

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
June 12, 2023

Meeting called to Order 7:02 p.m.

Those Present:

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: Joseph Klotz, Tom Brandstedt, Jody Kovel, Matt Struve

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience:

Introduction of new Police Officer Jessica Rico. She graduated from the Police Academy on April 27, 2023. She has begun FTO training.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on May 31, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the May 31, 2023 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 April 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of April 2023 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 May 2023. Motion to approve the May 2023 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #23-05 Amending the 2023 Appropriations Contained Ordinance #23-01. Motion to approve 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/Deny Resolution #2023-01 Establishing Civility as a Guiding Principle in Conducting Business Coming Before the Village Board, as well as all Committee Meetings. Recommendation from Attorney Rogers to pass Resolution #2023-01. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-01 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion Regarding Billboard Inspection Form. Mr. Rogers explained there are 22 billboards. The Billboards will be inspected every 3 months, with a copy kept on file at the Village Hall. This form is for Billboards only. Mr. Rogers suggested the inspection form be approved.

Motion to approve/deny Billboard Inspection Form. Motion to approve Billboard Inspection Form was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion Action regarding cancelling July or August Board Meeting. Mr. Millsap suggested one of the summer Board Meetings be canceled for any summer vacations people have planned. Mr. Rice who is absent suggested to Mr. Millsap July be canceled. There will be other meetings if needed. Motion to cancel July 2023 Board Meeting was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion Action regarding Ordinance #23-06 for 2023 Water Rates. These rate increases were passed on from the City of Chicago, to the Village of McCook to the Village of Hodgkins. These rates may be revisited in the future. Mr. Millsap wanted to maintain the lowest water rates for the Village Residents. Motion to approve Ordinance #23-06 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.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

There was a Public Hearing prior to the Board Meeting regarding the 2023 Budget Amendments. There were Special Board Meetings held on May 23, 2023 and May 31, 2023 discussing various topics.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported the Montrose Environmental Air Study in Weeping Willow. A formal report is being composed, but they did pass on that they did not detect any serious problems with air quality in the Weeping Willow Mobile Home Park.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported there has been a person who has shown interest in one of the residential vacant lots. He will update up when he has any further information.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Absent- Report given by Mrs. Moxley.

-At the Special Board Meeting on May 31, 2023 there was discussion regarding the annual renewal for MICA. This year's renewal had a deduction of \$34,086.00. This deduction reduced our renewal to \$226,179.00. We received the decrease because there were unused funds in the pool at the end of the year.

-At that same meeting Employee Health Benefit Contracts were approved. BCBS started with an increase of 10% but ended at an increase of 4%. That decrease was due to the diligent work of our broker Joe Indovina. This ensures we can keep our grandfathered health benefit plans.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel:

Mr. Kovel reported they have been working on removing trees and tree trimming. The 3 summer employees have been doing well.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported Range USA and Chase Bank projects are moving forward.

-There was a fence installed on Village Property on East Avenue.

-Mr. Struve, Mr. Salerno, Mr. Tholotowsky and the Park Manager walked the property at Valley Oaks and identified Property Maintenance Issues that need to be addressed. Valley Oaks will work on addressing these issues.

-The next meeting with Mr. Piccolo is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

-Mrs. Mills asked if Beaver Oil is going to build their office building. Mr. O'Connell reminded everyone there is a restrictive covenant on the property that only office and laboratory can be built there. Beaver Oil/Circon did buy the property with the restrictive covenant in place. No updates on when they are going to build.

-Mr. Millsap asked if the Garbage issue at UPS has been addressed. They have not spoken with anyone, but the grass has been cut and some garbage has been picked up. Pictures are being put together to contact UPS with any ongoing issues.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

-CCR Report has been completed.

-Contracts for detention facilities at Range USA have been executed and work should begin next week.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz reported 2 new 2023 Ford Explores have been added to the fleet. 1 for administrative purposes and 1 for patrol. One of the Administrative Tahoe's has been repurposed for patrol.

-Application Testing is taking place. 10 people passed the written exam, the will move on to the Power test June 17, 2023.

-The Department Website is being redesigned. Modern Web Studios is doing the work.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported we approved the amended 2023 Budget tonight, with changes.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported there is a lot of work being done around the Village. A lot of work that used to be contracted out are now being done by the Public Works employees.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported contract negotiations are proceeding and will hopefully be completed soon.

-Camera work in the Board Room is complete. There are 2 views available.

-Repairs to cameras at Public Works are complete.

-License Plate reader software is being installed at the Police Department.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Andrew Salerno has been added the Building Department. He will be responsible for all the lighting in the Village, in addition to current duties.

-There will be a meeting with BN&F Technical, Mr. Piccolo, upcoming in June.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mr. Touranjeau- No Report

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported there are ongoing patrols.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported June 20th will be the Food Pantry.

-Preparation for the upcoming Village Picnic/Fest on August 26th is ongoing.

-The Historical Society is open the first Sunday and Third Thursday of every month.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

COVID Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. This day was declared the "Illinois Public Health and Health Care Hero Day."

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported there were 40 people who came to the Aging Well Mother's Day Luncheon. Thanks to Marilyn for the Bingo and Johnna Kovel for the table center pieces, which were raffled off.

-The Memorial Day Celebration was very nice. Public Works did a great job with the crosses and all the flowers around the Village are beautiful.

-There is a Casino Trip on Thursday, June 15th. Lunch will be purchased for participants.

Old Business: Mr. Millsap said Code Enforcement applications are being excepted and will be gone through by himself and Mr. Rogers.

-All Members of current committees will be contacted to see if they are still interested in being on those committees.

New Business: Mr. Millsap reported Pleasantview's Fire Chief, Steve Norvilas is retiring. The Village will purchase him a gift and present at cake and coffee on June 23, 2023. Interim Chief will be Karl Argast.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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: 8-02-2023

Ayes: 6

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0