

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
January 8, 2024

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President:

Ernest Millsap

Trustees:

Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorney:

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee:

Larry Rice

Attorney:

John O'Connell

Those also present: Melody Salerno, Rose Mary Lopez, Rodney Cummings, Tom Brandstedt, Jody Kovel, Ken Tucker, Matt Struve

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience:

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 11, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for November 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of November 2023 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of December. Motion to approve the December 2023 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny appointing Todd Haizlip to the Civil Service Board. Motion to approve appointing Todd Haizlip to the Civil Service Board was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation by Mr. Ni, Owner/Manager of Dakgogi Restaurant locating at 9320 Joliet Rd. Suite 100 B. To Go Restaurant. No Alcohol sales. Open 6-7 days a week from 11:00 a.m-9:00p.m. Anticipated opening is March. All Board Member questions answered.

Motion to approve/deny Business License to Dakgogi Restaurant Locating at 9320 Joliet Road, Suite 100 B. Motion to approve Business License to Dakgogi Restaurant was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2024-01 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$64,000.00. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-01 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/ deny Resolution #2024-02 Authorizing to Support the Renewal of 6B Status for Wei Chuan USA, Inc. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Waiving Zoning Board of Appeal Fee as of January 8, 2024. Motion to approve Permanent Elimination of Zoning Board of Appeal Fee as of January 8, 2024 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

-Mrs. Lopez, Attorney Rogers, and Mr. Cummings are in the very early stages of learning about and creating a policy for Village Social Media pages in regards to FOIA requests.

-The Ethics List for 2023 is due to be submitted to Cook County by February 1, 2024. I am working on updating the list for submission

-Mr. Salerno is going to look into our microphones.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Absent- No Report

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported there will be a closing on the upcoming former Rhodes Property. Chicago Title is asking for a Resolution Request authorizing the sale of the property from the Board. This will be done by the end of the month.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported there was an increase in Sales, Municipal and Home Rule Taxes that the Village received. The increase has been a continuous for the last few years.

-Thanked the Board for allowing and supporting her in running the Food Pantry. St. Barbara's Food Pantry donated 30 Thanksgiving and 25 Christmas Dinner boxes for needy residents.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported they are starting to take down the Christmas Decorations.

-They are ready for the upcoming week of predicted snow.

-The Street Sweeper was received. There will be training by the company at the end of the month.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported UPS is starting a Multi-year conveyor replacement project. The plans and been submitted to BNF for review. The planned start date is January 15, 2024.

-There is a new Manager for Valley Oaks.

-Manufacture Home presale inspections were completed.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported he and Mr. Tucker are working on the LMO2 report that is submitted to the IDNR annually. This will be submitted by next week.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Absent- No Report

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported the Formal 2024 Budget will be on the agenda for February 2024.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel commended the Public Works Department for a beautiful job on the Christmas Decorations.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Nicholas Dwyer graduated from the Police Academy on December 21, 2023. He has now started his FTO training and the department will be at Full Strength once his training is complete.

-In conjunction with the Countryside Police Department a Citizens Police Academy will start on February 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Countryside Police Department. Visit the Hodgkins Police Department Website for the application and more details.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported the UPS project is starting.

-The Josh Adair room is complete. Thank you to Andrew Salerno for his hard work on this project

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Kovel reported on December 20, 2023 there was a small water main leak that had to be repaired.

-Robert Millsap passed his water test.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

-Ms. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Tucker.

-E.S.D.A. is continuing with shopping mall patrols.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported March 19th is the Food Pantry.

-1st Sunday and 3rd Thursday of the Month the Historical Society is open.

-On January 3rd there was a meeting to discuss the 2024 activities.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-No Report

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported the next Aging Well meeting is January 17th. They are looking for new members, so please join them and bring a friend.

-The Christmas Party was a success.

Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion regarding the following:

- 1.) Real Estate
- 2.) Salaries

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:24p.m. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to resume open session at 7:54p.m. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny sale price for Village owned Residential lots. 6601 Kane Ave will be put in the communicator for sale for \$60,000.00, after 90 days if there is no interest it will be opened to contractors. 6600 Wenz Ave. there was only 1 party who submitted a bid, so the sale price will be adjusted to \$60,000.00. Motion to approve sale price for Village owned lots for \$60,000.00 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny adjusted salaries. Motion to table this item was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 1/23/2024

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0