

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 12, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Vicky Moxley
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Dominic Misasi
Phil Kringlie**

Attorney: John O'Connell

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on August 8, 2016, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion approve the Board meeting minutes from August 8, 2016 was by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on August 23, 2016, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion approve the Special Board meeting minutes from August 23, 2016 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for July 2016. Motion to file for July 2016 audit was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of August. Motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of August was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #16-13 amending Chapter 5 by adding Section 5C-7 to the Village Municipal Code regarding the possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. Chief Millsap explained that the State of Illinois has passed a statute. There was a building committee meeting in August to discuss this and it was approved. If someone is found with a small amount of paraphernalia the officer can write a local ordinance ticket instead of having to go through an entire arrest. A motion to approve Ordinance #16-13 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the low bid for Chester Avenue storm sewer extension from Suburban General in the amount of \$17,045.05. Mr. Struve explained that there is water standing in residents back yards between the properties located on East Avenue and Chester Avenue. This has been going on for many years, and it is time for it to be fixed. Mr. Struve has had Mr. Cainkar and others out to take a look at the area where this is occurring. A motion to approve the low bid for the Chester Avenue Storm sewer extension was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Kringlie. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny request for Attorney fees for Lenzi Avenue project and Eminent Domain project of 8.2 acres. Mr. O'Connell said this is what he submitted for attorney's fees from the last 2 years. Mr. Cummings appreciates all the time Mr. O'Connell has spent on these projects. Mr. Struve agrees that it has been 2 years and we are finally seeing progress on the projects that have been started. A member from the audience asked how much the fees would be. Mr. O'Connell said that for the Dostal Eminent Domain the fee is \$250,000. For the Lenzi Avenue project the fee is \$125,000. A motion to approve the Attorney fees was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #16-14 repealing Title 2, Chapter 6 Emergency Telephone System Board and all authority related to the Emergency Telephone System Act. Mr. O'Connell explained that Area State Police have taken over jurisdiction for all 911 systems. The Village of Hodgkins passed Ordinances last year to join the Oak Lawn System. Prior to us being put into the 911 system we have to dissolve all former systems we were participating in. This would be

the Willow Springs inter-governmental agreement. There were other surcharges and requirements that needed to be resolved. We will have a representative through Oak Lawn 911. We will no longer have a 911 committee. All members of Oak Lawn 911 are passing similar Ordinances. A motion to approve Ordinance #16-14 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services. Mrs. Salerno explained that this is the annual agreement for Cook County Health Inspections that are done for Hodgkins. This is for our business', we charge the business' what we are charged. A motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

Absent, No Report

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reported that the Municipal Code Book is done. We have been emailed a copy to look at. The Village will need an ordinance for next meeting to adopt the new municipal code. Mr. O'Connell feels at that time the Board should embrace the changes. Some were statutory changes, much stayed the same. Mr. O'Connell feels we may need to have a special committee to evaluate the code that we have adopted. Mr. Struve feels this is a good idea. He feels a lot of issues were corrected, but there are still issues that need to be addressed.

Mr. O'Connell reported that there is an October 5, 2016 hearing on the disconnection of UPS property in Willow Springs, into Hodgkins.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap

Chief Millsap reported that the remodeling of the computer server room is in progress, and the cameras have been installed and are operational at the corner of 63rd and East Avenue.

Chief Millsap reminded everyone that Hodgkins School is open so please be careful in school zones.

Chief Millsap gave everyone a copy of two proposals concerning the Police Department parking lot. There are two sewer covers near the Fire Department that are exposed and

need to be addressed. There is also a large pot hole and two other areas near the building that need to be repaired before winter. John Kuebrich from Novotny Engineering and Foreman Vern Millsap from the Water Department inspected the area. Mr. Kuebrich feels asphalt near the sewers should help the situation. The sewer itself is in good shape and but will need to be addressed in the next 5 years or so. Mr. Cummings and Mr. Rice were shown the problem areas and the pictures are in the packet. Mr. Kovel reviewed the proposal also. Chief Millsap would like to reseal the entire parking lot and restripe next spring. Proposal #1 from Lombard Paving was \$10,645. Proposal #2 was from Andreas and Sons for \$25,700. This is in the 2016 budget, so it will not put anything over budget. Chief Millsap spoke with Mr. Kringlie about the two sewers which are on Fire Department property and the cost of the two sewers is \$1,600.00, so he is hoping to have the Fire Department cover half of this cost. Mr. Struve explained this is a long driveway between the Fire Department and the Police Department. Mr. Cummings feels this should be done prior to winter. Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the low bid for the pavement repair. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported that the Siegfried Properties project is moving along very quickly. It is on schedule and they are hoping to open in Mid-November.

