

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

October 18, 2023

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Ernest Millsap

Trustees: Larry Rice

Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorneys: John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Also present: Rose Mary Lopez, Joseph Klotz, Rodney Cummings, Jody Kovel, Ken Tucker, Tom Brandstedt

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 9, 2023 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. 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 low bid for Public Works Office Building Demolition to KLF Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$32,500.00. Motion to approve low bid to KLF Enterprises was made by Mr. Misasi. 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 purchasing two squad cars from Westfield Ford to replace two older Ford Explores at fleet purchase price. Purchase explained by Chief Klotz. Motion to approve purchase of two Ford Explores at Fleet Purchase Price 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.

Motion to approve/deny purchase of one Public Works truck to replace two older trucks. Purchase explained by Superintendent Kovel. 2016 truck will be traded in. 2008 truck with snowplow will be put in Village Communicator for sale with a closed bidding process and sale to the highest bidder. Motion to approve purchase of one new Public Works truck at Fleet Purchase Price was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice. Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discuss 2024 projects for the Village of Hodgkins

- New Office Building for Public Works

- Water System fixtures project

- Santa Fe Drive Road Resurfacing. Tollway will be doing 1000 ft. of this project. Mr. Misasi discussed doing the project ourselves, if able, and then having the tollway repay the Village, so it is build the way the Village would prefer. Mr. Brandstedt explained through the Grant process if the Village paid engineering cost up front the Village portion would be 20% versus having to pay 30%.

- Roof at the Police Department needs to be replaced due to issues with roof leakage.

- Josh Adair Room Remodeling and 2 offices downstairs will be completed.

Discussion Regarding Investments for the Village of Hodgkins.

- There is close to \$30,000,000 in the bank. There was a Zoom Meeting with Peter Rafael to discuss better interest on this money via Treasury Notes, C. D's. or other higher interest rate accounts.

- All numbers will be put together and discussed at the Yearly Budget Meeting in November.

- Mr. O'Connell explained Mr. Rafael's concern for the Village having \$18 million in one bank. The Village was assured by Brookfield bank that the money is insured. Brookfield bank offered C.D. rates at higher interest rates. Rates are changing fluidly. Discussions will be ongoing.

- We currently owe approx. \$6 million on the Lenzi Ave project. Mr. Rafael suggested not paying this off and keeping the money in the bank to receive higher interest rates in return. We have a note borrowing rate of 3%.

- Mr. Millsap Thanked to the Board, Previous Boards, and Mr. O'Connell for all the work to bringing in business to generate revenue.

- Mr. Brandstedt explained we have \$200,000 in COVID relief money and Congressman Casten is supposed to commit \$500,000 in money for the road project. This money can take time to get.

New Business:

- Ettleson Cadillac and GMC received Time Dealer of the Year award. Letter read by Mayor Millsap. Letter will be put in the next Communicator.

Old Business:

Comments from the Audience:

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Rice, Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 11/13/2023

Ayes: 4

Absent: 2

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0