

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
March 11, 2024**

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President:

Ernest Millsap

Trustees:

Larry Rice

Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorney:

John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those also present: Melody Salerno, Rose Mary Lopez, Joseph Klotz, 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 February 12, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for January 2024. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of January 2024 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of February. Motion to approve the February 2024 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation by Cook County Commissioner Aguilar. Update on Accomplishments he has achieved. He has opened a Satellite office in Leyden Township. Update on recent events, current sponsorships, accomplishments and topics that need work on. He would be happy to sponsor any upcoming events.

Motion to approve/deny low Bid of \$198,826.00 for Public Works Building- Offices (Shell Only) to FBi Building, Inc. Motion to approve low Bid to FBi Building, Inc. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Business License to Dr. Q Heating and Cooling, Inc. Mr. Angel Lopez owner was present for the meeting. All questions answered. Trustees request a letter from Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park giving approval for him to run a business out of his home in the park. Mr. Struve had no objections. Motion to approve Business License to Dr. Q. Heating and Cooling pending approval from Valley Oaks Management that Dr. Q Heating and Cooling, Inc. can operate the business out of their home was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/ deny Business License to LD Trucking Services, Inc. Ljubica Trajkovic, owner of LD Trucking Services was present for the meeting. She rents the unit she is in. She moved into the unit in February 2024. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Struve addressed concerns of the all the trucks and mechanical work that is being done outside the suite. There are inconsistencies with what applicant is saying and what is being seen by employees of the Building Department. There have been complaints from other tenants. Mr. O'Connell asked that the Business License be held until issues are resolved. Mr. Struve will be in contact with the owner of the suite and then contact with the applicant. Motion to table Business License to LD Trucking Services, Inc. until issues are resolved was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Recommendation for Architect Services for Interior Design of Public Works Office Building not to Exceed \$33,000.00 Motion to approve recommendation for Architect Services not to exceed \$33,000 was made by was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-04 Amending Compensation for elected Village Officials. Motion to approve Ordinance #24-04 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2024-04 Approving the Conveyance of Fee Simple Title of the Underlying Property of the Quarry Water Tower from CALSTRS to the Village of Hodgkins. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-04 was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-05 Amending the Beautification Program for the Village of Hodgkins requiring Sprinkler systems in all newly constructed residences. Ordinance #24-05 expands to all newly constructed homes in the Village of Hodgkins. The Village of Hodgkins would pay for the Full Cost of a sprinkler system for those who choose to install one. The purchaser can sign a waiver choosing not to have a sprinkler system installed. There are two residents who have installed sprinkler systems in their newly constructed homes. These residents will be reimbursed for the portion they paid out of pocket, if they choose to accept the reimbursement. Motion to approve Ordinance #24-05 was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action for Resolution #2024-05 Regarding Disbursement of COVID Relief Funds to Casciani's and Stefan Grill in the Amount of \$30,000 each. Vladamir Kurcovic, Manager for Stefan Grill, and Gino Casciani's- Co-Owner for Casciani's were present for the meeting. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action Regarding Selling Water Tower Leases on River Road and Quarry Shopping Center Water Towers. Mr. O'Connell has received calls and letters regarding selling the remaining leases on the water towers, focusing on the River Road Water Tower. Motion to reject offer to sell water tower leases was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action Regarding Archive Social-Social Media Archiving Software in the Amount of \$6,988.00. Motion to approve purchase of Social Media Archiving Software was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

-The Cook County Ethics Department emailed out Ethics Statements today. Everyone who is required to fill them out should have received the email today.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported the 75st Development is close to breaking ground

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers commends Mrs. Lopez and Mr. Cummings for the research and meetings that were required regarding the Social Media Archiving Software so they could bring it to the board when appropriate.

-There was a staircase issue with 6608 and 6610 Wenz Ave, and this issue has been resolved.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported Baker Tilly 2023 Audits have started. There have been no issues so far.
-The Village is giving out new smoke detectors. Households are allowed 2 free smoke detectors.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported employees will be trained on the new Street Sweeper.
-A new lawn mower will be received next month. All other equipment is being maintained.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported 6610 Wenz Ave work will continue work and the staircase will be placed back in its previous location.

- There was a walk through with Valley Oaks, President Guy Kornblum, and Employees of the Building Department, Trustee Misasi, and Attorney Rogers. They will be going to another park owned by the same company to see some of the renovated homes.
- There was a building Committee Meeting on March 5, 2024 with all three Mobile Home Parks.
- Commendation to Mrs. Lopez on helping to train member of the Building Department on the I-Works Program.
- Property Maintenance and inspections continue.
- There was a seminar in Bloomington dealing with nuisance properties that was attended.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported he met with the Engineer for the 75th Street Development. They are resubmitting for their MWRD permit.
-The Water Infrastructure project for the Justice/Willow Springs connection is being worked on and supposed to be finalized in Mid-April.
-In the next few weeks IDOT will be closing North Bound East Avenue for 3-4 weeks for Sewer structure improvements from Joliet Rd. to 55th Street. This will be clarified if both directs or just North Bound.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Mr. Klotz reported Officer Dwyer has completed his FTO training and has been released to work on his own. He is working the night shift currently.
-Chief Klotz commended the officers for helping in the Hazmat situation on I-55 that effected River Road.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported she attended her second Pension Board Committee Meeting. She will be continuing with education and an upcoming conference.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported the Village Roadway going in to Valley Oaks was repaired in a very quick manner a few weeks ago.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the promotional exam for sergeants and lieutenants will be available soon.

-The Last Citizens Police Academy Meeting is next Thursday.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Mr. Struve and Mr. Salerno will be taking a certification test.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Tucker reported the water improvement project is still being worked out.

-With the Hazmat situation, IDOT came out and Clean up was done to IDOT specs. There was no contamination to the water or storm sewer systems.

-Mr. Millsap reported that Congressman Casten help get us approved us for a \$500,000 grant.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

-Ms. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Tucker. Lt. Cimino and Mr. Tucker will be attending the Emergency Planning Assistance Program Meeting.

-E.S.D.A. assisted with the Countryside St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

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

-March 30th is the Shredding Event from 10:00 a.m.- noon at the Village Hall Parking Lot.

-April 10th is the Business Appreciation Breakfast.

-June 14th is Concert in the Park from 6:00- 9:00p.m

-The Village will be providing Dump for the 3 Mobile Home Parks in April for a Spring Cleanup.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-We are awaiting Installation of a Ramp for a Resident in Weeping Willow.

-There was an application for a Lift Installation in Weeping Willow.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported there was a Valentine's Luncheon, along with a movie. 20 people were in attendance.

-The Park District and Library will be at the next meeting to discuss the upcoming Summer Programs.

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

- 1.) Property
- 2.) Employees

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:04 pm to discuss the above and to allow Mr. Struve to be present for a portion of the meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to resume Open Session at 8:22 pm was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny pursuing property acquisition. Motion to approve authorizing Village Attorney's to negotiate with the owner of vacant property pursuing property acquisition. Motion to approve pursuing property acquisition was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Old Business:

Motion to Authorize Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent to sign Joint Participant for Salt Agreement that binds the Village to take delivery of the Specified amount of Rock Salt pursuant to the Joint Participation Agreement. Motion to approve the authorization was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice
Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi.
Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 4/8/24

Ayes: 4

Absent: 2

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0