  
Trustee: Larry Rice  
Thomas Christopher

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 Tem for this meeting. Mr. Millsap makes a motion to elect Mr. Struve President Pro Tem for this meeting. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: All

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on January 10, 2011, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for December 2010. Mrs. Moxley asks that the Financial Statement be tabled until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in March. There were no objections.

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

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2011-02** supporting the renewal of Class 6B Tax Incentive for property commonly known as Central Blacktop Asphalt Plant located at 6150 East Avenue, Hodgkins, IL. Mr. O'Connell states that the County of Cook allows local municipalities to request extensions to the twelve year life of 6B. Given the long history of Central Blacktop in the Village, this Resolution would give them a ten year extension of their 6B status. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley.

Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2011-03** expressing the Village's desire to participate in Public Works Projects pursuant to the Cook County Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Cainkar states that this year we are applying for funds for sidewalks on East Avenue to 67<sup>th</sup> Street and we will be applying for \$60,000. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny awarding of bid for 67<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Extension at BNSF RR to MQ Construction Company in the amount of \$79,231.00. Mr. Millsap asked Mr. Cainkar if he had worked with this company in the past. Mr. Cainkar states he has not worked with them before. However, they have a very large IDOT prequalification. Mr. Cainkar gave a brief description of what the project would include and where the lines would be run. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

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

Mr. O'Connell welcomes Mr. Cuttill back to the dais after a four month illness. Several things are happening in terms of economic development. We will be having a meeting with the Planning Committee within the next few weeks to discuss two projects. One is the redevelopment of East Avenue. We will be requesting for the establishment of TIF #3.

The second is pursuant to the Law described as manufacturing jobs recovery. A seven acre parcel on River Road owned by Com Ed will be the topic for discussion. The problem that exists is there is some environmental contamination on the property. Com Ed will not sell the property until it is entirely cleaned up. There have been discussion with Com Ed for about three years and they are still reluctant to enter into any kind of agreement with a third party to try to clean up the property. Under the Illinois jobs recovery law a municipality has the authority, if there is an environmentally contaminated piece of property, which this is, to condemn the property.

Mr. O'Connell states he would like to start the process of establishing this jobs recovery law project. What would happen is if Com Ed did not sell we would be in a position to condemn the property, the property would be established as basically a TIF. Whatever property taxes that are paid into those seven acres would freeze and we would use the new property taxes we would get to set up a fund to clean up the property. Com Ed would still have a part in the clean up. This is one way to take a very non-productive piece of property and turn it into a

very productive piece of property.

These two issues would be the subject matter for the Planning/Commission. The law requires the Planning Commission to approve these steps.

**Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie**

Chief Kringlie reports:

- Officer Carrisquillo returned to work on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Officer Natasha Miller gave birth to baby boy.
- Public Works employees did a fantastic job during the snow storm.
- The Police Department and ESDA are working on our Emergency Operations Plan. It has been submitted to Cook County. There will be more after the Plan gets accepted. The County representative will be at one of our meetings for a presentation of acceptance.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Police Department will be participating in the annual DARE basketball game that Trustee Millsap coordinates every year for the past fourteen years. This year's proceeds go to Saint Jude's Children's research hospital.
- Our squad car order for a total of three vehicles. One SUV; one Chevrolet (Impala); one Ford (Crown Victoria).

**Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice**

No Report.

**Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

No Report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley mentions the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village, Library and Park District. The agreement was typical of the agreement have been in years past. The agreement is for \$42,000 in exchanged services. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

**Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

Mr. Struve spoke to the removal of the large amounts of excess snow on the parkways and the ability to access drains and sewers in the parkways. To clean the corners so people can see traffic at intersections.

Regarding 67<sup>th</sup> Street and East Avenue, Mr. O'Connell states that when the Federal money comes Cook County has agreed to pay our share of any improvements to 2014. The local share is 30% and the County has agreed to assume that share.

**Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

Mr. Struve recaps the meetings with prospective occupants of the old Certified Grocers property.

Mr. O'Connell has a meeting with the principals this coming Friday.

**Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

Mr. Millsap requests the Board direct the Chief of Police to start the proceedings for establishing a new candidate's eligibility list for the Police Department. Motion to start the process by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked if the Fire House on Santa Fe Drive is vacant. Chief Kringlie states that it is not completely vacant. There is activity there approximately two days per week. Mr. Millsap asked Chief Kringlie to approach Mr. Roberts to determine what his intentions are for the future of the building. Mr. Millsap states he would like to have ESDA occupy the building.

**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**

Mr. Cuttill reports that Pat Dines has fallen in her home and has broken her hip. She is an integral part of the Aging Well effort.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley states there is going to be another blood drive in April 5<sup>th</sup> (election day) to maximize donors. Mrs. Moxley distributed informative information concerning the flu/cold season.

**Old Business.**

**New Business**

Mr. Millsap has been approach by Hodgkins School Principal regarding the

planned renovations at the school this summer. They would like to have some space at the Village Hall for the summer to continue conducting business; perhaps in the basement. A letter making the request was distributed. This request is for just two employees. The letter breaks down the components of their request.

None of the Board members had any problems with the request.


Mr. Struve received a telephone call last week from F.M. Tholotowsky regarding the old fire truck owned by Mr. Eiserman. Mr. Eiserman purchased the 1941 Chevrolet Fire Truck in 1975. Mr. Sid Eiserman told Dan Tholotowsky he plans on donating the truck to the Hodgkins Historical Society. Restoration is needed and will be addressed.

**Comments from the Audience**

Mrs. Katsmarik gives kudos to the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for their swift action clearing the fire hydrant near her house after the recent blizzard.

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

Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

  
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Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed: 3-14-11

Voting Aye: 6

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0