

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
October 9, 2023

Meeting called to Order 7:00 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: 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

-Mr. Millsap on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Village of Hodgkins congratulated Mr. O'Connell on being sworn in by the United States Supreme Court.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 11, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. 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 August 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of August 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 September 2023. Motion to approve the September 2023 bills 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/Discussion regarding a Business License for H2R Development for Range USA #2. Mr. Glenn Sinish of Range, USA was present for the meeting. All questions answered. All safety measures will be in place. The location will be looking to open in early November.

Motion to approve/deny Business License for H2R Development for Range USA #2. Motion to approve Business License for H2R Development for Range USA #2 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 amending Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding starting wages. Motion to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding starting wages 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 Payment #3 and Final to LFP Development, Inc. in the amount of \$27,778.04 for Lenzi Avenue Storm Water Detention Basin. MWRD inspections were completed and approved. Motion to approve Payment #3 and Final to LFP Development, Inc. was made by Mr. Kovel. 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 #2023-04 Restricting the Number of Gun Ranges within the Village to Two. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-04 was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

Myself and Mrs. Lopez attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference on Friday, September 22, 2023. We attended classes on the Open Meetings Act, Ethics Requirements, and Age Friendly Communities Overview.

-November we will be going into Closed Session for the Bi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported AMC is fixing the retaining wall.

-Thanked Mr. Millsap for being present along with his wife at his Honorary Swearing in at the Supreme Court. He has been with the Village for 43 years.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported a portion of the Storm Water Detention payment will be paid back by Beaver Oil Company. \$4700.00 is left in the escrow for this project and will be returned to the Village.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported the Lyons Township Assessor sent a letter indicating the Cook County Assessors are doing their Tri-annual reassessment review. Neighboring townships have received assessment increases of 32-74%. Notices will be mailed in the next few weeks. Residents will have 30 days to submit an appeal. Significant increases are expected. Appeal seminars will be conducted in the near future for residents.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported the salt truck that was on order, will be in in December.

-The new street sweeper will be in in November.

-All trucks are being prepared for winter.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported the Building Department participated in an online day long instruction on Code Enforcement. Mr. Salerno and Mr. Struve participated in the 2021 Code Council Residential Code Class. They will be taking the exam soon.

-Chase Bank and Range USA are nearing completion.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported the tuck pointing project at the Police Department will start next week and is expected to take about 2 weeks.

-The Village Hall Landscape project is finishing up.

-Bid opening for Public Works Demolition project will be this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. This will be for the office portion only.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz reported the Website is live.

-Trick-or-Treating will be on Halloween from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

-Officer Nicholas Dwyer is continuing training at the academy and expected to be done in December. He is at PTI for Training in Champagne.

-Office Parks is progressing through the FTO program.

-There were traffic complaints within the Village. Officers will be stationed at various points throughout the Village monitoring stop signs.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported there will be a Budget Committee Meeting will be November 29, 2023 at 6:00p.m. for review of the 2024 budget, with anticipation for additional review at December meeting and passing at January meeting.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported grass is still being mowed. Flowers will be taken down soon.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the Hodgkins Police Department and Countryside Police Department are hosting a Citizens Police Academy. This is a 6-week course, 3 weeks held at the Hodgkins Police Department and 3 weeks at the Countryside Police Department. It starts November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Applications must be submitted, details on the Hodgkins Police Department Website.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Mr. Salerno and Mr. Struve are working on certifications.

-There are some code enforcement issues at Valley Oaks concerning a broken sewer. This is an ongoing issue that is being addressed.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Tucker reported the 2 water employees are ½ way through the water class, they will then need to take and pass the test.

-A water survey is being completed. Internal systems are being checked for leaks.

-Monitoring retaining wall work by AMC to make sure the water line is not effected.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A. will be helping out with Halloween patrols, Trunk-or-Treat, and the Haunted House.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported October 21st is Trunk or Treat at the Library.

-October 25th- Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall. Real I. D's will be offered at this visit, by appointment only. Call Village for appointments.

-November 26th will be Holiday Happenings from 4:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a parade at 3:30 p.m. and Tree lighting at 7:00 p.m.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-Mr. Misasi sent out a letter to the Mobile Home Parks, with an updated list of ramps and wheelchair lifts that are Village Owned property.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported September 13th was a trip to White Pines Play House.

-Wednesday, October 18, 2023 is the next Aging Well meeting, with a Witches and Warlocks theme. Please sign up.

-November 5, 2023 turn back the clocks

-Mrs. Mills and Ms. Touranjeau will be participation in Trunk-or-Treat on behalf of the Village of Hodgkins.

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

- A.) Real Estate
- B.) Employment
- C.) Business Licenses

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:27 p.m. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to resume Open Session at 7:58 p.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.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2023-05 Waiving the Business License Fee for Fiscal Year 2024 for all Existing (Licensed) Businesses. Motion to approve Resolution #2023-05 was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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: 10/18/23

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0