

Governor Pritzker has issued Executive Order No. 2020-07, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meetings Act that members of a public body be physically present at meetings of the public body, and the limitations of the Open Meetings Act as to when members of a Public body may participate in meetings of the public body remotely.

Participation for the Board Meeting was posted: 605-313-5086 Access Code: 289270#

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2020**

Meeting called to order: 6:00 P.M.

Those present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustees: Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Larry Rice

Paul Struve

Dominic Misasi

Lida Mills

Attorney: John O'Connell

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve/deny authorizing the Mayor to sign and approve an Agreed Decision and Order of the Hodgkins Police Pension Board; and, a Settlement Agreement and Release of all claims as entered into between the Board of Trustees of the Hodgkins Police Pension Fund, the Village of Hodgkins and the Hodgkins Police Department Retirees: Rhodes, Bobysud, Howard, Wilkans, Bird, and Moxley.

Mr. O'Connell explained the Hodgkins Police Pension Board met today and approved an agreed decision order, which includes Pension settlement agreement, Pension Board does approve said agreement, and payout is agreed to. The Pension Board had a settlement with the Retirees which includes the Village of Hodgkins, in which we will not pursue any recoupment of past payments or would the past retirees go after the Village or Pension Board.

Mrs. Moxley presented a statement regarding the settlement: Mrs. Moxley notified everyone that she would be abstaining from the vote due to her husband being a part of the settlement.

Mrs. Moxley felt the six individuals that are part of settlement dedicated their careers to the Village of Hodgkins. This settlement will be taking money and food off the tables of these individuals and their families, during a global pandemic. Mrs. Moxley explained that each of the retirees retired in good faith, believing the money they were promised, right or wrong would be provided. Her statement would not change even if her husband was not a part of the settlement. She feels the Village has done more for less deserving individuals and businesses and will continue to do so. The finalization of this settlement is being done during National Police Week.

Motion to approve/deny Agreed Decision Order was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining from Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Motion to approve/deny Settlement Agreement which includes Police Pension Board, Retirees, Village of Hodgkins Board of Trustees. A motion to approve the Settlement Agreement was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining from Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. O'Connell will be sending the checks via UPS to the retirees. The Original signed documents signed by the Mayor will be delivered tomorrow morning.

Comments from the Audience: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:11p.m.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 6/8/2020

Voting Aye: 6

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0