

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

Those Present: Paul Struve, Chairman
Don Cuttill, Member
Dominic Misasi, Member
Larry Rice, Member

Also Present: Stephanie Gardner, Clerk
Vicky Moxley, Trustee
Lida Mills, Trustee
Melody Salerno, Comptroller
Joe Lyons-Pleasantview Fire Department
Dan Tholotowsky- Code/Life Safety Officer
Thomas Lia- Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Assoc.

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to open the Building Committee Meeting. A motion to open the meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Struve, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Moxley, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Tholotowsky asked everyone to come outside for a physical demonstration on residential fire sprinklers. Mr. Tholotowsky thank the Pleasantview Fire Department for being present for the demonstration tonight and for helping out.

Outside Demonstration.

Mr. Tholotowsky thanked the board for being pro-active on fire sprinklers. There are only 6 commercial and public buildings in the village that do not have fire sprinklers.

Power Point presentation from Thomas Lia- Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Associates.

Mr. Cummings asked about the size line that is needed for the fire sprinklers to work. Mr. Lia said the line size for going into the homes is 1 ¼ "to 1 ½ ". The sprinklers only go off at the point of the fire, heat activated, not smoke activated. The sprinklers are placed where people spend the majority of the time. They are not put in small areas,

such as small bathrooms or attics. The 13D system is meant to save people's lives, prevent flashovers and get residents out of the home.

The home owner has to check the back flow on the unit once yearly. The cost is approximately \$50.00- \$200.00 and can be done by the homeowner themselves, or a certified plumber. There is a homeowner's insurance discount of 5-20%


Mr. Lia stated as a village you should not adopt substandard codes or people will not be reimbursed properly. A village should not take away sections of the model code, to reduce minimum standards. It is up to the trustees to decide if they want homes to be built to modern code. The cost to add a sprinkler system to the home is 1-2% of the total construction cost. About \$2.00 per square foot in our area.

Mr. Struve asked about the Mobile homes if this code is adopted. Mr. Tholotowsky explained that Countryside just adopted the fire sprinkler code, and the mobile homes are exempted at this time.

Mr. Tholotowsky explained that at this time, the resident has the option to install or not install the sprinkler system. Mr. Tholotowsky asked that it be considered that the ordinance be changed to make sprinklers mandatory on all new build construction

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to close the building committee meeting. A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Struve, Mrs. Moxley, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk