

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD**  
**January 9, 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**

**Those Absent:**

**Attorney: Pat Rogers**

**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:**

Weeping Willow Resident Unit D-2- Martine Scheuerman addressed the Board and Mr. O'Connell regarding a pollution study for Weeping Willow due to I-55 traffic. Mr. O'Connell will look into this and give her a call. They are going to use the same company that was used to do the Beaver Oil Study.

**Moment of Silence for Former Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2022 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the December 12, 2022 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 December 28, 2022 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2022 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 November 2022. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of November 2022 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. 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 December 2022. Motion to approve the December 2022 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #23-01 approving 2023 Budget. Motion to approve Ordinance #23-01 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation by Christopher Schneider from HR Source. HR Source is a non-for profit Trade association. They provide HR support, legal assistance, access to salary and competitive wage data, and training for supervisors. He has met with Pat Rogers, Melody Salerno, and JoAnna Filkins. This service is for the Village Employees who will be running the Human Resource Department. Other employees would contact the Village HR department, then the Village HR department would contact HR Source for questions. Mr. Millsap recommended this be approved.

Motion to approve/deny Agreement with HR Source. Motion to approve Agreement with HR Source was made Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation by Judi Mooncotch Jr. Requesting a business license for LaGrange Crane Rigging and Heavy Hauling, Inc. DBA ARS Contracting, Inc. Located at 6800 Santa Fe Drive, Suite D. This Business is a separate business from the current company of LaGrange Crane that Ms. Mooncotch owns, they are not ancillary and will be separate Business Licenses.

Motion to approve/deny business license for LaGrange Crane Rigging and Heavy Hauling, Inc. DBA ARS Contracting, Inc. located at 6800 Santa Fe Drive Suite D. Motion to approve business license for LaGrange Crane Rigging and Heavy Hauling, Inc. DBA ARS Contracting, 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.

Presentation by Joanne Sweis and Vitali Iavorschi requesting a Business License for Best American Logistics located at 6800 River Road. Distribution Center. Currently 10 employees with possibility to go up to 20 employees. Per Mr. Struve the Company has passed Fire inspections. There a few things that have to be cleared, including a retention issue with MWRD. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was granted and expires 3/30/23. There can be anywhere between 5-20 trucks daily. Hours of operation are approximately 7:00am.-7:00pm. A variety of materials are shipped, no hazardous material or chemicals. Reefers are used for the frozen food.

Motion to approve/deny business license for Best American Logistic, Inc. Located at 6800 River Rd. Motion to approve/deny business license for Best American Logistics, Inc. Located at 6800 River was made by Mr. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Swearing in Jody Kovel as Superintendent of Public Works and Water.

Swearing in Ken Tucker as Deputy Superintendent of Public Works and Water.

Swearing in Matt Struve as Building Commissioner.

Motion to approve/deny Authorization for the Civil Service Commission to begin the police testing process. Motion to approve authorizing the Civil Service Commission to begin the police testing process 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 authorizing the Police Department to hire one officer to replace retiring Sgt. Todd Miller. Motion to authorize the Police Department to hire one officer to replace retiring Sgt. Miller 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 alley vacation between East Avenue and Lenzi Avenue. Explanation by Mr. O'Connell. There are utilities that will remain. There will be a utility easement granted back to the Village. The alley will be vacated in its entirety; it will only be dedicated to the part that Range USA will purchase. Motion to approve alley vacation between East and Lenzi Avenue was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny dedication of alleyway on Prospective Range USA property. Mr. O'Connell explained the new plat will reflect what will go to Prospective Range, USA property. Motion to approve dedication of alleyway was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

Mr. O'Connell reported on 7 acres of property owned by Com Ed. The property is just south to Ms. Judi Mooncotsch's property. Com Ed does not sell property. The property is not being used. Com Ed does lease property. There is arsenic contamination on the property. The property would need to be remediated to Residential levels, which is costlier than if to remediate to a Brownfield. Cook County has a Brownfield's project where they assist in financing the clearing of a Brownfield remediation site. There is a plan underway for the Village of Hodgkins to acquire the 7 acres through condemnation. Mr. O'Connell sees this as beneficial to the Village of Hodgkins and any future usage.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

Mrs. Moxley reported Ordinance #23-01 regarding the 2023 budget was passed tonight.

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

Mr. Kovel reported there will be some upcoming interviews to hire a new Public Works employee. Present applications will be reviewed by Mr. Tim Kovel, Mr. Jody Kovel and Mr. Ken Tucker, followed by a suggestion to the Mayor.

### **Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Jessica Khalil was sworn in on Friday, January 6, 2023. She started the Police Academy in Champaign today.

### **Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported Mr. Brandstedt and a subcontractor are looking into floor repairs for the Josh Adair Room. A Structural Engineer will be brought in to add membranes to sturdy the floor.

### **Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

No Report

### **Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

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

No Report- Mr. Millsap reported he has been seeing E.S.D.A. out on patrols.

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

Mr. Misasi reported in December, 25 present were donated by Sam's Club, wrapped and given to needy residents.

-20 boxes of food were delivered to seniors and families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. These were donated by St. Barbara's.

-There will be a shredding event on April 29<sup>th</sup> 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 is starting to work on the 2023 Hodgkins Fest. They are open to any suggestions. Just contact Kelly Young by either calling or stopping into the Park District.

-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., beginning February 3, 2023

**Health, Safety & Human Resources Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

Mrs. Gardner reported there is one Handicapped lift that will be installed in Parkview Mobile Home Park. There will be one remaining lift in inventory.

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

Mrs. Mills reported the next meeting will be January 18, 2023.

-The Historical Society is looking for donations. Please contact Sue Cappa or Ellen Dietrich or bring to the Village Hall.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 2/13/2023

Ayes: 5

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0