

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 9, 2013

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

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Vicky Moxley
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Hugh Rhodes
Phillip Kringlie**

**Attorney: John O'Connell
Timothy Callahan**

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on August 12, 2013, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes . Voting Nay: None. Mr. Kringlie votes present since he was absent at last month's Board Meeting.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for July 2013. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

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

Mr. Cummings recognizes Chief Kevin Doyle from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. Chief Doyle presents to the President, Board of Trustees and the citizens of Hodgkins. Each of the communities within the district is receiving a similar award. The Fire District has obtained a Public Protection Class II. ISO (Insurance Services Office) ranks 42,000 fire departments across the United States and ranks them on a scale from one to nine; one being the best nine being the worst. In June of this year we improved our Public Protection Class Rank from a class III to a class II. That puts Pleasantview in some unique company of the 48,000 fire department nationwide there are only 550 that have a class II or better. That puts Pleasantview in the top 1.2% of all fire departments

nationwide.

As part of that ranking they look at several things, one of them is the our ability to receive and dispatch; our ability to respond and mitigate all types of emergencies and 40% of our ranking goes for available water supply. That means they look at all six communities that Pleasantview serves and the Public Works Departments, their records and their ability to deliver water to the fire department throughout the year. They require 3,500 gallons per minute or more. Pleasantview received a near perfect score on the available water supply across all six municipalities.

Our Public Works Department did a tremendous job and were well prepared for the inspections and were great to work with.

For the above reasons that tonight the Chief is before the Board to present Jack Scott a certificate on behalf of the Pleasantview Fire Department. There may also be some potential savings on insurance policies because of the improved rating.

Chief Doyle read the contents of the certificate before the presentation.

Mr. Cummings recognizes Mr. Joe Lightcap from Baker Tilly regarding the 2012 Audit. The following is a recap of his presentation:

- o Unmodified “Clean” opinion
 - Highest level of assurance you can receive from your auditors.
 - The look of the opinion has been updated per new audit standards to be clearer but the outcome was the same is in prior years.
- o A new accounting standard was also adopted during the year. This standard only updated certain terminology. The one main change you may notice is the term Net Assets is now Net Position.
- o No other major changes to the financial statement presentation since last year.
- o Financial Condition
 - Net Position (includes capital assets and long-term debt) increased by \$4.1 million.
 - Fund balance across all governmental funds increased by \$40,000.
 - Ending fund balance of the General Fund was \$3.1 Million or 45% of (5 ½ months expenditures) in fund balance. A common recommendation for this balance is 3 months.
 - Net position of the Water Fund increased by \$0.3 million.
 - Quarry Mall TIF - 5.4M left on Debt – most of that has already been set aside for the payments as of 12/31/12.

