

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2012

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

Those present:

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

Attorney: John O'Connell
Timothy Callahan

Those absent:

President: Noel Cummings

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 Temp for this meeting. Mr. Millsap motions to elect Mr. Struve as President Pro Temp. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve states that there will be a recess for a Public Hearing regarding the 2012 budget. Mr. Struve asks Mr. Lightcap to conduct the hearing.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for the month of December 2011. Motion to file for audit by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of December 2011. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Peter Raphael from William Blair makes a presentation regarding the financial State of the Village. Mr. Raphael gave a Power Point slide presentation showing data regarding the various outstanding bonds and their retirement dates. Additionally, there was information regarding real estate tax income and sales tax income from both the industrial area and the retail area of the Village. The final analysis, according to Mr. Raphael, was that the Village is in good financial condition, with regard to debt vs. income.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance 12-1** approving a redevelopment agreement with D&S Truck Center. Mr. O'Connell states that the East Avenue TIF was adopted in September. Our first venture is the development of the truck center showroom. Mr. Shur has acquired two parcels for the truck center. The lots have been paved and he is now selling trucks from that location. The redevelopment agreement, which is attached to the ordinance, specifies the obligations of both Mr. Shur and the Village. The agreement basically asks that Mr. Shur make good faith offers to purchase properties located south of the parking lot. If the good faith purchase fails, it authorizes the Village to pursue the property under its eminent domain authority. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance 12-2** amending Title 7, Chapter 3B, Section 4 of the Village Code of Hodgkins Entitled "Water Rates and Charges" to reflect an increase. Motion by Mr. Christopher to **table** this Ordinance and give the Water Committee the authority to determine the amount of increase needed. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance 12-3** amending Title 7, Chapter 3C, Section 7 of the Village Code of Hodgkins Entitled "Wastewater Service Charges" to reflect an increase. Motion by Mr. Christopher to **table** this Ordinance and give the Water Committee the authority to determine the amount of increase needed. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance 12-4** to provide, make and appropriate for general corporate and other Special Purposes for the year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 for the Village of Hodgkins, County of Cook, State of Illinois. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, 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 refers to the memo put out by the City of Countryside listing the sales tax analysis by municipality. It lists some well-known suburban communities and the sales tax analysis. Please note that the Village of Hodgkins is by far and away the largest per capita sales tax community in the region. In fact, we are more than double the next closest community. This is a good example of what Mr. Raphael just explained to us a few minutes ago concerning where we are vs. where we came from.

Mr. Callahan thanks the people in attendance for their thoughts and prayers during this trying time in his personal life.

Mr. Callahan states the Civil Service Commission has certified the final Police Officer eligibility list, which will become effective January 10, 2012. Mr. Callahan asks that the Board approve the list in order to post the list tomorrow. Motion to approve the eligibility list for the next two years by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

The expiration lateral entry list expires at midnight tonight pursuant to the ordinance.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Introduction of New Officer: Richard Brown, Certified Illinois Police Officer, last 4 years served with the Univ. of Loyola Campus Police.
- Presentation of Hodgkins Civil Service Police Officer Eligibility List. This list is completed following about Four months of work by the Hodgkins Civil Service Commission. The list will be effective January 10th, 2012, and will be in effect for the duration of two years, per state statute.
- On December 27th, 2012 we responded to a report of a garage fire on Lyons Street. The fire was quickly struck down with no damage to any surrounding structures and the garage itself sustained repairable damage. The Hodgkins ESDA patrol unit assisted with traffic control and Eric Rice responded to the call as Building Inspector.
- Officer Jim Pierce is still on medical leave from the On-Duty Injury. He is currently undergoing physical therapy in the hope to avoid surgery.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

Mr. Rice reports that the bids for the new tractor for public works. This was accomplished before January 1, 2012, to avoid a 10% price increase. The tractor should arrive in about three months.

New sign post has been received for the Eiserman Avenue name matching our other street name signs.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Mr. Rice reports for Mr. Evans regarding the demolition of the property at D&S. The Lenzi Avenue demolition should be completed this week or next week.

Mr. Struve explains that this is the second house south of the Lenzi Avenue apartment complex.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley thanks everyone for their hard work regarding the 2012 budget without raising property taxes. It is difficult to do in this financial climate. As demonstrated tonight in the presentation, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to provide the services we provide to the Village residents.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

The Public Works personnel are ready for the bad weather that is forecast later this week.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

There are some issues that will be forthcoming in the near future regarding the Building Committee.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

Another leak was discovered by the bakery and has been repaired. Additionally, a committee meeting will be held sometime next week regarding the new water and sewer rates.

Mr. Struve cautions everyone that the water rate increase will be a large one being passed along because the City of Chicago has raised their rates to the providers.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap states that he has received a complimentary letter from Fire Marshal Dan Tholotowski (Ret.) regarding the Village of Hodgkins. Mr. Millsap states that the Village of Hodgkins always had a good relationship with Dan.

The Board of Trustees appreciates the work and hours put in by the Civil Service Commission regarding the establishment of the Patrol Officer Eligibility list.

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

No Report.

Old Business

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Caldwell asks about the Hilltop property. Mr. O'Connell states he is in contact with the realtor for that property regularly. They are willing to sell. They have come to an approximate price. It is a question of finding somebody to go in there, which we have not done yet.

Mr. Struve states that he would like to see the property razed to improve the looks of the area.

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

Adjourned: 7:47 P.M.

Claude Sexton

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed: 2-13-12

Voting Aye: 5

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0