

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD**  
**May 8, 2023**

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

**Swearing in of Elected Officials**

**Those Present:**

**President: Ernest Millsap**

**Trustees: Larry Rice**

**Jorea Touranjeau**

**Tim Kovel**

**Vicky Moxley**

**Lida Mills**

**Dominic Misasi**

**Attorney: John O'Connell**

**Pat Rogers**

**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:**

Mayor Millsap thanked everyone who voted for the Pride and True Party Team. Thank you to former Mayor Cummings for putting in place a great team of Trustees, Clerk and administration staff. Special Thank you to Mr. John O'Connell for his 43 years of commitment to the Village of Hodgkins. Thank you to his Wife, Joan, children and family for the support.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 10, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2023 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Minutes of Special Board Meeting on April 24, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 24, 2023 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.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for March 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of March 2023 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting

Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

Motion to approve/deny Executing Agreement with Katsaros Law Firm to Continue Tax Objection for 6825 Santa Fe Drive. Motion to approve Executing Agreement with Katsaros Law Firm to Continue Tax Objection for 6825 Santa Fe Drive was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to Approve/Deny Teska Proposal for a Business District. Motion to table Teska Proposal for a Business District was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny 6B Status application for TP Hodgkins I LLC at 6900 Santa Fe Drive. Mr. O'Connell explained the 6B status application. Mr. Michael O'Malley was present for the meeting and explanation. The building has been vacant for over 12 months. Motion to approve 6B Status application for TP Hodgkins I LLC at 6900 Santa Fe Drive was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Hodgkins, the City of Countryside, and Plaza Operating Partners LLC. The third amendment is due to new ownership. Motion to approve Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Hodgkins, the City of Countryside and Plaza Operating Partners LLC was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

The Bi-Annual review of previous Closed Session minutes was completed at the Special Board Meeting on April 24, 2023. Ordinance #23-04 was passed in open session making certain closed session minutes open to the public.

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

Mr. O'Connell congratulated all elected officials.

-The old Eddie Z's property project, with gas station, restaurant, convenience store, and video poker should begin this summer.

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

No Report

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

Mrs. Salerno reported There will be a Public Hearing prior to the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting for Budget adjustments.

-A letter was received from the Village of McCook informing the Village that the City of Chicago is raising their water rates by 5% as of June 1, 2023, in turn McCook will be passing on a 4.73% water rate increase to the Village of Hodgkins as of June 1, 2023. There will need to be discussion on how this is going to effect the Residents and Business in regards to water rates.

**Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel**

No Report

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

Mr. Struve congratulated everyone on their elections.

- Range USA and Chase Bank projects are moving forward.
- Both homes on Kimball Avenue have begun renovation work.
- Welcoming of Andrew Salerno to the Building Department.

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

Mr. Brandstedt reported second Floor repairs have been completed.

- CCR Report is finishing up and should be to the Village next week to be posted.
- LMO2 Report is being revised and then will be resubmitted.

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

Chief Klotz reported the Body Worn Camera and in car cameras have arrived and are being installed and used.

-Application Process Phase I has been completed. 25 applications were given out, 16 were returned. May 18, 2023 is the written test. June 17, 2023 is the Power Test.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

No Report

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

Mr. Kovel reported mowing has started around town. Everything is running well.

**Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported Officer Kahlil started filed training with Officer Torres.

-Officer Seth Parks began the Police Academy today.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported second floor repairs have been completed. Additional projects will be started.

**Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

Referred to Mr. Tucker. There is a meeting tomorrow on Water Tower improvements.

-The CCR and LMO2 reports will be coming out.

-There will be discussion regarding the water rate increases the Village is receiving.

**Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

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

Ms. Touranjeau reported there are ongoing patrols.

-The Pet Parade is the first Saturday in June and E.S.D.A. will be helping out at the parade.

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

Mr. Misasi reported the Memorial Day Ceremony will be at 11:00 am at the Memorial.

-Crosses will be put out Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> and left up all weekend

-June 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Food Pantry.

-Preparation for the upcoming Village Picnic on August 26<sup>th</sup> is ongoing.

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

**Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

There is one wheelchair lift available in storage. No recent applications have been received.

COVID Public Health Emergency ends on May 11, 2023.

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

Mrs. Mills reported there were 20 people who came to the Aging Well Meeting. The Library and Park District gave presentations.

-May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Mother's Day Luncheon.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayoral Appointment- HR will be contacting everyone on current committees. There will be an ad in the next Communicator regarding open Committee Positions and for the

Part-time Code Enforcement Position. The Code Enforcement will also be placed on the Bulletin Board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 5-31-23

Ayes: 5

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0