

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28, 2025

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Those Present: Stephanie Gardner, Chairman
 Vicky Moxley, Co-Chairman
 Dominic Misasi, Member
 Lida Mills, Member

Also Present:	Ernest Millsap, President	Jody Kovel, Superintendent
	Tim Kovel, Trustee	Andrew Salerno, Building Inspector
	Robert Millsap, Trustee	Rose Mary Lopez, Deputy Clerk
	Jorea Touranjeau, Trustee	Melody Salerno, Comptroller
	John O'Connell, Attorney	Pat Rogers, Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion regarding the Resident Handicapped Assistance Program

The Resident Handicapped Assistance Program had been on hold for a few months due to reaching the yearly budget. The yearly budget was \$30,000.00. There are 21-lifts and 4-ramps currently out. There is one lift pending pickup due to a person expiring and there is one new lift at Public Works.

Ramps do not require any maintenance. Lifts require twice yearly maintenance. We currently use 101 Mobility to install ramps, Public Works installs the lifts. Cost of lifts and ramps including installation are around \$5000-\$6000.00 each.

Andrew is currently doing all the greasing and easy fixes for the lifts, if anything bigger or more complicated issues happen then Andrew calls 101 Mobility to come out to service the unit. The service fee is anywhere from \$150.00 and up, plus the cost of the parts. 101 Mobility is the only company that Andrew has found in our area that works on the particular brand of lift that the Village has purchased.

Discussion regarding different options on how to go forward with the program.

Going forward The Village of Hodgkins will no longer purchase ramps or lift for residents. If a resident would like a lift or ramp for their residence, they can purchase their own ramp or lift,

bring a copy of the paid receipt to the Village Hall and they will be reimbursed for 50% of the cost up to \$3000.00.

The consensus is to Amend the Handicapped Assistance Program as it currently is.

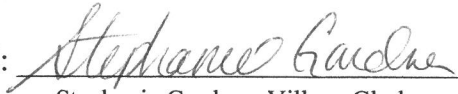
Going forward:

- 1.) A letter will be sent to Residents and Parks informing them we are revising the Handicapped Assistance Program.
- 2.) Resident will have the option to keep their ramp/lift and take over ownership, including all maintenance and repairs or have their ramp/lift picked up by the Village of Hodgkins. Residents will have 30 days to decide from the date they receive the letter.
- 3.) Village of Hodgkins will pay 50% of a First-time Maintenance Cost.
- 4.) Contact Information for 101 Mobility in Orland Park would be given to the resident.
- 5.) If the Resident chooses they do not want the ramp/lift anymore, Public Works will remove the ramp/lift and replace all stairs or railings that were taken out at no cost to the owner. (We do have stairs/ railings for units that we will continue to hold on too until the lift is removed. We will address as we need to.)
- 6.) The Resident Handicapped Assistance Program Budget will remain at \$30,000.00.
- 7.) The Resident Handicapped Assistance Program Maintenance Budget will remain at \$15,000.00 for now.

Many concerns addressed. The program needs to be the same for all. Veterans can contact the VA mobility program for help and others can contact their own personal insurance for assistance. The program could not be sustained as it currently was. Last year there were a large number of applicants coming in. The Village had spent a large amount of money on the program thus far.

The 1 new unit and the newer used unit will replace 2 of the older units, up to the Public Works discretion.

Meeting Closed at 6:47 p.m. Ayes: All Nay: None

Signed: 
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 2/10/2025

<i>Ayes:</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Absent:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Nays:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Abstain:</i>	<i>0</i>