

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**Noel B. Cummings Administration Building**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 12, 2025**

**Meeting called to order: 6:00pm**

**Those present: Vicky Moxley, Chairman**  
**Tim Kovel, Member**  
**Lida Mills, Member**  
**Robert Millsap, Member**

**Also Present: Ernest Millsap, President**  
**Stephanie Gardner, Clerk**  
**Dominic Misasi, Trustee**  
**Jorea Touranjeau, Trustee**  
**John O'Connell, Attorney**  
**Melody Salerno, Comptroller**  
**Ryan Carrasquillo, Chief of Police**

**Jody Kovel, Superintendent**  
**Ken Tucker, Deputy Superintendent**  
**Rose Lopez, Deputy Clerk**  
**Matt Struve, Building Inspector**

Mrs. Moxley explained this meeting is to discuss Water Rate Increases and a Grocery Tax.

Mr. O'Connell reported the Village of McCook received notice from the City of Chicago that the Rates were being raised by 4%, in turn McCook raised their rates to us by 4%. Mr. O'Connell with the help of Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Lopez prepared an Ordinance that will be presented at tonight's Board Meeting for Vote. We will raise our rates by 4% to cover the increase we are receiving. Each group is being raised by 4%. There is no mark up to the residents or businesses. The average water bill will increase by approximately \$3.30 for 10,000 gallons of water used for the 2-month billing cycle.

The Grocery Tax was adopted by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Pritzker approximately 1 ½ years ago. The Governor allowed Home Rule and Non-Home Rule Municipalities to replace a 1% Grocery Tax, what is in place now. We are preparing an Ordinance to be addressed in June. This would replace the 1% we are losing, effective January 1, 2026. The Ordinance would be addressed and if passed would be certified and presented to the Illinois Department of Revenue in October for Adoption. The Village would lose \$1.2 million each year, if we do not pass this Ordinance. At this time over 100 towns have already passed the Ordinance. Currently there is a 1% sales tax added to Groceries. The state will take the tax away, but the municipality will keep the tax. There is a question as to whether the State will take an administrative fee or not. Everything will stay the same with what people are paying now. Mr.

Kovel added the infrastructure is needing work and salaries are higher, so the 1% is important to us.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

*Approved: 8/6/2025*

*Ayes: 6      Absent: 0*

*Nays: 0      Abstain: 0*

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