

## VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

### HEALTH and HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Those present:       Vicky Moxley, Chairman  
                          Don Cuttill, Member  
                          Paul Struve, Member  
                          Larry Rice, Member  
                          Lida Mills, Member

Also Present:       Stephanie Gardner, Clerk  
                          Dominic Misasi, Trustee  
                          Melody Salerno, Comptroller  
                          Ernest Millsap, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance

Tonight's discussion is regarding the Handicapped Assistance Program.

Mrs. Moxley discussed we have received an application for a ramp installation and handicapped shower from resident Virginia Kovel. Jody Kovel, patient's son and Power of Attorney was present for the meeting. Mrs. Moxley explained the original intent of the program was to help with the egress of people from their homes. There had not been any previous discussion regarding work inside people's homes. Ramps and lifts are able to be removed when a person expires and can be used for someone else. This cannot be done with a shower.

Mr. Kovel explained his mother has a hard time getting in and out of the shower and has had many falls. Mr. Pete DePaoli was present for the meeting. Mr. DePaoli works for Home Mobility Solutions. He has been to Ms. Kovel's house and inspected everything. The shower being looked at is ADA accessible, and the plumbing is up to date and accessible. As for the ramp, there is a ramp already in place, but there is assistance needed in getting out the door which is a step, and an extension needed on the ramp that already exists. Cost would be \$2,300.00 for both the ramp extensions and the shower. The ramp cost alone would be \$1,100.00. Mr. DePaoli, said the shower cannot be removed once installed to put in someone else's home, as it is installed in concrete.

Mr. Misasi made a recommendation to the board to approve the ramp extension. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Mrs. Moxley asked for a recommendation to the board for the installation of the ADA accessible shower. It was recommended to discuss with legal counsel about going into someone's home. Mrs. Moxley explained that we would be extending money from the program every time someone needed something done inside the home and we would not be getting the equipment back. All trustees were in agreement to advise legal counsel prior to making the decision on any kind of shower installation inside a person's home.

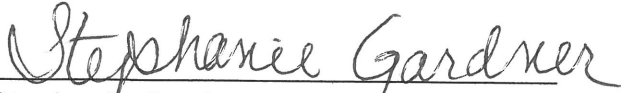
Mrs. Moxley thanked Mr. DePaoli for all the work that he does for the Village and its residents. Mr. DePaoli said his boss is very impressed with the Village of Hodgkins offering this kind of program to their residents and is giving the equipment to us at cost that we purchase from them. Mr. Kovel said with the discussion that was had and the possible legal aspects with the shower, he feels as a Village we are better off not doing showers. He feels the handicapped program should be left to outside projects only.

Mrs. Moxley asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Chief Millsap was asked to be present for the closed session. A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

A motion to resume open session was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

All Trustees were in consensus to close the Health and Human Resources Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk