

## VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

### HEALTH and HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Those present: Vicky Moxley, Chairman  
Don Cuttill, Member  
Paul Struve, Member

Those Absent: Larry Rice, Member

Also Present: Stephanie Gardner, Clerk  
Dominic Misasi, Trustee  
Phil Kringlie, Trustee  
Melody Salerno, Comptroller

Pledge of Allegiance

Tonight's discussion is regarding the Handicapped Assistance Program.

Mrs. Moxley discussed that three projects have been completed thus far. The first project was in 2016 and that was for resident Andy Lynn. This was a chair lift at a cost of \$1,500.00. In 2017 a lift was installed in Weeping Willow Ranch at a cost of \$4,984.12, and a ramp was installed at another resident's for \$865.56. There are no applications waiting at this time. The program has been published in the Village Communicator.

There is concern that in some mobile homes door size may be an issue, which would pose be an additional cost. Pete DePaoli, Village Resident, is helping the Village out with assessing the projects and giving the Village a cost for the project. Mr. DePaoli works for a company that specializes in installing handicapped assistance items for members of the V.A. Mr. Struve asked Mr. DePaoli to inform us of any used lifts that he comes across for purchase. Mrs. Moxley would like to do 5 projects this year, two have already been completed. If more people apply another meeting can be called to see if there is enough money to do more projects.

Under most circumstances Medicare does not pay for ramps. Resident applicants will be ranked on financial need. At this time there is not any maintenance service setup for

the lifts or the ramps. Placards need to be put onto all the lifts and ramps stating the equipment is Village Property. Upon a person moving or expiring then the equipment will be taken back by the Village and used for another person that is in need. Mr. Struve will look into getting steal placards made to be placed on all the lifts and ramps that are purchased.

Mr. Struve would like to look in to getting some used aluminum ramps to keep at the Village, so when someone is in need Public Works can install it right away. Most of the aluminum ramps are adjustable. The ramps come in sections.

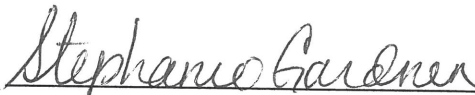
In some situations the V.A. will cover a ramp for Veterans, but it may take years for them to get approved and for the ramp to be installed.

Mr. Kringlie will setup with the Public Works a maintenance program to check Village supplied lifts. The Board is willing to have Public works employees check batteries for resident's smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, who are unable to do this. The Fire Department also does smoke detector checks when needed.

Mrs. Moxley questioned what should be done regarding Durable Medical Equipment. There was discussion as to whether these items should be stored and maintained here at the Village, or whether this should be left up to a third party source, such as St. Barbara's Closet. At St. Barbara's Closet a deposit is required for picking up some items. Mrs. Moxley is going to look into different options that are available regarding Durable Medical Equipment.

Consensus by all adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk