

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
September 11, 2023

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

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

Moment of Silence for Patriot's Day in Remembrance of the September 11th attacks.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience:

None

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting 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 File for Audit the Finance Statement for July 2023. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of July 2023 was made by Mrs. Mills. 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 Bills as submitted for the Month of August 2023. Motion to approve the August 2023 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. 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 Payment #2 to LFP Development, Inc. in the amount of \$104,017.78. for Lenzi Avenue Storm Water Detention Basin. Motion to approve Payment #2 to LFP

Development, Inc. was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny awarding low bid to K-Five construction in the amount of \$135,662.50 for 6400 Kane Avenue-Drainage Improvements. Motion to approve low bid to K-Five 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 Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

Myself and Mrs. Lopez will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference on Friday, September 22, 2023.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported on the 75th St. Development project. Prairie Realty Advisors Closed on the Property and there is a meeting scheduled for September 14, 2023.

-There was a Plan Commission Meeting recently. The new Business District Incentive was discussed, along with the start of a Comprehensive Plan.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported the Cannabis Dispensary opened on September 8, 2023.

-The 2004 Crown Victoria Car that was for sale brought in 15 bids. The highest bid was \$5211.00, which the person paid cash and the Bill of Sale has been completed.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported on September 1, 2023 the Cook County Assessor came to the Village for a meeting. The South and Southwest Suburb taxes are being reassessed. The Village would like old home replaced with new, and would like taxes to be compared to lower taxed communities. Residential exemptions were discussed. This is needed for the annual rebates. A meeting with a property tax representative will be set up to help seniors be sure they are getting their Senior exemptions, freezes, and any other eligible discounts. Other residents will be encouraged to come also to be sure they are getting all discounts available.

-Mr. O'Connell hosted the TIF Annual Joint Review Board Meeting today on September 11, 2023. There were Representative present from various entities throughout the Community.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

No Report

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported Joe Moxley has started work as the Code Enforcement Officer.

-Chase Bank and Range USA are nearing completion.

-The Community Development Committee met with representatives of the 75th St Development project.

-There will be an upcoming meeting with Owners of a Restaurant, Afternoon 12. They are looking to possibly locate in the old Subway location.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported the Final Inspection from MWRD has taken place at 6800 River Road.

-IEPA inspection of the Village Water System was done. There were a few minor issues that have already been addressed and fixed. Everything is in compliance.

-The Lenzi Avenue Storm Water Detention Basin is nearing completion. He will be scheduling a meeting with MWRD for final inspection and to close out the permit.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Chief Klotz reported the disposal process of old records has been ongoing for approximately 2 years. The Attorney General has given permission for the old records to be disposed. There will be onsite shredding for these records. It will now be done on a yearly basis to prevent large backups of paperwork.

-Officer Seth Parks is continuing with field training.

-August 30, 2023 Officer Nicholas Dwyer was sworn in. He is at PTI for Training in Champagne. We will now be at full staff once he is fully trained.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley clarified the Garbage Rebates are \$325.00, Renter's Rebates, \$245.00 and Real Estate Rebates 110% of Village Portion.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Village trees are being trimmed and/or being removed to help improve lighting on the parkways.

-Flags were put out on the poles for Labor Day.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

No Report.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported Joe Moxley is now working as the Code Enforcement Officer.

-There was a Zoom Call with the owners of Freddie's Restaurant.

-Range USA parking lot is going to be paved soon.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau reported the Illinois EPA Inspection passed.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Ms. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A. helped out with Hodgkins Fest, and also helped Willow Springs with their Willow Fest.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported September 19th is the Food Pantry at the Fire Department.

-September 23rd is the Craft Fair at the Park District.

-October 21st is Trunk or Treat at the Library.

-October 25th- Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-Be Well Appreciation Day is September 13th at 11:00 in the Larry Rice Room.

-Fall is approaching so be mindful of others if you are sick. Be sure to wash your hands frequently and cover your mouth.

-Pleasantview Fire Department is hosting its annual Safety Day on September 23rd from 10:00-1:00 at Station 1 in LaGrange Highlands.

-1 lift was installed in Parkview. 1 ramp that is no longer needed on Chester Avenue is being moved to Weeping Willow.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported everyone did a nice job with the Village Picnic. Kelly Young, director of the Hodgkins Park District did a great job, along with all the workers.

-The Police Department Hosted Aging Well and Provided a Box Lunch for everyone. Thank you to all who helped out with this program.

-September 13th is a trip to White Pines Play House. The Bus leaves at 8:30a.m. Sharp.

Motion to go into Closed session:

- A.) Discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement
- B.) Real Estate

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:24 p.m. and allow Chief Klotz, Mr. Brandstedt and Mrs. Salerno to be present for portions of the closed session was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

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

Motion to approve/deny Real Estate Agreement. Motion to approve Real Estate Agreement and allow no more than \$10,000 for potential planning (seed money) and Real Estate Sale was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business: Happy Belated 80th Birthday to Trustee Rice.

New Business: Motion to approve/deny Inter-Governmental Agreement with Cook County for the Annual Health Inspections. Motion to approve Inter-Governmental Agreement 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. 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: 10/9/23

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0