

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 13, 2014

Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustee: Donald Cuttill  
Vicky Moxley  
Larry Rice  
Paul Struve  
Phillip Kringlie

Those Absent: Trustee Hugh Rhodes  
Attorney Timothy Callahan

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 9, 2013, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for November 2013. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of December. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Resolution #2014-01 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$180,487.50. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #14-01 amending Title 7, Chapter 3B, Section 4 of the Village Code of Hodgkins Entitled "Water Rates and Charges: to reflect an increase in Commercial Usage. Motion to approve by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a recommendation from the Zoning

Board of Appeals to allow a variance for Parking Setback and Green Strip Requirement at front yard on property located at 6119 to 6129 East Avenue. Mr. Cummings acknowledge Mr. Edwin Belka, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Belka stated as to the reasons to allow a variance at the property listed above and it was the consensus of the Zoning Board of Appeals to recommend the approval of the variance to the Village Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve the variance by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

#### **Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

#### **Report from Village Attorney, John T. O'Connell**

Attorney O'Connell stated the Village has closed on the property of 6103 East Avenue, belonging to Mr. Ainscough in early December 2013.

He also closed of the property 6101 East Avenue, Mances' Bar & Grill on December 31, 2013.

Currently all properties on East Avenue south of Lenzi Avenue (formerly known as Catherine Ann Drive) is owned by the Village of Hodgkins up to the Dostal property.

The Central Blacktop property located at 6160 East Avenue has been sold to Helping Hand a school for handicapped adults. The closing will be on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Helping Hand has assured the Village there will be no bus congestion at that location.

Central Blacktop will remain at that location for a few more years and will be renovating the building just north of the park district and will eventually move into that location.

#### **Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap**

Chief Millsap noted the renovations to the records room at the Police Department has been completed. He wished to thank the Public Works Department for all of their help making this project go smoothly.

On January 14th the Police Department will be hosting the West Suburban Juvenile Association which always has a good turn out. The food will be supplied by Salerno's.

#### **Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott**

Mr. Scott reminded everyone of the snow of the previous week and then the bitter cold. He informed the Board of the new procedures for plowing and the public works

employees alternated plowing the Village. He also noted there was one accident with a light pole down on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Report From Building Inspector, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reports the Park District building has poured the floors which will open up much more work to be accomplished.

He noted that he did a walk through at UPS along with the Pleasantview Fire District and they have the intention to replace the conveyer system within the next three years.

**Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky**

Mr. Tholotowsky reports currently there are no more gas leaks in the Lenzi buildings and everything should be in order.

He noted the vent less heater problems and there are alternatives that has been suggested by the apartment owners. There will be reviews on the submitted heaters and one will be chosen for approval that will be allowed to be installed into the buildings.

There are still problems with the hot water heaters for the residents they are still working on. One he talked to stated he hasn't had heat for approximately 6 years.

He noted there are some plumbing issues that need to be addressed and he is waiting for the Plumbing Inspector to return from a death in his family and they will have him go and inspect each building to get the proper repairs done.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley stated there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to receive an update of the Police Pension

**Public Works Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman**

Mr. Kringlie commended the Public Works for their hard work with snow removal even though they were short handed. Also their hours of operation has been capped because of liability and for drivers safety.

He noted a sprinkler head had broken in the Village Hall lobby which has been repaired and why the inside door is left open during excessively cold weather to help prevent this from happening again.

He informed the Board currently public works employees are being used to service the Laundromat. He and Rosemary Lopez are working on the Communicator and will put in an ad for help wanted for part time to resume basic

responsibilities at the Laundromat.

**Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

No Report

**Water Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman**

Mr. Kringlie stated they are finalizing the installation of the new server for monitoring the water usage. They had hoped to have the installation completed for November 2013 but the project has fallen behind and the expected completion for sometime in March 2014.

He also commended the Water Department for locating a water leak behind Wal\*Mart where the Village was losing approximately 100,000 gallons a day.

He also noted the Ordinance 14-01 that was previously passed earlier in this meeting. As there was an increase of 15% that McCook was passing onto the Village it was decided the Village will not increase the residential portion for water usage. The commercial portion was the only rate that was increased.

**Police Committee, Hugh Rhodes, Chairman**

No Report.

**9-1-1 Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

Mr. Rice stated reverse 911 notified all residents to take precautions in the freezing weather and all seems to be going smoothly.

**Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

No Report.

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

Mr. Struve stated he had a meeting with Mr. Alan Mills, Chairman of ESDA and asked him to report to the Board as to what is going on at this time.

Mr. Mills stated he was working with Lt. Cepelcha regarding a Cook County Hazzard mitigation plan. He stated it is a 7 phase plan.

- Phase 1 identifying Village important buildings within Hodgkins, which has been completed
- Phase 2 identifying flood plane areas within the Village and what Ordinances the Village has that were intact. This has also been completed
- Phase 3 There is a meeting on this on January 29, 30 and 31 only one

needs to be attended. He talked to Trustee Struve and requested that he or Mr. Callahan attend as it is during work hours and he is unable to attend. He is not sure what the meeting is about but he his understanding is it might pertain to buildings. Mr. Struve stated he would attend

As there are 7 phases to this mitigation plan and he might be asking for more help with the other phases.

The reason for these meetings was in 2010 the floods in Westchester. They applied with FEMA for help with the flooding and were unable to receive any because Cook County did not have any plan set up.

### **Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman**

Mr. Cuttill reports there is no Aging Well meeting scheduled for January. The next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and will be held upstairs in the Josh Adair room for the next several meetings.

He also noted the Village had received a notice from the I&M Canal for the Villages' annual contribution. The letter noted the rate is \$4000, which is a \$3000 increase from past contributions.

Mr. Struve stated he had talked with the representative for the Village of Hodgkins and he felt this was a mistake. The amount should continue to be \$1,000.

Mr. Cuttill made a motion to approve \$1,000 to pay to the I&M Canal. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice,. Mr. Struve and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

### **Health, Safety & Human Resource, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley reminds everyone to keep from spreading any illnesses by washing their hands, cover their mouths when they cough and to remember to get their flu shots. She also noted with the inclement weather to be aware of any ice so they do not slip and fall as she did recently.

### **Old Business**

No Report

### **New Business**

No Report

## **Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Moxley.  
Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr.  
Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:30 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed:**

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**