- LaGrange Road TIF – The TIF is receiving enough incremental sales and property taxes to pay for current debt service and to remit funds back to the subordinate note payable holder.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a donation to Beds Plus in the amount of \$500. Mrs. Moxley would like to thank the Beds Plus Fund for what they do for what they do for the local residents. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rhodes. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the purchase of property located at 9192 Joliet Road in the amount of \$300,000. This is the property that currently has the car wash located on it. Mr. O'Connell states that a price of \$300,000 has been negotiated for the property. A real estate sales contract has been drawn up for that amount. We have a letter of appraisal from our appraiser reflects that this is less than the market value of that property. This has been discussed in earlier meetings and therefore is submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #13-12** providing a variance on 75th Street property. There was a meeting held by the Building Committee to discuss this property. Horizon is going to sell the property and would like to have the assurance for the purchaser that a well and septic system will be allowed to remain in use because it is beyond the 1000' distance from Village utilities, discussed in meeting held in 2006 when a variance was issued. This is a Heavy Manufacturing Zoning Classification and therefore truck parking is allowed. Mr. Struve requests that if, for some reason, water and sewer is brought close enough to the site, <1000', then they would connect to the Village utilities and discontinue the use of the well and septic system to prevent any cross contamination. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #13-11** Amending Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Village Code of Hodgkins Entitled "Open Burning". Attorney Callahan asked to have Section 2 sub paragraph iii amended to read "a water source or other provisions for extinguishing the fire shall be immediately accessible **and attended constantly** when the Outdoor Fireplace or Fire Ring is in use". Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rhodes. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Business License to Helping Hand locating in the Central Blacktop Building. This facility is to provide a place of learning assistance for Children with Autism. Motion to approve by Mr. Rhodes. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Payment #1 to Mark-It Corporation in the amount of \$17,880.70 for Santa Fe Drive and 75th Street Pavement Striping. Mr. Scott indicates that the work is acceptable and the payment should be made. Mr. Struve has some complaints about the East Avenue Project. Road surface is not smooth and the sewer covers are not flush with the road surface. Mr. Scott states that the bumps in the road come from the type of aggregate used by IDOT specifications, according to Mr. Cainkar. The aggregate did not roll out properly and they received 17 demerits because of it, which means money will be deducted from Central Blacktop. There are no intentions of repairing the surface. Mr. Struve states that we should not just sit back and accept the sub standard work. The landscaping will begin on the west side of East Avenue later this week. Motion to approve paying Mark-It by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell report that we are on several different fronts along East Avenue in active negotiations on new developments and is looking very positive and hopes for a more complete report for the October meeting.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap

Chief Millsap reports on the following:

- The traffic problems at Cobb/East Ave.
- The speed sign was placed at west bound Cobb at East Ave. In an eight day period a total of 1382 vehicles were recorded using that intersection in just one direction. Future Village action to follow.
- Received an email from a resident in Valley Oaks needing help with the neighborhood problems around her home. A Neighborhood watch meeting will be held soon to address the problems in the area. All Valley Oaks residents will be invited.
- Held a "Meet and Greet" at Hodgkins School on September 22, 2013. Officers and Teachers greeted all the students on the first day of School.
- Received CPR/AED training conducted by Pleasantview Fire Protection District at the Police Department on September 5, 2013.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott

Mr. Scott reports that he would like to acknowledge the efforts of Public Works employee Vernon Millsap for compiling the data in a timely manner for the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for the ISO rating.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

No Report.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to enter a closed session to discuss the possible acquisition of property. Motion by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. 7:32 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to reconvene the Open Session. Motion by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Acquisition by Agreement / or Authorization to Acquire by Eminent Domain of the Property Owned by Mr. Dan Ainscough located at 6103 East Avenue. Mr. O'Connell asks that after the two week window from Mr. Ainscough's proposal for purchase. Mr. Ainscough requested a two-week delay and would let Mr. O'Connell know two weeks from today whether the offer that was discussed with him would be acceptable to him. Mr. O'Connell asks the Board that if the offer is rejected by Mr. Ainscough, Mr. O'Connell would present to the Board an ordinance requesting the acquisition by Eminent Domain. Motion to Follow through with Eminent Domain after two weeks by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rhodes. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No further Report.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No further Report.

Water Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie reports that the Water Department is in the process of a computer update. Water discounts are being studied for implementation next year.

Police Committee, Hugh Rhodes, Chairman

Mr. Rhodes reported on the meeting held September 4, 2013.

9-1-1 Committee, Hugh Rhodes, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

E.S.D.A. Committee, Philip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie reports on the good job the ESDA employees did at the Village Picnic.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill reports that there will be the second annual ice cream social in the basement of the Village Hall on September 18, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. Any newcomers should call the Village Hall to let us know how many intend to attend.

Health, Safety and Human Resources Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

58:00

Mr. Struve asked Mrs. Moxley about flu shots this year.

Old Business

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Ms Marilyn Sauter asked Mr. Rhodes what would be the job duties of the proposed part-time office employee at the Police Department. Mr. Rhodes said the primary responsibilities would include assistance with filing, etc. to Mrs. Thompson, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 8:07 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: