

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

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President:

Ernest Millsap

Trustees:

Larry Rice

Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Dominic Misasi

Attorney:

John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee:

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

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 Mark Baldrige, leader of MH Action made a presentation on work he is doing to help advocate for Mobile Home Park Residents.

-Happy Holiday's from Resident Marilyn Souter.

-Mr. Millsap thanked all Veteran's for their service to our Country.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on October 18, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Motion to approve/deny Business License for JP Morgan Chase. Motion to approve Business License for JP Morgan Chase was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Business License for Afternoon Twelve locating in the Quarry Shopping Center. Motion to table Business License for Afternoon Twelve until clarification on name of the Business and Owner are completed was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Presentation/Discussion regarding a Business License for Luka Stojanovic from LMD LOG Inc. Locating at 6800 River Road, Unit 6. This is a transportation business. No trucks and trailers will be parked/stored at this building. This building will be for office work only, with one truck (no trailer) at a time stopping in for a short time period. The Fire Department Inspection needs to be completed and Mr. Struve will help organize that. All questions answered.

Motion to approve/deny Business License to LMD LOG, Inc. Locating at Motion to approve Business License for LMD LOG, Inc. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/ deny transferring money from the Corporate account to the Rebate Account. Motion to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from Corporate account to the Rebate Account was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment to Ginko LTD in the amount of \$49,744.00 for Village Hall Landscaping. Motion to approve payment to Ginko LTD was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment to Oak Lawn Blacktop Paving Company, Inc. for Lenzi Avenue storm water detention basin pavement patching in the amount of \$8,500.00. Motion to approve payment was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment to Do-All Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$5,209.60 for fence installation at Range USA location #2. Motion to approve payment to Do-All Fence, Inc. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #23-07 regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Hodgkins. Explanation by Attorney Rogers. This is an opt- out Ordinance. Motion to approve Ordinance #23-07 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Lopez and myself met to review the Committee Boards and update the list of who is required to fill out Ethics Statements.

We are looking for better options to display our meeting agendas to the Public.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported cleanup work has started at the old Eddie Z's Building. The location will be a truck stop and restaurant.

-There were hunters on the River within the Village Property. There is an ordinance that prohibits hunting within the Village limits. The Department of Natural Resources was contacted. The Captain of the Department will contact the Hunter's. Signage will be added prohibiting hunting.

-No parking signs will be updated on River Road.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

No Report.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported the Lyons Township Assessor's office came to the Village Hall to meet with Residents of Hodgkins and Countryside. Everyone who turned in a form at this meeting will be helped with an appeal.

-The County Assessor was at the Village Hall to help Resident's make sure they are receiving all the exemptions they are entitled to.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Christmas lights are being put up.

-Leaf pick up continues.

-Snow equipment is being prepared for winter.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported work is starting at the old Eddie Z's property. Fire department and Village are doing a walk through property inspection on 11/14/23.

-Mr. Tholotowsky and Mr. Moxley are addressing business property maintenance issues. They try and work with all resident's and business's first before issuing any citations.

-Chase Bank is operating on a Temporary Occupancy, due to some issues with MWRD that are being addressed.

-Pre-Sale inspections have been completed.

-There are 2 homes being remodeled that are progressing nicely.

-Building Code Revision meetings with Mr. Rich Piccolo will be concluding soon. After that everything will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported the drainage improvements at 6400 Kane Avenue are moving along as scheduled.

-The Lenzi Ave. storm water detention basin project update: H2R will be reimbursed the Village portion of the cost storm water detention project. The reimbursement amount is \$127,100.00

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz reported mall patrol's will be increased during operating hours for the Holiday Season. E.S.D.A. will be helping out also.

-The Citizen's Police Academy is being postponed until after the new year.

-Officer Dwyer is on track to graduate December 21, 2023 from the Police Academy.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Absent- there will be a Budget Committee Meeting will be November 29, 2023 at 6:00p.m. for review of the 2024 budget.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported everyone has been very busy. The salt supply is in good supply for the winter season.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the tuck pointing is nearly complete. A final washing will be completed tomorrow and then the project will be complete.

-The 2024 Budget is being worked on.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Mr. Struve and Mr. Salerno will be doing Certification testing.

-Mr. Struve is doing a good job at communicating.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Tucker reported on November 3, 2023, there was a sewer back up on Santa Fe Drive. It turned out to be a sewer collapse. This was caused by the 294 project. 294 will be repairing the sewer collapse.

-Leak detection program will be finished up this week, and trouble spots will be updated.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Absent- No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A. will be helping out with Holiday Patrols. There are 2 new members to help out with these patrols.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported November 26th will be Holiday Happenings from 4:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a caroling parade at 3:30 p.m.

-December 2nd is Breakfast with Santa at the Park District.

-December 15th is Christmas Extravaganza at the Library.

-December 19th is the Food Pantry at the Fire Department.

-Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-There was one new lift installed in Weeping Willow Ranch. An updated letter was sent to them. We do not have any new lifts in stock, there is one used ramp that needs to be repaired.

-We are going to order 2 more lifts with this year's remaining budget.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Absent-

-Wednesday, November 15, 2023 is the next Aging Well meeting. MWRD will be making a presentation, along with a presentation from Oak Street Health. Oak Street Health will provide Lunch

-Christmas Lunch will be December 13, 2023.

Motion to go into Closed session to Discuss the Following Topics:

- A.) Previous Closed Session Minutes
- B.) Property
- C.) Salaries

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:36 p.m. and allow Chief Klotz to be present for a portion of the meeting was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to resume Open Session at 8:05 p.m. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2023-06, Making Public the Minutes of Certain Closed Session Minutes. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-06 was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Millsap reminded everyone November 26, 2023 is Holiday Happenings. Please come out and enjoy the celebration.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 12/11/2023

Ayes: 5

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0