

Governor Pritzker has issued Executive Order No. 2020-07, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meetings Act that members of a public body be physically present at meetings of the public body, and the limitations of the Open Meetings Act as to when members of a Public body may participate in meetings of the public body remotely.
Participation for the Board Meeting was posted: 605-313-5086 Access Code: 289270#

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE
August 10, 2020**

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustees: Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Larry Rice

Paul Struve

Dominic Misasi

Lida Mills

Attorneys': John O'Connell

Pat Rodgers

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 13, 2020 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the July 13, 2020 Board meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for June 2020. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of June 2020 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of July 2020. Motion to approve the July 2020 bills was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Business License for Element Food Solutions. Motion to approve Business License for Element Food Solutions was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Business License for Continental Paper Grading. Motion to approve Business License for Continental Paper Grading was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Struve.

Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills.

Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny 6-month Temporary Business License for Waste Management/Giordano's Recycling. Motion to approve 6-month Temporary Business License for Waste Management/Giordano's was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Retention of Cozen O'Connor LLP to fulfill the obligation with Azavar pursuant to our agreement with them on January 27, 2020. Attorney Rodgers reviewed the agreement. This is an engagement letter, and this firm does represent multiple government entities. They would proceed collection if needed. There is not conflict with the Village with substantive matters. Non-substantive matters. Attorney Rodgers suggests that we accept. Motion to approve retention on Cozen O'Connor LLP to fulfill obligation with Azavar pursuant to agreement on January 27, 2020 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Payment #1 and Final to SKC Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$38,011.93 for 2020 crack filling and pavement striping program. Motion to approve Payment #1 and final for SKC Construction, Inc. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny appointment of Robert Buralli to the Civil Service Commission. Motion to approve appointment of Robert Buralli was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny the process of hiring two new probationary police officers to replace the two officers who resigned or retired, from our current Police Eligibility List. A motion to approve the hiring process for two new probationary officers was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #20-11 adding to the heavy manufacturing and light manufacturing zoning classification a conditional use that allows staging areas for construction projects for no more than two years. Mr. O'Connell asked this to be tabled. Motion to table this topic until a later date was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny \$14,000 pay increase for Building Inspector, Matt Struve. This was discussed in the Tuesday Monthly Informational Meeting on August 4, 2020. Motion to approve

was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None Abstaining from Vote: Mr. Struve

Motion to approve/deny purchase of Body Cameras for the Police Department. Motion to approve the purchase of the body cameras was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar:

Absent- No Report

Report from Building Inspector, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported there was a mobile home fire in Weeping Willow Ranch. There was 1 resident who was injured and in the hospital. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

- Power was restored to Weeping Willow this afternoon, the outage was due to the Fire.
- Sam's Club is renovating its gas station, this should be completed in 1-2 months.
- Target is renovating snack bar area.
- There have been pre-sale inspections throughout the Village.
- The demolition for the little store/laundromat is awaiting a permit from Cook County. Signature Demolition will be doing the demolition once the permit has been obtained from Cook County.
- There has been on-site meetings with Waste Management. Issues are being addressed. Fencing is going to be added around the building. There may be some enclosures added around the compactors.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholowosky:

Mr. Tholotowsky reported tall grass and shrub issues are being addressed.

- Valley Oaks is working on adding better fencing to their construction areas.
- Liter Issues and tall grass issues were addressed on the new UPS access road.
- Overflowing dumpster issues at 6880 River Rd. Unit 14 were addressed.
- 7335 Santa Fe drive was Inspected.
- Agenda for the last Building Committee Meeting was worked on
- Building Department issues were discussed with Attorney Rodgers and Mr. Mr. Struve.
- Master Address file is still being worked on. Thanks to Public Works for helping move File cabinets.
- Reviewed materials for the upcoming Zoning Committee Meetings.
- Working with Joanna Filkins on revising Business License Applications

-August 17, 2020 will be a Zoning Committee meeting. Mr. Piccolo will be in attendance for this meeting.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported Aldi Board of Directors has approved our proposal. They will proceed with preparing the Lease agreement. The property tax incentive was discussed at a previous informational meeting and everyone was updated.

-Authorization to allow Mr. O'Connell to prepare a redevelopment agreement, upon a lease being executed by Mid-America and CALSTARS. Payment of \$100,000 per year annually for 10 years towards tax payment. There is a projection of \$18 million sales tax revenue.

