

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 13, 2012

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

**Those present:**

**President:** Noel Cummings

**Trustee:** Donald Cuttill  
Vicky Moxley  
Larry Rice  
Paul Struve  
Ernest Millsap

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

**Those absent:**

**Trustee:** Thomas Christopher

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2012 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 31, 2012 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for November, 2011. Motion to file for audit by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the Finance Statement for December, 2011. Motion to file for audit by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of January. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny making public the Closed Session Minutes Dated June 14, 2010 – Benefits for Elected Officials. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny making public the Closed Session Minutes Dated September 20, 2010 – Elected Officials Compensation. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny making public the Closed Session Minutes Dated December 8, 2010 – Salary Adjustments. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny making public the Closed Session Minutes Dated March 31, 2011 – Discussion of Village Real Estate. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services between the Village of Hodgkins and Cook County for 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Village assistance on the Clear Channel / Windsor Billboard Issue. Mr. O'Connell recaps the situation for the Board. About a year ago Clear Channel erected a digital sign, which is an expensive proposition ~\$250,000. They expressed to the Board a desire to provide that there be an ordinance that there would not be any obstruction to that billboard for a distance of at least 1000'. The Board of Trustees rejected that proposal. The Board was concerned about setting a precedent for setting up something that was inconsistent with the State's 500' limit. The concern is that if we are limiting other billboard companies from placing structures in our Village we could run into some litigation, which is accurate.

For the past six months we have been working with both Clear Channel and Windsor, who wanted to install a sign off of Santa Fe Drive. This location would have created an obstruction on La Grange Road for the Clear Channel site. The Village receives \$142,000 per year from leases and inspection fees. Mr. Cummings directed Mr. O'Connell to participate in trying to raise the sign that Windsor wished to place. The incremental cost of doing this is about \$35,000. Additionally, the placement of the sign at that location we had to move a storm sewer line. The original estimate to do that is \$60,000-\$70,000 to do that. We asked Eric Rice to contact the vendors we work with and got a vendor to agree to

do the work for \$13,000.

The proposal is to have the Village contribute \$25,000 toward the sign erection. This includes the movement of the sewer and the incremental increase in the cost of the sign. Clear Channel would contribute \$15,000. However, we would provide them with a waiver of their inspection fees up to \$5,000. The yearly inspection fee is ~\$1,800 per year. Clear Channel is the only company we have entered into a lease with on Village property. The balance would be assumed by Windsor.

Basically, Clear Channel would contribute \$10,000 toward it; the Village would contribute \$25,000 in addition to a \$5,000 waiver; Windsor would assume the balance of ~\$15,000.

Mr. Cummings says that by doing this we will get another billboard. Without this action we will not get another billboard. One year of the rent to the Village is more than the money we will have to spend.

Mr. O'Connell states that we have been approached by a company that has offered to buy right to billboards. There has been an offer of \$350,000 for the remaining four year lease on a billboard along I-55. It is not in the best interest of the Village to sell our rights right now.

Mr. Struve cites the meeting whereby the two companies were going to work out their differences, apparently not.

The dilemma is that Clear Channel is the tenant on three leases. If we said no to Windsor then they will sue us. The \$25,000 would be spent in legal fees anyway, so this is the best solution to the problem.

Motion to approve the assistance on the Clear Channel / Windsor issue by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #1 & Semi-Final to City Lights for \$112,259.25 for 2011 Street Light Rehab on Conrad Avenue. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny **Resolution #2012-01** Participating in Public Works Projects Pursuant to the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Business License to Sinnott

Tree Service Locating at 6880 River Road at the Deck Tech Parking Lot. Mr. Struve states there was a Building Committee meeting to discuss this proposal on February 9, 2012. There was discussion on what we wanted to allow. Additionally, Mr. Struve went to their current facility to see what they had. The recommendation based on what he observed and Mr. Callahan's research, Mr. Struve makes the motion **Deny** the request to issue a business license to Sinnott Tree Service. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

#### **Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

#### **Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell**

Mr. O'Connell states that there was a request from Continental Motors to see how much revenue has been generated from their facility. When the TIF was established and struck the agreement with Continental, there was a developer's note of \$1.1MM that we provided them that represented an excess of cost. That note would only be paid when there was sufficient sales tax to pay it. We have asked Baker-Tilley to do a TIF 2 audit, which is beginning now. Once we get that audit we will see where we are in relation to that note.

The next item is the discussion with the Park District regarding their request for the assistance with building the expansion. Today's discussion will require further review.

#### **Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie**

- Officer Pierce is still on medical leave from the On-Duty Injury. He is currently scheduled for surgery on March 2, 2012.
- Final testing will be completed on our two police officer applicants and they will be ready for service in the week and a half.
- Thursday, February 16, 2012, the Police Department will be hosting a **"Support the Troops"** supply packing party. We will start at 6:00 pm in the second floor training room.
- Sunday, March 18, 2012, the Police Department will be playing the Park District in our Annual St. Jude Children's Hospital Basketball game. The game will start at 3:00 pm.
- We have been working on trapping some stray dogs running around town the past few months. Cook County Animal Control was able to trap one of the dogs a couple of weeks ago. We have contracted with an animal control company to trap the remaining dog(s).

#### **Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice**

- Mr. Rice points out that the new street lights are up. The parkways will be dressed and a punch list initialized in the spring.
- The old office trailer in the Public Works Building now has no use and is taking up space. Industrial Steel is has agreed to get the trailer out and

- remove it to a site where they can use the trailer.
- A motor for the old fire truck has been acquired. The truck has is now in the process of being disassembled for restoration.

Mr. Millsap asks about the parking under the I-294 Bridge at Santa Fe Drive.

Mr. Rice states that it is J.P. Mooncotch, who states he has a lease from the railroad.

There is some question about whether or not he has a lease with the railroad.

Mr. Cummings is going to contact the railroad to get to the bottom of the storage under I-294.

There is a concern about an accidental fire could cause the shut down of I-294.

### **Report from Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Mrs. Moxley reports on the meeting of 1-26-2012.

Mr. O'Connell states he has met with the State Bank of Countryside. The State Bank of Countryside will come back with a counter-proposal.

##### **Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

No Report.

##### **Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman**

Mr. Struve reports on the meeting of 1-26-2012.

##### **Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

##### **Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

Mr. Millsap reports on the meeting of 1-26-2012.

##### **9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

No Report.

##### **Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman**

No Report.

##### **E.S.D.A. Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman**

Mr. Cuttill states there will be an Aging Well meeting February 15 at 10:00 am in the lower level of the Village Hall. New Officers will be elected.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

No Report.

**Old Business.**

**New Business**

Mr. Millsap and his family members will be walking in the Relay for Life event the first week of June. Relay for Life is a cancer related organization. Mr. Millsap asks that the Village make a \$500 donation to the effort. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mr. Christopher. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:34 P.M.

Claude Sexton

Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed: 3-12-12**

**Voting Aye: 5**

**Voting Nay: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Abstain: 0**