

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
February 13, 2023

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

Acting President: Ernest Millsap

Trustees: Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorney: John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee: Larry Rice

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 January 9, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 26, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for December 2022. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of December 2022 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

Motion to approve/deny hiring a new Public Works Employee. Motion to approve hiring a new Public Works employee, Matthew Rush, was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny assignment of Hoffman Group Redevelopment agreement to Prairie Realty Development. Motion to approve assignment of Hoffman Group Redevelopment to Prairie Realty Development was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny quote for sandblasting and painting Village curbs in the amount of \$21,450.00 from Go Painters, Inc. Motion to approve quote from Go Painters, Inc. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Commendation to Officer Allan Mills Jr.

Commendation to Officer Alan Garcia

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

Mrs. Gardner reported the Business License for 2023 are almost complete. There are 5 business who have paid, but did not fill out the online application. There is one Liquor License that is awaiting approval.

-Cook County Ethics requires a yearly list to be submitted by February 1st. The list of people who are required to fill out the form was submitted to Cook County Ethics Department. Everyone required to fill out the form will receive an email by the end of February from Cook County, please fill out promptly.

-Early Voting will be held at the Village Hall March 20, 2023-April 3, 2023. Hours Monday-Saturday 9:00a.m-5:00p.m. and Sunday's 10:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported He is working with Attorney's for Range USA. Closing scheduled for end February beginning of March. We are awaiting a survey of the property.

-The plywood was removed from the Lone Star Property and someone broke in. Both Attorney and Contractor for Chase Bank have been notified. Demolition documents have been prepared and demolition should start next week.

-Steven Yucks of Montrose has been contacted regarding the Odor testing for Weeping Willow. They will be discussing this week where the monitors will be placed.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

No Report

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported 2022 Auditors from Baker Tilly have started. This year a GASBY 75 Audit will be completed also. This was last done in 2019. It includes Salaries and benefits for current and retired employees and will be done by Menard, Inc. firm.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. J. Kovel reported the salt supply is plenty. There are no current issues.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported the model codes are continued to be updated. They are awaiting next meeting date from Mr. Piccolo.

- Chase Bank will begin construction once the Lone Star Building is demolished.
- The 75th Street project demolition permit has been received.
- Power Stop is looking to put in a new conveyor system. Plans are awaiting approval.
- UPS will be doing a conveyor system update in the next year.
- 6510 Chester is nearing completion.
- Both homes on Kimball Avenue have submitted plans and been approved. Awaiting documentation to give out permits.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported Phase I Engineering for Santa Fe Drive is being worked on. This is a 2024 project.

- Repairs for the second floor of Village Hall should be starting in about 1 week.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz read the commendation plaques for Officer Mills Jr, and Officer Garcia during the early portion of the meeting. No further report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

No Report

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported the chipper truck box is being refabricated. The New Superintendent Truck is in and awaiting snowplow and other equipment.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported Docu-ware software has been implemented.

- Village Engineer is meeting with Chief Klotz regarding tuck pointing and roof repairs.
- Awaiting arrival of the new body cameras.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported awaiting arrival of the new truck with snowplow and other equipment for the Building Commissioner.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mr. Touranjeau reported she learned about the pumping stations from Mr. Kovel and Mr. Tucker.

- Valley Oaks have installed the second of three back stops.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported members are working 5 days a week at this time.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the Library Referendum Public Hearing will be on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room

-There will be a shredding event on April 29th from 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

-Food Pantry will be March 21, 2023 at Pleasantview Fire Department.

-The Park District Easter Egg will be on April 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

-The Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall on April 28th.

-The Historical Society will be opening the First Sunday of Month from 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. and the third Thursday of the Month from 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.

Health, Safety & Human Resources Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

Mrs. Gardner reported CDC is reporting COVID risk at a low level for Cook County. Influenza is trending down, and Respiratory Illness are remaining steady. Continue to wash hands frequently and take the proper precaution when not feeling well.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported the next meeting will be 2/15/2023 with a Valentine's Day Luncheon and Bunco

-Sean Caston will be at the Village Hall on 2/15/2023

Motion to go into Closed session:

A.) Discuss benefits

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to resume Open Session at 7:38p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: 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 7:39 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 3/13/2023

Ayes: 5

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0