Motion to allow Mr. O'Connell to proceed with the re-development agreement once the lease agreement is received was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

-There was a report obtained from the shopping center during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Quarry Shopping center was #1 in Illinois during this time, and we are #65 Nationwide, during this time period. In spite of the Pandemic People were still shopping at the Quarry Shopping Center and Menard's. The investment to grow is working. Aldi will enhance this also.

-Mrs. Salerno reported the amount of money we received from April of 2020- was \$68,000 less than last year, and May 2020 was \$79,000 less than last year. Business sales taxes were explained by Mrs. Salerno that are on a spread sheet that everyone received. Mr. O'Connell explained the incentive programs are working. Prior to COVID the sales tax numbers were higher than last year.

-Mr. O'Connell received a call from Judy Mooncotch, Operator of LaGrange Crane. They need additional parking spaces for their facility. They are in negotiations with Power Washing Systems Negotiations who own a vacant storage area. Additional parking is needed for their facility which has been located on River Road for many years. Any current leases the current owner has on the storage area would be terminated, and parking from LaGrange Crane would be added. The current Ordinance allows for this parking. The approval would need to be for LaGrange Crane, not any other Crane company. This would need to be made very clear in the agreement. LaGrange Crane has not been purchased yet. There cannot not be a 6B tax break unless something is being built, which is not being done. There is concern about hurting business that are currently leasing this property for storage. Mr. Cummings is in favor of LaGrange Crane purchasing this lot for equipment storage. This would be the lot area that is fenced in. There was discussion if the lot needs to be paved. At this time the lot is gravel. The code will be looked into.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap:

Chief Millsap commended the officers and Fire Department for a job well done today with the fire. He wished the occupant well-being.

- Police Academy at College of DuPage should open in September 14, 2020 and we have a slot available.
- Crossing Guards Edith and Patty are concerned about their pay, since the kids will not start school until September 14, 2020. The Crossing Guards asked if they would receive pay starting at the normal time they would start school. All trustees agree to start their pay when school would normally start.
- There was question as to if Mrs. Hopp will continue to be a crossing guard, Mrs. Salerno will reach out to her.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley thanked Mrs. Salerno for the update on the sales tax for the shopping mall.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi.

Mr. Misasi reported Public works is picking up items, painting curbs, and mowing.

-New Dump truck will come in about 2 weeks.

-The Weeping Willow Road project has been completed.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported two homes sold in the last few weeks for over \$300,000.00, which is good news.

Water Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported CDBG sewer lining project will start- Lyons to 67th St. between Conrad and Wenz and Wenz and Chester. – The contractor will notify residents. Cameras will be done first and then by September linings will be added.

Police Committee, Chairman, Larry Rice

Mr. Rice reported thanked everyone for the hiring of 2 new officers'.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Paul Struve

Mr. Struve reported there will an upcoming Zoning Committee Meeting August 17, 2020 with BN&F at 10:00 a.m. Review should be done prior to the meeting. Mr. O'Connell clarified as long as we do not have a majority of the Quorum, nothing made will be binding. Everything can only be a recommendation. Mrs. Mills will be sure to be in attendance at this meeting.

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

No Report

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

-Mrs. Mills reported there have not been aging well meetings. The upcoming meetings are still to be determined.

-Hodgkins Public Library donated books to the Aging Well Program.

Health, Safety & Human Resources Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley explained that the Village Employee hand book is going to have some revisions. If anyone has any changes, please let Attorney Rodgers know as soon as possible.

-The Village Hall and Police Department are still closed for the time being until COVID numbers are updated.

Comments from the Audience:

-Mrs. Salerno reported Tuesday, August 18, 2020 is the Chicago Food Depository, Food Pantry at the Fire Department. There will be meat products and milk also.

-The State of Illinois will come the Village Hall on October 13, 2020 for the Rules of the road class and mobile unit.

-The Village Hall is also an early voting site for the Election. The Election Board needs to be kept the equipment clean. There are multiple people that work the early voting. The cleaning issues have not been addressed.

- Mr. Misasi would like to look into purchasing automatic hand sanitizers for the Village hall if people are going to be coming in to the Village Hall for events. This item will be explored.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m. was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley.

Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills.

Voting Nay: None

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 9/14/2020

Ayes: 6

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0