

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 9, 2012

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Ernest Millsap**

**Attorney: John O'Connell
Timothy Callahan**

Those absent:

**Thomas Christopher
Vicky Moxley**

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings introduced Mr. Brian McClain. He is a resident of the Village of Hodgkins and requires surgery to hopefully correct diabetes induced blindness. At the Village Christmas Party last December there was a 50/50 raffle held with the proceeds going to Mr. McClain to offset some of his expenses he will incur while traveling to California for the procedure.

Mr. McClain expressed his gratitude to the Board of Trustees and to the residents of the Village of Hodgkins for their generosity.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2012, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to accept by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for January 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of March 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Mayor's reappointment of Larry

Rice to the Police Pension Board. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Cummings. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Mr. Rice.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny amending **Resolution #2012-02** calling for a Public Hearing to Consider the Establishment of the River Road TIF. Mr. O'Connell explains that this would be TIF #4 and is a much smaller TIF than we have had in the past. This TIF specifically single out the seven unimproved acres next to Silbrico on the south and the Public Works Building on the north. We have been trying to get legislation passed that will allow ComEd to pass part of the costs of remediation to all of its rate payers amounting to probably a nickel per year for everybody. We have been asked if there was a way for the Village or Silbrico to contribute to the remediation project. The best way to do it is to set up a TIF whereby Silbrico, once they expand their business onto that site, they would be paying more in property taxes. The property taxes would go toward our portion of the clean-up costs. The clean-up costs range from \$3MM-\$7MM. The property has sat idle for over forty years. Silbrico has done extremely well with their business and if they do not get this property, they will need to look elsewhere other than in Hodgkins for their expansion. This is a legitimate to keep Silbrico in town. They would pay toward increased taxes and what this resolution does is to schedule a couple of hearings. One hearing is April 27, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. with the Joint Review Board. The second is a Public Hearing scheduled for June 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. prior to our regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2012-13** for the MFT Maintenance Program for Streets and Highways. Mr. Cainkar states this is the annual resolution for rock salt. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny low bid in the amount of \$43,995.20 from Tierra Environmental Services Company for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising. This is left from last month's meeting because of some controversial statements made by a person who approached the Board of Trustees at the March meeting. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Callahan have researched the allegations and have found there is no basis to deny the bid. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the appointment of Mr. Dominick Misasi to the Civil Service Commission. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the purchase of a new squad car. Mr. Millsap states that this is a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe from Advantage Chevrolet. That was \$1,000 less than the State Purchase price. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap.

Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings would like to table **Ordinance #12-03** Establishing a Gas Use Tax and Amending Code Ordinances of the Village of Hodgkins until more information is gathered on how it will impact local businesses. Motion to table by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a business license for Preferred Freezer Services of Chicago located at 6800 Santa Fe Drive. Mr. Struve states three entities have requested business licenses. This company is leasing the entire freezer at AIC. The recommendation of the Building Committee was to issue a license. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a business license Red Frog Events located at 6800 Santa Fe Drive. Again Mr. Struve states the Building Committee's recommendation was to issue a business license. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a business license Automotive Repair located at 7097 Santa Fe Drive #L. One person operation for auto repair. Mr. ERice states that there is a meeting set up for this Thursday to discuss the issues before a license is issued. Mr. Struve suggests that we can issue a license contingent with the Building Department and Fire Department findings. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, 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 states that the discussion of the Clear Channel and Windsor issue of visibility has had a formal agreement signed. Mr. O'Connell thanks the Mr. Cummings and Mr. ERice for assisting in putting that together.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

No Report.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

- Mr. Rice states the walls have been painted on the Community Center, then the floors were buffed.
- Ceiling tiles have been replaced.
- The display cases are being conditioned for use. Secondly, we took possession

of the new tractor last Thursday.

- The old tractor will be picked up next week. The fire truck is running, however, there are issues with the pump which is the next item to work on.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Mr. Evans recommends that a Building Committee meeting convene for the purposes of code revisions such as for metal roofs and exceptions, etc.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman

No Report.

Building Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman

Mr. Struve commented on the meeting of April 3, 2012.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap commends Mr. Rodney Cummings for his article in the Des Plaines Valley News about the open house at Hodgkins School.

The new digital sign had on display all weekend "Happy Easter from 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

Mr. Cuttill reports that there will be an Aging Well Mothers Day celebration May 11, 2012, at the Hodgkins Park District at 1:00 p.m. There will be entertainment and refreshments served. Confirmation of attendance can be made by calling the Village Hall by May 7, 2012. To qualify, one must be a resident of the Village of Hodgkins or the Village of McCook and at least 55 years of age.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman
No Report.

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Cummings read a letter of resignation (retirement) submitted by office staff person Dianna Knack.

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Caldwell asked what is the reason for the remediation work going on Santa Fe Drive. Mr. O'Connell explains that ComEd, and others, has for years deposited tree trimmings into a pit and has raised the level of arsenic in the soil. Arsenic is considered a contaminant. ComEd is very "skiddish" about selling property unless it is totally cleaned up to a level of residential not industrial. They were sued about fifteen years ago and for that reason they have chosen to completely remediate the property.

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

Adjourned: 7:36 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: