VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 11, 2012

Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m.

Those present: President: Noel Cummings

Trustees: Donald Cuttill

Vicky Moxley Larry Rice Ernest Millsap Tom Christopher

Attorney: John O'Connell

Tim Callahan

Those absent: Trustee: Paul Struve

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on May 14, 2012, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for April, 2012. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

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

Mr. Cummings noted he had 12 applications for the position for office clerk currently held by Mrs. Dianna Knack who is retiring on August 3, 2012. After reviewing these applications he felt the person best suited for this position was Mrs. Rosemarie Lopez. Mrs. Moxley requested this topic be discussed in the executive session later in this meeting. Motion to table this topic until the closed session listed on this agenda by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the bid of \$110,000 by Cerniglia Company for the Master Meter Vault Rehabilitation. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve or deny Resolution 2012-05 Approving Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for Temporary Access and Construction Easement located on the property at 6201 East Avenue, Hodgkins. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve or deny Payment #1 in the amount of \$14,792.83 to Tierra Environmental Services Company for 2012 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve or deny Ordinance #12-06, Amending the Village of Hodgkins Liquor Ordinance 3-3-10D, Conduct of Licensees, Gambling. Attorney Callahan noted this is required under State Stature. The Village has to opt in to allow the statute to take effect in the Village. This ordinance pertains to Video Poker at establishments that sell alcoholic beverages served on the premises. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Motion to approve: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

No Report

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Would like to thank Retired Police Chief, Hugh Rhodes and our Village Attorney Tim Callahan for handling the Memorial Day Service this year at the Hodgkins Veterans Memorial on May 28th. In addition, our appreciation to the Coulter American legion Post #1941 of LaGrange for providing the Honor Guard.
- Police Officer Jonathon Rutkoski graduated the Cook County Sherriff's Police Academy on June 8th. He earned the Academy Class Physical Fitness award and finished in the top 4 of this class, academically. He will now begin a ten week field training officer program.

Report from Superintendent, Eric Rice

- He noted Ken Tucker and himself drove the fire truck in the Pet Parade on Saturday, June 2, 2012.
- Summer help has started and have begun the clean up around the 63rd Street pond.

Report from Building Inspector, Robert Evans

- The trees have been removed on the south side of the 6129 property formerly know as the Hilltop
- The Hilltop is scheduled to be demolished around July 1
- The house south of the Hilltop is scheduled to be demolished around June 18

Closed Session

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go into closed session. Motion by Mr. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go back into the Board Meeting: Motion by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Attorney O'Connell stated the motion will be to approve or deny the Presidents appointment for the position of Office Receptionist, this is the position that is held by Dianna Knack who is retiring. This decision is up to the Village President. All those in favor say Aye: All those opposed? None. Motion Carried

Mr. Cummings makes the motion that Rosemarie Lopez be hired for the position as Village Office Receptionist, replacing Dianna Knack.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Cook County notified everyone that the property tax bills will be on time this year which is a big accomplishment.

Street & Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

No Report

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Asked if the Lieutenant and Sergeant list is completed.

Chief Kringlie responded the list has been completed and is posted as of June 1st. He also noted this list is in effect for three (3) years.

Noted the Relay for Life for Breast Cancer team "Just Because" represented the Village. The team finished in the top 3 and raised \$3,500 in donations.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report

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

Wanted to thank the Police Department & ESDA for their assistance during the Memorial Day Service.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Aging Wells is going to Cantigny on June 27th, there are approximately 20 people that have signed up to go.

Health, Safety & Human Resource Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Noted Attorney Callahan has been working on an employee handbook for the Village. She will be scheduling a meeting to start the review process and then present it at hopefully the next Board Meeting.

She also asked the audience to be careful of the sun and hot weather. To make sure hats were worn, sun tan lotion was applied and to drink plenty of fluids.

Old Business

Mr. Millsap asked if anything further was done regarding the sale of the properties on Kane Avenue and Chester Avenue. He suggested they should possibly be put out to bid so they can be put back on the tax roll as soon as possible.

New Business

Mr. Cummings asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Charles Kovel, who passed away this past weekend. He was a past resident of the Village of Hodgkins and noted Mr. Kovel was a soldier in WWII who participated at Iwo Jima.

Comments from the Audience

Mrs. Alice Katzamarek wanted thank Mr. Cuttill for informing her there is a car emissions testing station at Midas Car Repair on LaGrange Road in Countryside. She stated all anyone has to do is make an appointment to have their emissions test done. This is so much more convenient as it is in our own back yard.

Mr. Joseph Klotz submitted a letter to the President and Board of Trustee's earlier today regarding his thoughts of Mr. Robert Sherman to remove a poster in the lobby of the Hodgkins Police Department because it had God in the words memorializing 9-11. He felt this problem was not handled in a good way by taking down this poster. He also thought the Village should have held a special meeting explaining why they took down this poster. Mr. Klotz stated he had done some research pertaining to not removing this poster and felt the Village had a decent defense for not removing it. He noted all the information in his letter regarding his findings. He also felt the Village capitulated too

soon and should have fought this removal request more vigorously. He noted he was not happy with the decision and wanted to express his feelings with the decision to remove this poster.

President Cummings responded he had talked to the Village Attorneys and a Judge in Chicago and he questioned them regarding the legalities of this poster. They all recommended the Village remove this poster as it would not win if this went to trial. He noted this was not an easy decision for him but felt it was in the best interest of the Village not to spend any money that this subject could generate in a trial with the high possibility of the verdict going against the Village.

Mrs. Marilyn Soutar asked what would the cost be should the Village decide to pursue this.

Attorney O'Connell stated a trial lawyer cost starts at \$400 per hours.

Bill Urban spoke and asked why the Village relented after a couple of days.

Attorney O'Connell stated it was at least 2 or 3 weeks before this poster was removed and once again it was not taken lightly.

Mr. Robert Evans commended Joseph for what he wrote and agreed with him 100%. No one else agreed with this man to take down the poster because it had the word God in it, but he was with the President while he tried to decide what to do and informed Mr. Klotz the Mr. Cummings went back and forth in his decision to remove the poster or not too. Validating the Presidents final decision regarding this subject was not an easy for him.

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

Adjourned 8:00 .P.M.

Claude Sexton_	
Claude Sexton, Village Clerk	

Date Passed: 7-09-12

Voting Aye: 5 Absent: 1 Voting Nay: 0 Abstain: 0