

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 14, 2017

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

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustees: Donald Cuttill

Vicky Moxley

Larry Rice- Phone-in

Paul Struve

Dominic Misasi

Lida Mills

Attorney: John O'Connell

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on July 10, 2017, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for June 2017. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of July 2017. Motion to approve the payment of bills by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #2 to Bridges Excavating in the amount of \$64,080.00 for demolition on Lenzi Avenue. Motion to approve payment by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Resolution 2017-06 for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. Mr. Cainkar explained this is an annual renewal for rock salt, side walk replacement stone, etc. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-06 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to Reject East Avenue P.U.D. Berm Removal Bid of June 9, 2017. Mr. O'Connell explained the first bid was for the removal of the berm exclusively. The lowest bid was \$108,000.00. Following that there was a recompiled bid to include the whole excavation site, including other things that just the berm. When this bid was received the berm removal was \$50,000.00. Motion to reject the P.U.D. removal bid was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #17-09 as per the UPS Petition for Annexation of approximate 55 Acres into the Village of Hodgkins. Attorney O'Connell asked to defer the ordinance to the September 11th Board Meeting. The Village of Willow Springs has not appealed the case so the property is officially unincorporated Cook County. UPS is planning to petition for annexation into Hodgkins. There will be a Public Hearing September 11th prior to the Board Meeting. Motion to table Ordinance 17-09 until the September Board Meeting by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance 17-10 accepting Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation on Special Use Application by Stonetown Capital LLC. Mr. O'Connell asked Chairman Belka from the Zoning Board of Appeals to address the board. The old house will be demolished, the garage will be rearranged so the face of the garage will face East of Flamingo Dr. Park related equipment will only be allowed and it must fit in the garage. A modular home will be placed on this site to serve as the office/residents. The ZBA recommended the special use be granted with restrictions. Motion to approve Ordinance 17-10 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Resolution 2017-07 supporting 6B Property Tax Incentive Renewal for 7001 Santa Fe Drive, based on new construction. Mr. O'Connell received a letter from the attorneys for the owner of TRS. They have done approximately \$237,000.00 in construction cost to comply with building regulations. The Illinois Cook County Laws allows for a tax reduction based on the cost they incurred for the construction. The resolution is to show support in seeking the tax incentive. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07 was by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr.

Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Attorney O'Connell stated work has begun at 6203 East Avenue. They have installed fences and excavation should be done in a few weeks.

The Willow Springs case has concluded pertaining to the 55 acres. Currently those 55 acres are now in unincorporated Cook County. UPS is in the process of submitting a petition to be incorporated into Hodgkins. This should be resolved by the September meeting.

He also noted the ZBA unanimously agreed with restrictions pertaining to the Special Use request from Stonetown Capitol regarding the property in question. The stipulations are as follows:

- a. The vacant building currently on the subject property shall be demolished within 45 days of the effective date of the Ordinance previously passed.
- b. The site which housed the demolished vacant building shall either be maintained as a landscaped area or a gazebo as approved by the Village.
- c. The garage on the subject property that has its entrance way facing Lyons Street will be changed so the entrance will now face east toward Flaming Street.
- d. The current apron to the garage will be replaced with a regularly maintained grass area.
- e. The garage on the Subject Property will be the only storage area on the Subject Property and such storage shall be exclusively park related equipment.

Mr. Edwin Belka, Chairman of the ZBA, agreed with Attorney O'Connell on these stipulations regarding Stowntown Capitol Mobile Home Park. He mentioned these topics had been discussed with Zoning Board Members, residents that were in attendance at these meetings and the owners and managers of the park.

Attorney O'Connell also mentioned the park had put in a walking path that needed to be changed as it affects the vision of vehicles that are passing by it. He asked Mr. Tholotowsky if he could discuss this with the park management.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap

Mayor Cummings, Trustee Misasi, Trustee Mills, Lt. Cepelcha and Chief Millsap attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand re-opening of Wal*Mart on 7/21.

The new Emergency Weather Siren has been ordered. It will be installed near Kane Avenue and Robin Street hopefully by the end of September.

The Police Department has started passing out Police applications. The packets need to be returned to the Police department by September 6th at 4:00 p.m. The testing will start in October.

Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel

Absent-No Report

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky

Mr. Tholotowsky reported there is a machine on site at the Runnion property. Road work has started on the American Grading Project at the Metropolitan Water District.

Mr. Tholotowsky stated Tim Kovel, Trustee Misasi and Trustee Struve are still working on building code updates and hopes to be done soon.

The property at the closed Lone Star building has been cleaned up. Garbage has been removed and the dumpster area has been cleaned up with the removal of weeds.

He also noted residents and businesses have responded to requests pertaining to high grass problems.

On August 7, 2017 Mr. Azzarello attended a Judicial hearing on 6610 Wenz Shed issue and this has been resolved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report

Public Works Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

Public Works has removed 6 dead or dying parkway trees and stumps. Holes have been filled and seeded.

