

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 9, 2011

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

Those present:

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

Attorney: Timothy Callahan

Those absent:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustee: Paul Struve

Attorney: John O'Connell

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. Motion to elect Mr. Millsap by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on April 11, 2011 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for March 2011. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

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

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve/deny 2011 – 2012 Renewal for MICA in the amount of \$139,763.00. Mrs. Moxley explains this is a small increase over

the premium of last year. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve/deny Older Americans Proclamation. Mr. Cuttill read the proclamation for the attending public. Motion to approve by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #11-04** approving a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the East Avenue Project Area and the adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing. Village Attorney Mr. Callahan states there will be a Joint Review Meeting May 31, 2011, at 2:00 P.M. Additionally, there will be a Public Hearing July 11, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #11-05** approving an extension of the Central Blacktop 6B. Mr. Callahan asked the Board to table this issue.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, Timothy Callahan

No Report.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- We held our Annual Anti-Gang Day and Safety Day at the Hodgkins Elementary School on April 21st. Youth Officers spent the day with the students talking about how to stay away from street gangs and this year's safety day topics included child safety and stranger danger.
- Our annual St Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon was held this past Saturday. Sgt. Chris Milojevich and several volunteers from the department and residents help put this event together each year. We have added a couple of other events to our St Jude Fundraisers, including the Basketball Game between the Park District and Police Department, Elaine Thompson's Suburban Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Association lunch, a cash donation jug in the police department squad room. This year the Hodgkins PTO will be donating funds collected this Friday at the Ice Cream Social "Pie Throwing Event". Teachers and Police Officers will take their turns getting pies thrown at them to raise money. Over all, we will have raised over \$5,000.00 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- Our DARE Class graduation was held on April 27th.
- On April 28th we packed up and mailed over 2,500 pounds of supplies For

The Troops.

- I have a company researching the Street Cameras and will be getting us a base price on the system in the near future.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

- Mr. Rice reports that the striping discussed at an earlier meeting will start in a week or so.
- The installation of the new "Welcome to the Village of Hodgkins" signs has been started and should be completed in a week or so.
- Summer employees have been hired and are due to start the week of June 13th. There will be a total of five for summer help this year.
- Sam's Club has started their remodeling.
- A new business is going to locate on Santa Fe Drive in the Industrial Condos. The prospective tenant is a Muscle Car and Hot Rod dealer.
- River Road paving has started and should be completed in a week or so.
- Kohl's is going to remodel their entire interior.
- Starbuck's only needs to pick up their permit.
- The Chevrolet renovations should be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- There was an attempted theft/break-in at the Public Works Building last week. An air conditioning unit with the A coil attached. The suspects were apprehended.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

Mr. Rice delivered Mr. Evans report.

- The speed bumps have been installed on Lenzi Avenue.
- Follow-up inspections were done at the Lenzi Avenue apartments with regard to fire and smoke detectors. Five of the buildings have been done, the other five to be done within a couple of weeks.
- Each owner has been notified that the heating units must pass an inspection or the heating units will need to be replaced if they are not in working order.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reports that there will be a committee meeting on May 12th to discuss Village employee's health benefits.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

- Mr. Millsap reports the Secretary of State, Jesse White, reports the Village of Hodgkins has a population of 1897, according to the latest census report.
- The Village of Hodgkins is receiving a "Green" Award for our new Village Hall. This award is accompanied with a \$1,000 grant.
- The grievance filed by the Police Union regarding shift assignment has been resolved favoring the Village's position regarding shift assignment.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

E.S.D.A. Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

The new "Tornado Alert" light has been installed on the exterior of the Village Hall. This light indicated the Village Hall is open for residents to seek shelter in the event of threatening weather.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

The Hodgkins-McCook Health Fair will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011, from 12:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. Sixteen vendors are scheduled. Free Hot Dogs chips and drink.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Old Business.

Mr. Cuttill has been receiving complaints regarding the increase in train whistle blowing. There is an obvious increase in the number of train whistle blowing. The complaints have been documented.

Mr. Millsap also states there was a train whistle stuck on this past Saturday morning at approximately 4:00 A.M. which precipitated many complaints. There were some people who thought it was a tornado warning. We need to have the railroad to come to a meeting to explain why there are more whistle blowing now than ever before. We need to have the railroad tell us what we need to do to get the whistles stopped. Mr. Rice and Mr. Callahan are going to look into having a meeting with the railroad.

Mr. Cuttill also mentions the ever recurring oil on Weeping Willow Road.

Mr. ERice states the meeting held with Toyota and the residents of Weeping Willow did not produce any complaints by the residents regarding the oil on the roadway.

This is an issue with the truck drivers parking on the roadway to load and unload cars from their truck, which leak oil.

The other issue is that this is already a no parking zone.

New Business

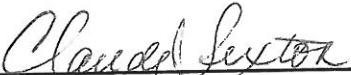
Hodgkins School is seeking a donation of \$500 for Author Day. Mr. Millsap asked for a motion to approve/deny the donation. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Comments from the Audience

Ms Marilyn Sauter mentions the number of people turning left onto La Grange Road from Weeping Willow Road appears to have increased. Mr. Millsap suggests increased signage.

Mr. Millsap 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: 9:00 P.M.



Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed: 6-13-11

Voting Aye: 6

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0