

# VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

## MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 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:

Thomas Christopher

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2012, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to accept by Mr. Cuttill. 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 the payment of bills for the month of February 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. 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 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Hodgkins Park District, Hodgkins Public Library and the Village of Hodgkins. Motion to accept by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny amending **Resolution #2011-01A** approved on January 10, 2011, to accommodate additional funding in the amount of \$60,000. Mr. Cainkar states that it is for the lighting on Conrad. We originally received \$60,000 for the project. The county came up with another \$60,000 and that will basically pay for the whole project. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny low bid in the amount of \$43,995.20

from Tierra Environmental Services Company for 2012 Sanitary Cleaning and Televising. Mr. Cainkar states he has not worked with this company before, however, he did contact the MWRDC who gave them a favorable rating. A gentleman from the audience states he was at the bid opening for this project. He indicates that his research after the bid opening show this company is being investigated by the Department of Justice and has a seven count indictment for allegedly violating the clean water regulations. He is concerned about the quality of work they would do on this project.

Mr. O'Connell asked if he was aware the MWRDGC does not have a problem with the company. He states that he does not know if the MWRDGC is aware of the indictment.

Mr. Struve suggested that we check with the Department of Justice. Mr. Cummings states that he does not intend to go any further than what Mr. Cainkar has done.

Mr. O'Connell states that we are bound by the bidding law which states that we must accept the lowest responsible bidder and we will adhere to that. The alleged wrongdoing is not the information we received by the MWRDGC. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. There was no second to Mr. Rice's motion.

Village welcome to the new Director of the Hodgkins Park District, Kelly Young.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the Patrol Officer Contract. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. 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 the non-union salaries of 2%. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny waiving the demolition costs for new owner of 6601 Kane Avenue as long as a home is constructed within one year of the purchase of the property. Mr. Callahan states the original agreement states that if the Village of Hodgkins incurred the cost of demolition of the existing structure the cost for the demolition would be waived if the owner of the property constructed a single family home and lived in the home for five years. Unfortunately, the owner was unable to remain on that property and the property went into foreclosure. The intent of the Board of Trustees to raise old structures in an effort to get new structures built within the residential area.

There is a buyer for the property who is inquiring whether or not we would be willing to waive the demolition costs and release our lien. Mr. Callahan proposes that we an agreement releasing our lien on the property located at 6601 Kane Avenue. Mr. Callahan then read the conditions the new owner would abide by which are essentially the beautification ordinance conditions. Ultimately the goal is realized. 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.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report.

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

Last month Mr. O'Connell thought we had come to an resolution with Windsor Billboard Company and Clear Channel Billboard. Each company has submitted their own contracts. Mr. O'Connell is trying to get them to reconcile. Mr. O'Connell asks if he may have the authority to continue by select one of the contracts, or a combination of the contracts, without coming back to the Board, if they cannot come to an agreement. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

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

- On February 16<sup>th</sup> the Department hosted a ***“Support the Troops”*** supply packing party. We packed and mailed out 56 boxes of supplies weighing over 950 pounds!
- This Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department will be playing the Park District in our Annual St. Jude Children’s Hospital Charity Basketball game. The game will start at 3:00 pm.
- I have received a Certificate of Appreciation for Detective Mike Bennett. (Read Letter & Certificate).
- On February 27<sup>th</sup>, our two newest members of the Hodgkins Police Department were sworn in. (Introductions of Ofc Rutkoski and Ofc Ponzi)

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

Mr. Rice states he received a phone call from International Airport Centers (IAC). They have a prospective tenant for 96,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of freezer space. This is essentially the entire freezer space.

**Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans**

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Reported on the meeting of February 23, 2012.

**Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman**

Mr. Struve reports that the 1942 Chevrolet fire truck we purchased has been received and it looks to be in very good condition. This truck is very similar to the truck we had before we joined Pleasantview Fire Protection District.

**Building Committee, Paul Cummings, Chairman**

Mr. Struve reported on the meeting of March 6, 2012.

**Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman**

No Report.

**Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman**

Mr. Millsap reported on the meeting March 9, 2012. Mr. Rice states there will be a contract negotiation session for the sergeants on March 20, 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 asks for a moment of silence for Ms Chris Winters.

**Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman**

Tuesday April 3, 2012, we will have another blood drive at the Village Hall. You may sign up to give blood by contacting the Village Hall.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Mr. Cummings states he has had meetings with Menards concerning a Joint Venture on building affordable homes in the Village on the vacant lots the Village owns. Menards would furnish all the material and the Village would supply the labor thereby saving a lot of money. The material cost is between \$49,000 and \$61,000 plus basement and foundation.

**Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Millsap mentions that there will be an open house at the school March 15, 2012.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting aye:

Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

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Claude Sexton, Clerk

**Date Passed:**

**Voting Aye:**

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**