

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 14, 2015

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

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

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

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

Those Absent:

Trustee: Paul Struve

Pledge of allegiance.

The State of the Village was presented by Peter Raphael from William Blair and Joe Lightcap from Baker Tilly. Mr. Raphael had a slide show presentation. The outstanding TIF debt is down to one TIF bond and 1 TIF note which is related to the Toyota Dealership. It expires in 2027 and the debt will be all paid off, and it is being paid through real-estate and sales taxed being generated at the Toyota Dealership. Mr. Raphael explained some of the graphs that were in the slide show presentation and it shows Toyota is doing well and there growth, due to the increase in sales taxed. There is excess revenue being generated, but the excess does not come back to the village at this time. There is a developer note that was negotiated and will be paid to the developer over time. We will be paying them down before the end of the TIF, if it is not paid down by the end of the TIF we will not owe them any money. The Village will not to do anything further.

Mr. Raphael explained on the general obligation debt, we are down to one bond issue also. This was a \$5 million dollar deal which was done in 2009. This was a 10 year

obligation. It will be paid in 2019. The bond rating for the Village is AA-. Mr. Raphael feels this is a very good rating and the village should have no problem borrowing money if a project should come along.

Lastly, on the slide show is showing our largest tax payers, with UPS being the largest, followed by the 2 Walmart stores. The residents have these large corporations paying a large part of the tax bills.

Next, Mr. Lightcap from Baker Tilly made December 31, 2014 financial audit presentation. He stated that a clean or unmodified opinion on the village financial statements has been issued. It is the highest level that can be received from the auditor. He stated this is reasonable in all respects and a good thing. The Village net position for the year increased by \$1.9 million this year. Assets for the year went down, because of the closeout of the Quarry TIF. Liabilities also decreased do the final closeout of the Quarry TIF.

On the general fund there was a surplus of \$4.7 million in the general fund. All the funds together had good results for the year. The water and sewer fund also had a surplus of the year of \$125,000.

There will be a substantial change to the audit on December 31, 2015. A new accounting standard, Gatsby 68 will bill be implemented which will put the police pension and IMRF will be added, so there will be a significant increase in liability for the Village next year. The pension did have a good year and had 8% of return.

As for the internal control of the Village Mr. Lightcap stated that it is very similar to the comments in the past. Most are due to the small size of the finance department. There are 1 or 2 people doing multiple duties which could be a sign of concern from a technical standpoint. The Village Board looks at the monthly statements and the checks and there are good compensating controls but Mr. Lightcap stated just need to let everyone know that it is something to keep an eye on.

Mr. Lightcap spoke on the Levy Ordinance 15-18 total sum of the 2015 Levy to be received in 2016 is \$3,202,939.00. And this does not include the bond and interest Levy that Cook County will include on the tax bill themselves. Total levied by the tax payers of the Village are the same as 2014, so there will be no increase in the total amount levied by the village. Individual tax bills may vary depending on equalized assessed value, but village is not requesting any additional money, so there will be no tax increases that way.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance 15-18 approving the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Hodgkins. A motion to approve ordinance 15-18 approving the Levy and assessment taxes for the Village of Hodgkins was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2015, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion approved by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for October 2015. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of November. Motion to approve the bills by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance 15-17 approving 2016 Water Rates. Mr. Kringlie stated that McCook has not made determination on water rate increases. Mr. Kringlie stated he is not anticipating an increase for village residents. The water ordinance will be a 2016 ordinance so we do not need this. Mr. O'Connell stated we can defer this to another meeting. Mr. Kringlie asked for this to be deferred to a later meeting when we have water rates from McCook.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment # 1 to MYS Inc. in the amount of \$21,246.30 for work performed on Santa Fe Drive and 67th Street Quiet Zone. Mr. Kringlie and Mr. Cainkar stated that this amount of money is for the 67th St. portion the Santa Fe portion has not been completed yet. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #1 and semifinal to M&J Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$23,732.90 for work performed on Santa Fe Drive at I-55. Mr. Kringlie and Mr. Cainkar stated again that this is another pavement repair and it is going to keep open until spring in case there are any other repairs needed. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment # 1 and Semi-final to Central Blacktop in the amount of \$91,119.49 for paving work performed on Hank Lakota Drive. Mr. Kringlie and Mr. Cainkar stated again this was a street repair. There will be one more payout which will include the striping of the road. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment # 1 and Final to Gosia Cartage, LTD in the amount of \$29,814.00 for demolition of 6506 Chester, 6506 Conrad and 6508 Conrad Avenue. Mr. Kringlie stated these are the house demolitions which have been completed, and the demolition had been awarded to the lowest bid contractor which was Gosia Cartage. A motion to approve the payment was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Civil Service Commission Police Final Eligibility List. Mr. Callahan stated that there was a Civil Service meeting prior to the board meeting, and they approved the final eligibility list for the officers. There are a total of 41 applicants on the list and it is good for 2 years. A motion to approve the eligibly list was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Tentative 2016 budget. Mrs. Moxley stated we reviewed the budget at a previous financial meeting. A motion to approve the 2016 Budget was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell stated that he received a call from John Stanley who is CFO on Continental Toyota. The wife of the owner of the Company passed away in Florida and Continental Toyota would like to place a tree on 67th St. in honor of her memory. As long as there are not obstructions there are no objections to this.

