

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD**  
**December 11, 2023**

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

**Those Present:**

**President:**

**Ernest Millsap**

**Trustees:**

**Larry Rice**

**Jorea Touranjeau**

**Vicky Moxley**

**Lida Mills**

**Dominic Misasi**

**Attorney:**

**John O'Connell**

**Pat Rogers**

**Those Absent:**

**Trustee:**

**Tim Kovel**

**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:**

Resident Ms. Souter wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 13, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Motion to approve/deny payment to KR Tech Group LLC in the amount of \$99,612.29 for Police Station Tuck-pointing. Motion to approve payment to KR Tech Group LLC was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Preliminary 2024 Budget. Motion to approve Preliminary 2024 Budget was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/ deny payment to K-Five Construction Corporation in the amount of \$102,972.64 for 6400 Kane Avenue Drainage Improvement. Motion to approve payment to K-Five was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny purchasing Administration Car in the amount of \$65,000.00. Motion to approve the purchase of an Administration Car was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #23-08 for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Hodgkins a Home Rule Unit of Government, cook County, Illinois. Presentation from Mr. Lightcap on the Levy, which will equal the 2023 Levy. Motion to approve Ordinance #23-08 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Agreement to Sell 6101 & 6103 East Avenue in the amount of \$400,000.00. Explanation of sale agreement by Mr. O'Connell. Motion to approve Agreement to Sell 6101 & 6103 East Avenue was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion regarding CD Rates with First National Bank of Brookfield.

Motion to approve/deny Accepting CD Rates and Terms with the First National Bank of Brookfield. Motion to approve accepting CD Rates and Terms with First National Bank of Brookfield was made by Ms. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Payment to KLF Enterprises, Inc. in the Amount of \$29,250.00 for Public Works Building Demolition. Motion to approve payment to KLF Enterprises, Inc. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

The last day for Residents to submit Garbage and Renter's Rebates are December 15, 2023.

-Home owners can submit for their property tax rebates. There is not deadline to when these can be submitted.

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

Mr. O'Connell reported there was a meeting with the owner of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street project. They are in meetings with the tollway to acquire property for the project. The Village will make a formal request with the Tollway for the acquisition of 16,000 sq. feet of property. The owner's will do the survey. Once determined it is excess land to the tollway, we would seek to purchase the property and the Owner of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street Development to reimburse the Village.

-Mr. O'Connell asked for a motion to authorize Mr. O'Connell to make a request with the tollway to purchase the property. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

No Report.

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

Mrs. Salerno reported in November there was a Finance Committee Meeting to review the Preliminary 2024 Budget. There will be a surplus of \$2 million. The Village Finances are strong

-There is a new Chase Bank that has opened in Hodgkins. Ms. Salerno encourages people to go and see the new bank. She will be looking to open some Village Accounts at this bank.

**Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported a new salt truck with V-Box spreader was delivered last week.

-The new street sweeper should be delivered in the next few weeks.

-Mr. Millsap thanked Public works for a wonderful job on the Christmas Lights.

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

Mr. Struve reported there was a meeting with UPS regarding property Maintenance issues. Those issues have been addressed and corrected. They do have upcoming projects for next year.

-Meeting with Valley Oaks regarding ongoing issues. Hopefully these issues will start to be addressed.

-Meeting with Contractor for 75<sup>th</sup> St project. Electric is being restored at the sight.

-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Mr. Brandstedt reported the 75<sup>th</sup> Street project will be submitting final plans for permitting to MWRD.

-The Phase I report for IDOT for the Santa Fe Drive work that is supposed to start Summer 2024 has been submitted.

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

Chief Klotz presented awards to Sgt. Miller, Officer White, Officer Garcia, Officer Hanson, and Officer Johnson, for exceptional Commendations throughout the year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

Mrs. Moxley reported there was a Finance Committee Meeting in November and the 2024 Preliminary Budget was passed tonight.

-The Formal 2024 Budget will be on the agenda for February 2024. 30 days prior will be a Public Hearing Notice posted in the local paper.

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

Absent- No Report

**Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Nicholas Dwyer will be graduating from the Police Academy on December 21, 2023. Once fully trained the Police Department will be fully staffed.

-Officer Hosteny will be hosting the annual Shop with a Cop at Sam's Club. We thank Sam's for their generous Donation and making this event possible.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Absent- No Report

**Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Kovel reported the 2024 projects are on track and moving forward.

**Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

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

Ms. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A. will be helping out with Holiday Patrols.

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

Mr. Misasi thanked the Hodgkins Park District, Public Works and the Public Relations Committee for the very successful Tree Lighting and event.

-December 15<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Extravaganza at the Library.

-December 19<sup>th</sup> is the Food Pantry at the Fire Department.

-December 29<sup>th</sup> is Noon Year's Eve Party at the Library.

**Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

-It is Cold, Flu and COVID season. Please get your updated vaccines as recommended by your physician.

-There are 2 new lifts being delivered tomorrow.

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

Mrs. Mills reported the Aging Well Christmas Lunch will be December 13, 2023 at Chuck's Southern Comfort. There are 30 people signed up. The Park District will provide the transportation.

-Thank you to everyone for the successful tree lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Village Picnic, Business Breakfast, and Christmas Party from the Entire Public Relations Committee.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

-Mr. Millsap wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 1/8/2023

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0