The second project is the Point Blank Gun Range. There had been sloping that had started to fail. They are installing a retaining wall to help with this. There is drainage behind the wall to alleviate any hydrostatic pressure. Point Blank is hoping to be open in October. Mr. O'Connell said that he spoke with a representative of Point Blank Gun Range and the Department of Alcohol and Tobacco has to come out once the project is completed. The project will be inspected and given a seal of approval by the Department of Alcohol and Tobacco as well as the Village of Hodgkins before the business can open.

Mr. Kovel reported that the Lenzi Avenue apartment project is coming along. The Public Works department is doing a great job. Three buildings, 6027, 6028, 6029 are completely empty and boarded up and fenced off. Next will start the demolition bids.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky

Absent, No Report

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reported that garbage rebates were discussed at the Special Board Meeting. The rebate was \$180.00 and this has been in place for a while. The amount was increased to \$225.00. This includes a garbage rebate and a portion of property taxes that are paid by the owners of the mobile home parks and apartments. In addition for the people who pay property taxes and are rebated the Village portion of the taxes, this amount will be increased by 10%. People will get an additional check back, if they have already been rebated or the amount will be added on to checks that have not been issued yet.

Public Works Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie reported that Public Works has been very busy getting ready for fall and winter. All bids have been awarded for the salt dome. We are awaiting the final land survey to show the exact borders. Mr. Kringlie is hopeful that this will be sometime during the week.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve reported the gas meters, the electric meters and water supply is being shut off once the Lenzi Avenue apartments are vacated. There is not individual shut off for the apartments, the shutoff is for the whole building. The vacated buildings are secured. 6021 has 5 out of 16 tenants left. Mr. Struve feels it is in the Villages best interest, to push for apartment vacating before winter due to freezing and things that can happen in the winter.

Mr. Struve said there are now architects showing plans for the Dostal Property. The water retention is being setup, and some of the dirt is being tested. Vulcan Materials needs to be contacted so some of the property can be accessed on the south side.

Water Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie reported that the water department has found one leak and it has been repaired. They are still looking for the rest of the leak.

Chicago has announced that they are raising water rates. Mr. Kringlie is still hoping to protect the residents, but we will not know until Chicago announces how much they are increasing rates. The Chicago rate change will probably be started next year.

Police Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report

911 Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

No Report

Zoning Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

No Report

E.S.D.A. Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve deferred to Mr. Mills. Mr. Mills reported there were a couple of events, the picnic and a celebration at Buck's, in which everything went well. E.S.D.A. also responded to a serious accident on LaGrange Road in which they helped with traffic control.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill reported that they will be doing a Windella Boat tour trip this Wednesday in Chicago. There will be a box lunch provided on the bus for all participants.

Health, Safety, & Human Resource Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley said it was discussed at the Special Board meeting that Mr. Struve came up with ways to establish a handicapped assistance program. Ways to assist residents with special needs is being addressed. There are special lifts and ramps that are sometimes needed. There needs to be rules and requirements on how people would qualify for this program. As a trial, an elevator lift was installed at Andy Lynn's home to help him get in his home. Andy Lynn was the recent recipient of a heart transplant and needed assistance in getting into his home. This is a trial to see how things work. Mrs. Moxley is hoping to buy 5 of these per year. The lift will be property of the Village and be removed once a resident does not need it anymore. Mr. Struve thanked everyone. Mr. Struve was contacted by Pete DiPioli and his company offered to sell us the lift for \$1,200.00, it was supposed to be \$2,000.00. Mr. Struve believes this will be a good asset to residents in the future.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the Lenzi Avenue project. A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to resume Open Session. A motion to go back into open session was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Monetary Payment to Marcela Ortiz. Mr. Struve explained that Mrs. Ortiz has helped the residents of Lenzi Avenue with relocation. A motion to approve a monetary payment to Marcela Ortiz was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the payment plan for Lenzi Avenue residents. Mr. O'Connell explained the payment plan for residents. The phase II plan will be identical to phase I. If a resident has left by March 31, 2017 they would be entitled to \$3,500.00, April 30, 2017 \$2,750.00, and June 1, 2017, \$2,250. If they fail to leave after that, they will not get any money. There will be no rent owed after March 1, 2017. A motion to approve the Phase II payment plan for the residents of the Lenzi Avenue apartments was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business

Mr. Struve discussed the building committee had agreed to pay \$2,000.00 for the purchase of an elevator lift. The lift was only \$1,200.00. Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve the payment of \$1,200.00 for the elevator lift. Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the \$1,200.00 payment for the elevator lift. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

New Business

None

Comments from the Audience

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 8:14 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 10-10-16

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0