

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 9, 2012

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

**Those present:**

**President: Noel Cummings**

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill  
Vicky Moxley  
Paul Struve  
Ernest Millsap  
Thomas Christopher**

**Attorney: John O'Connell  
Timothy Callahan**

**Those absent:**

**Larry Rice**

Pledge of allegiance.

The Public Hearing that was continued from the June Board meeting has been recessed at the request of Mr. O'Connell.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on June 11, 2012, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to accept by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for May 2012. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of June 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny awarding 2012 CDBG sidewalk replacement Phase V project to JG Demo, Inc. with the low bid of \$73,777.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

### **Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell**

Mr. O'Connell reports on the discussions with Commonwealth Edison regarding the Silbrico expansion. The discussions appear to be going fairly positively. They are discussing the methodology to remediate the property. There is a memorandum of understanding between ComEd, Silbrico and the Village. This will be the subject of the Public Hearing at the August Board Meeting.

Regarding the property on East Avenue, Mr. Evans advises the former Albie's Hilltop has been demolished. This gives a significant change to the appearance to the area.

Mr. Millsap asked if we were any closer to a bid process for the vacant property in the Village. Mr. Callahan states he has been remiss regarding appraisals on the property. However, he will have them ready for the next Board Meeting.

### **Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie**

Chief Kringlie commends ESDA for their intervention during the extreme heat period. A call from a resident concerning their air conditioning. The resident had returned from the hospital after an extended stay to find their window air conditioner was not working. A new air conditioner had been purchased but he did not have the strength to replace it. Alan Mills and Kenneth Tucker, Jr. took it upon themselves to go to the man's house and removed the old air conditioner then install the new air conditioner.

Last Saturday there was a resident that was using the library as a cooling center. She had no place to go when the library closed, so ESDA opened up the Village Hall and used it as a temporary cooling center. A frontal system moved through cooling down the area. The Village Hall was only open from about 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The new Officer has graduated from Cook County Police Academy at a very high level in his class. But, we still need notification from the state training board. He has passed his tests and is a certified Illinois Police Officer and is undergoing Field Training. He should be on his own sometime in the middle of August.

Chief Kringlie informs the President and Board of Trustees of his intentions to retire probably sometimes in late October. Chief Kringlie states it has been a privilege to serve the community for the past thirty-one and one-half years.

He also states that he has served with some great police officers both in the past and currently. He states that he has been honored with the duty of leading the department as the Chief of Police for the last seven and one-half years.

Chief Kringlie considers the officers on our department as his personal heroes and will not forget the sacrifices they make daily for our community.

President Cummings expressed his appreciation for the contribution Chief Kringlie has been to the community. President Cummings also states that he does not want to see him retire, but understands that the decision to retire is his alone.

### **Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice**

No Report.

### **Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

Mr. Evans reports that the Hilltop will be torn down this Thursday. The house is already torn down. The preliminary work for the retaining wall is going along well.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss our options when the Chief of Police retires. Motion by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to resume Open Session. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings gives a brief explanation of what was discussed in the closed session regarding the replacement of the Chief of Police. There was no final agreement on the replacement. His intention is to appoint Mr. Millsap as the Chief of Police in September. The Trustee appointment would be Hugh Rhodes.

Mr. O'Connell states that the appointments do not require a vote. The Mayor has the statutory authority to make the appointments.

Mr. Cummings states that the appointments will not take effect until after the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Cummings recognized Dianna Knack's retirement at the end of this week.

Mrs. Knack states that she is very comfortable with the appointment of Mrs. Rosemarie Lopez as her replacement in the front office of the Village.

Mr. Cummings states that Mrs. Lopez is quite adept at maneuvering through the Cook County tax maze and can immensely help the residents with their tax bills.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

#### **Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman**

No Report. The first patching has been done on East Avenue. The bumps are a little bit smoother now.

#### **Building Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman**

No Report.

#### **Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

Mr. Christopher states that there are some computer issues in the water department.

#### **Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

Mr. Millsap states that he has been in law enforcement for twenty-nine years and Chief Kringlie is the very best.

**9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Report.

**Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

No Report.

**E.S.D.A. Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman**

No Report.

**Health, Safety and Human Resources Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

The final draft of the handbook should be coming soon. There will be meetings when the book is finalized and ready for review.

Cooling stations have been opened for the residents.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Comments from the Audience**

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

Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed:**

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**