

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
August 14, 2023

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Ernest Millsap

Trustees: Jorea Touranjeau

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorney: John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee: Larry Rice

Tim Kovel

Those also present: Melody Salerno, Rose Lopez, Joseph Klotz, Tom Brandstedt, Jody Kovel, Ken Tucker, Matt Struve, Rodney Cummings

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience:

-Resident Martine Scheuerman thanked the Board and Attorney O'Connell for do the container sampling at Weeping Willow.

- Mr. Millsap thanked everyone for the hard work during the tornado a few weeks ago. There were about 150 people in the storm shelter. Superintendent Kovel and Chief Klotz did a great job leading their employees in clean up and making sure everyone was safe.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on August 2, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for June 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of June 2023 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of July 2023. Motion to approve the July 2023 bills was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation/discussion by Car Keys Express for a Business License. There was not a representative present from the meeting. Mr. Rogers explained Representatives of the Quarry Mall informed us via email, they are not in favor of this business using parking spots to run their business. He suggested the business license application for Car Keys Express be denied.

Motion to approve/deny Business License for Car Keys Express. Motion to deny business license to Car Keys Express was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Residential Real Estate Rebates for 2023. Motion to approve Residential Real Estate Rebates plus 10% for 2023 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Garbage Rebates for 2023, same amount as last year. Motion to approve Garbage Rebates for 2023, same amount as last year was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Renters Rebate for 2023, same amount as last year. Motion to approve Renters Rebate for 2023 same as last year, was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Authorizing the Hodgkins Police Department to conduct background checks for hiring candidates. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2023-03 for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for 2023. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-03 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment to Go Painters, Inc. in the amount of \$19,344.00 for Village Curb Painting. Motion to approve payment to Go Painters, Inc. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment to LFP Development, Inc. in the amount of \$265,033.38 for Lenzi Avenue Storm Water Detention Basin. Motion to approve payment to LFP, Development, Inc. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

There was a Special Board Meetings held on August 2, 2023 discussing various topics. A new business license was issued for Spirit Halloween to be located in the old Petco location.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported he and Mr. Brandstedt had a Zoom Meeting with Prairie Realty Advisors regarding the Old Eddie Z's property. There are issues with Tollway, MWRD and the sanitary system location. MWRD has been contacted and they can go with the alternative site, pending approval formal from MWRD on site location. Prairie Realty Advisors will proceed with closing of the property.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers swore in new Police Pension Board Member James Peters.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported she applied for and received a \$1000.00 Grant from the Chicago Food Depository. This money was placed in the Food Pantry Account and will be used to provide meals for needy residents at the holiday's.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel:

Mr. Kovel reported the 3 summer employees have done a great job. All three will be finishing up for the summer and going back to school.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported the buildings that were damaged from the Tornado are all up and running and mostly repaired. There are still a few minor issues.

-Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Moxley started today.

-There was a meeting with Mr. Piccolo today. The Model Codes are almost updated, and will be presented once finished.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported the Bid date for the 6400 Kane Avenue project will be September 7, 2023.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz reported school will be starting August 23, 2023. Officers will be monitoring school zones

-A safety plan was prepared for Hodgkins Fest.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported she is thankful the Village is able to offer rebates to all of the Village Residents.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Absent- No Report

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Seth Parks will be graduating the Police Academy on August 24, 2023. He will be working the Hodgkins Fest.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Absent, no Report

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mr. Millsap reported Congressman Seas Casten met with Trustees and other employees. We are working on getting a Grant for the Water System.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A. will be helping at Hodgkins Fest.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported Hodgkins Fest is on August 26th. There will be a full day of events and the night will end with a Fire Works Show.

-Food Pantry will be September 19, 2023 at 3:00p.m. at the Fire Department.

-September 23, 2023 will be The Hodgkins Park District Craft Fair.

-November 26, 2023 will be Hodgkins Holiday Happenings from 4:30-7:30p.m.

-Breakfast with Santa will be December 2, 2023.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

Mrs. Gardner reported we ordered and received 2 wheelchair lifts. There have been 2 lift applicants. One applicant was approved, and one we awaiting a note from the doctor. There was one lift that was no longer needed so it is being transferred to the approved applicant.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported there were 20 people at the Aging Well Ice Cream Social. Ms. Souter ran the Bingo, thank you

-Denise Struve has joined the Aging Well Committee.

-September 13, 2023 will be a trip to the White Pines Play House in Rockford. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Sharp.

Old Business:

-Mr. Rogers reported there is a Water Department Employee coming up on his 1-year anniversary. He recommends going forward with the step increase discussed in Closed Session. This will be the same with other new employees also.

Motion to approve first of 3 annual step increases for the difference between a new employee and journeyman. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

New Business:

Mr. Rodney Cummings was appointed to the I&M Canal Committee. The Annual a River Through History Rendezvous. It will be 9/9-9/10/23. Flier will be placed on the Hallway Board and on the Website. Information can be obtained at aRiverThruHistory.com

-Mr. Millsap reported there was a large Quarry Blast on Friday. There was a meeting with Mr. O'Connell, Jason Hook and Jon Carmak of Vulcan Materials. The Blast was under State Guidelines. Next time there will be a large blast they will inform village, so a reverse 911 can be sent to inform residents.

-Mr. Millsap reported there were 3 Power Outages in three days a few weeks ago. An email has been sent to Com Ed to see what the issues were.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: 
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 9/11/2023
Ayes: 6 Absent: 0
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0