The portion of the alley damaged by the truck fire is scheduled to be replaced along with 2 driveway aprons.

The stop lines at Don Cuttill Drive and 67th Street have been repositioned to allow for better vision around the berm on the north side of Toyota.

The students from our summer help program will be going back to school soon. They did a great job and we wish them well this school year.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve mentioned there have been meetings with Mr. Piccalo of B & F Construction Code, Dan Tholotowsky, Jack Azzarello and Tim Kovel pertaining to sprinkler systems for residential homes and mobile homes.

It was also noted that 6500 Kimball Avenue was for sale and Mr. Struve suggested the Village purchase. After talking to the realtor he stated the price is too high.

There still is a problem with skunks in the Village and if anyone has a skunk problem they should come to the Village Hall and fill out a form to have a service that will come to their residence and install traps that are checked daily.

There was a meeting with the bus company and the timing of the stop light will be adjusted to alleviate waiting at the light.

Water Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

The water department is running well. There are no leaks.

Police Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report

911 Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

No Report

Zoning Committee, Lida Mills, Chairman

Mrs. Mills stated the Village of Hodgkins Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Room of the Hodgkins Village Hall, 8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, IL 60525, on a proposed Annexation Agreement with BT-OH, LLC for 53.5 acre property at southeast corner of 75th Street and Willow Springs Road, 7501-7901 Willow Springs Road. The Public is invited to attend.

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

Mr. Struve deferred to Alan Mills, ESDA Coordinator to update everyone. Mr. Mills stated everything is running smoothly and they are getting ready for Quarry days on August 26th

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

The next aging well meeting is August 16th. Mr. Cuttill recognized some residents in the audience that were eligible to join and he requested they consider attending.

Health, Safety, & Human Resource Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reiterated Officer Pawlowski is retiring this year and wished him luck.

The handicapped assistance program is going strong. There was a request at Park View to add hand rails to their stairs which has been done. Also there is a request for a ramp or lift from two Weeping Willow residents. The committee is researching the cost of aluminum ramps as they can be reused should a resident move. Wood ramps are very difficult or next to impossible to replace. This is an ongoing investigation and she hopes to have answers in the near future.

New Business

Mr. Cummings asked if there was any new business.

Mrs. Suzy Azzarello approached the podium and stated she has not seen any progress in regards to rerouting buses from utilizing 67th Street. She appreciated the Village is going to change the timing on the street light at East Avenue and 67th Street but this is a minor change. She stated there will be approximately 200 buses using 67th Street daily. If you add the cars of their employees going in and out daily, buses going in and out and vehicles from the other businesses along 67th Street, there will be approximately 1,200

vehicles on 67th Street from East Avenue east to First Student Bus Company. The amount of traffic, noise and pollution is overwhelming.

Mrs. Azzarello also stated she FOIA'd the Village for a copy of the contract with the Bus Company and Village. She informed the Board there was all kinds of stipulations/outs that benefit the Bus Company but nothing that protects the Village to get out of the contract.

Attorney O'Connell stated in his research, that 70% of the buses are equipped for emission control pertaining to the fleet that uses 67th Street. He also noted as soon as the Runnion and Advantage Chevrolet projects on East Avenue are completed the Village should be able to begin to create a new route for the buses other than 67th Street.

Mr. Struve stated the Village has been discussing this issue at length and is hoping something can be accomplished after the Runnion and Advantage Chevrolet project is completed.

Mary Hejna a resident of Parkview asked about the skunk problem.

Mr. Struve stated the residents needed to come to the Village Hall and sign a "hold harmless form" and the Village will contact Critter Detective to set up a trap. They check these traps daily and remove any animals they find.

Trustee Rice left the meeting via telephone at 7:50 p.m. because the Board was going into Closed Session.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss

- A. Discussion regarding new business operation.
- B. Discuss Police personnel

A motion to go into closed session and allow Chief Millsap to attend the closed session was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Misasi made a motion to resume the open session. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny background checks for New Hire in Patrolman position. A motion to approve background check for new hire patrolman position made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Old Business

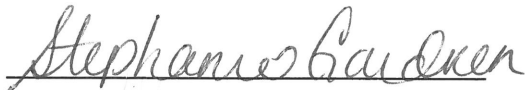
Attorney O'Connell stated the redevelopment agreements with JNK (Runnion) and Advantage Chevrolet expired in August of 2015. The agreements need to be extended to culminate the actual purchase of the properties on 6201 East Ave. He felt these needed to be reissued in the interest of the Village. Mr. O'Connell asked for a motion to extend the life of the redevelopment agreements, one for JNK of Illinois (Runnion) and one for Advantage Chevrolet. A motion to extend the agreements was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Comments from the Audience

None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 8:15 P.M.



Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 9-11-13

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0