

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD**  
**April 10, 2023**

**Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.**

**Those Present:**

**Acting 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:**

None

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 13, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the March 13, 2023 Amended on its Face to correct attendance list for the Regular Board from March 13, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. 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 February 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of February 2023 was made by Mrs. Moxley. 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 Bills as submitted for the Month of March 2023. Motion to approve the March 2023 bills 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.

Presentation by Dr. Roshan Patel, Registered Licensed Pharmacist in the State of Illinois, regarding Business License for Namaste Cannabis & Wellness.

Motion to approve/deny Business License for Namaste Cannabis & Wellness. Motion to approve Business License was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion Regarding Purchasing a Street Sweeper. Mr. Tucker explained the research that has been done on both used and new Street Sweepers. There is a National Co-Op State Program for purchasing vehicles and this would fall under that, so it will not go out for bid. New Sweepers are available for order now, but would not arrive until around December of 2023.

Motion to approve/deny purchasing a New Street Sweeper on a 5-year payment plan. Motion to approve purchasing a New Street Sweeper on a 5-year payment plan was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

**Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:**

We had a total of 2,270 early voters at the Village Hall from March 20<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

-A total of 221 Ballots were cast by residents of Hodgkins, with a turnout rate of 25.17%.

-There will be a Budget Hearing on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of a proposed budget amendment for the year ending December 31, 2023.

-At the May Board Meeting we will go into Closed session for the Bi-Annual discussion of Closed Session Minutes.

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

Mr. O'Connell reported Range, USA closed on the property and has begun excavation. Bids are ready to go out on detention pond. Things are moving along as planned.

-75<sup>th</sup> St. Development project update, Current owner of Hoffman Development is selling his business. We have spoken with the new owner. There will not be a Hotel, but there will be a restaurant, gas station, and convenient store.

-Montrose will place an environmental Canister next week in Weeping Willow.

**Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:**

Mr. Rogers reported per the Board of Trustees request, we will notify Cook County Clerk, Karen Yarbrough, that the Village is going to cease being an early Voting Site.

**Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:**

Mrs. Salerno reported that do to the collapse of the Silicon Valley Bank, she contacted the institutions that hold a majority of the Villages money. IMRF has also been contacted. IMRF did lose money, which is supposed to be reimbursed, if they do not get reimbursed they are still in a position to pay all retirement pensions that are owed. The Village has personally met with representatives of First National Bank of Brookfield and Republic Bank; both have indicated they have lines of Credit to protect Municipalities.

**Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel**

No Report

**Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:**

Mr. Struve reported there was a Fire at Waste Management in February. The Fire Marshall, Art Peters noticed millions of dollars' worth of equipment had been installed without notifying the Village or the Fire Department. No Building Permit was obtained. Plans have now been submitted but they were not up to Code. The Building Department will be working with Waste Management to make sure everything is done properly and up to Code.

-6800 River Road Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been extended until May 1, 2023. They are not in compliance with MWRD RFI, which deals with water retention. Mr. Brandstedt has been in contact with them regarding correcting this issue.

- Point Blank on East Avenue has begun excavation.

-Both homes on Kimball Avenue have submitted plans and have been approved. Permits have been issued. The three story building will be allowed only 2 stories of living space.

**Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:**

Mr. Brandstedt reported the Lenzi Avenue storm water basin/detention project will be open for Bid starting this Thursday. The Bid opening will be April 27, 2023.

-The GIS system is almost finished. The maps will be published soon.

-Second Floor repairs are in progress. Waiting the structural report so floor can be poured back.

**Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:**

Chief Klotz gave an update on calls and incident reports for the first 3 months of the year. Crimes against person and property both decreased. Crimes against Society increased from 2 to 5. 58 arrest have been made in the first quarter, down from 77 arrests.

-A new patrol officer eligibility list is being created. Applications are available until May 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 application fee. May 18, 2023 is the Written test and orientation. June 17, 2023 is the Power Test.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

No Report

**Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported Village parkway trees will be inspected for any issues and then taken care of. Aspen is removing tree limbs around power lines for Com Ed.

**Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Kahlil will be graduating from the Police Academy on April 22, 2023. She will then receive department training.

- Officer Torres is back from Maternity Leave.
- Officer Parks will begin the Police Academy in May.
- We will be down one officer, which will be selected with the new list that will be developed.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported the second floor repairs are ongoing.

**Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

No Report

**Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

**E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau**

Ms. Touranjeau reported the Village Hall was opened for a storm on March 31, 2023.

- E.S.D.A. will be assisting with the shredding event on April 29, 2023 at the Village Hall.

**Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported a Business Appreciation Breakfast is being held on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am- 10:00am.

- The Mobile Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall on April 28, 2023.
- Shredding Event will be April 29, 2023 at the Village Hall.
- Teacher appreciation luncheon will be the first week of June
- Village Picnic will be August 26, 2023

**Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

No Report

**Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

Mrs. Mills reported there were about 15 people who came to the Aging Well Meeting. The Library and Park District will be coming to the next meeting.

Motion to go into Closed session:

A.) Discuss Personnel.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to resume Open Session at 8:18 p.m. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley  
Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi.  
Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny tentative Building Department Changes in 2023 Budget. Mr. Rogers  
explained changes and that there will be a Special Board Meeting to address the amendments to  
the budget. There are currently 2 applications on file and these 2 individuals will be interviewed.  
Public Works and Code Enforcement Positions are already in the current budget. Motion to  
approve tentative Building Department Changes in 2023 Budget was made by Mr. Misasi.  
Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs.  
Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice.  
Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting  
Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 5/8/2023

Ayes: 6

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0