Mr. O'Connell was granted permission by the court for soil testing on the Dostal Family property. He is supposed to receive the test of the soil back tomorrow and will be back in court this Thursday to report the findings. If the test shows contamination then the

soil testers would present what the cost if any there would be to remove the contamination. This cost would then be deducted from the purchase price of the property.

Today Ordinance 15-19 was drawn up. It is a Renewal of Clear Channel's Lease. It is a lease that has existed since 1996, and previously was a 10 year lease and they would like to extend that to a 20 year lease. This is the property that UPS was the owner of the location and then they dedicated the street to the Village but intended to keep the land where the bill board goes. It ended up being a 75%/25% split between UPS and the village. Then Mr. O'Connell stated that he bought all the property in 2005 and they assigned him the lease. Mr. O'Connell would like this ordinance to go to the building committee since it involves a bill board for further discussion. Mrs. Moxley made a motion to approve moving this Ordinance 15-19 to the Building Committee for further discussion. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap.

Chief Millsap stated that Probationary Officer Desmond Hanson will be starting solo patrols starting next week and Probationary Officer Rubin Rodriguez will be finishing the Police Academy on December 18th.

Officer Hosteny and the D.A.R.E. class did rake leaving at Weeping Willow Ranch in November and also attended the Brookfield Zoo tree decorating on November 22, 2015.

Chief Millsap thanked the Civil service Commissioners for their hard work in making up the list of new officer candidates.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott

Absent- No Report

Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel stated that there are major renovations occurring at 6021 Lexi. There are going to be lots of inspections that need to be competed to be sure everything is done correctly.

There was a home for sale on Lyons Ave. which was up for sale, it passed inspection and was closed on. There is another home for sale on Kane Ave. and Mr. Kovel was called today for an inspection on that with a possibly closing date of December 31, 2015.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky

Mr. Tholotowsky stated that Zeman homes place 3 new mobile homes, and Park view has placed approximately 12 new mobile homes, they have all been up to code. They have been working on Lenzi Ave. There is an upcoming court date for 6027, 6028, and 6029 Lenzi Avenue. They have been noting vacancies at the mobile homes and posting them. They have been working with their code consultants with respects to continuing the building code updates.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

The finance meeting occurred December 8, 2015 and the budget was approved at tonight's meeting.

Public Works Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie stated that we have been working with IAC on the Quiet Zone issue which would affect there parking issues on Santa Fe Drive. They will be installing a concrete median, and as soon as everything is ready the quiet zone will be dedicated and started.

We are looking to relocate our salt done and waste dumpster, and hopefully this winter we will have a solution

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 Mr. Kringlie attended a public hearing for the IDOT managed lane project, which affects I-55 from 355 North to the city. There is a section of Weeping Willow ranch in which a survey will be analyzed to see if they qualify for some sort of Noise abetment wall. It is all still in a phasing project and nothing will be done for a few years out.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Absent- No Report

Water Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie stated that as for the water rates we are waiting on rates from McCook and as stated earlier he is not expecting an increase to the residents of the Village.

Mr. O'Connell met with Burlington Northern over the storm sewer redevelopment are on Santa Fe drive towards the river. This project will be met on over the winter and hopefully planned for next year.

Police Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

Mr. Rice stated they have recently held some meeting to discuss cameras and stun guns.

911 Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

Mr. Misasi stated that a formal letter has been received by Willow Springs from Chief Millsap formally requesting that Village of Willow Springs and Village of Hodgkins Opt of the current dispatch agreement since this been had since 2007. Our legal team is working on Formalizing the Agreement with the Village of Oak Lawn, and should be finished by early next year.

Zoning Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

No Report

E.S.D.A. Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

The next Aging Well Christmas party is this Wednesday. The meeting for January is canceled as the weather is unpredictable for this time of the year. The next meeting will be February 17, 2016.

Health, Safety, & Human Resource Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley stated we have had blood drives this year which have been successful. We would like to promote this even more. She wished everyone a safe holiday.

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Millsap stated that do to the new construction that was completed this summer at LaGrange Road and Joliet Road the Welcome to Hodgkins sign is being blocked by an electrical box. He would like to have the sign moved. There will a small cost, but everyone was ok with moving the sign so that it can be sign

Comments from the Audience

Samantha Millsap from the Hodgkins Library stated that they are starting their new strategic Plan. It is due to launch July 2016, and they will update us as more things are completed.

Mr. Cummings asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence and give thanks to everything we have done this year, and to remember all those lost this year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mr. Struve

Adjourned: 7:48 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 1-11-16

Voting Aye: 5

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 1