

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2012

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

Those present:

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

Attorney: John O'Connell
Timothy Callahan

Those absent:

President: Noel Cummings

Clerk Sexton called the meeting to order. Clerk Sexton states that President Cummings is absent and would entertain a motion to elect a President Pro Temp for this meeting. Mr. Millsap motions to elect Mr. Struve as President Pro Temp. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on April 9, 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, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for February 2012. Motion to approve by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for March 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of April 2012. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny awarding 63rd Street Light Replacement

to Rags Electric for \$169,335.00. Mr. Cainkar states that Rags electric came in with the lowest bid for the project. The existing light are showing some deterioration and this would be a good opportunity to make up-to-date replacements. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Christopher. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #12-5** Authorizing the Condemnation of property commonly known as 6119, 6125 & 6129 East Avenue. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny 2012-2013 Renewal notice for MICA (insurance carrier) for \$138,770.00. Mr. Millsap asked Mrs. Salerno what was the premium for last year. Mrs. Salerno said the premium was \$139,010. Motion to approve by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny payment #2 & final to City Lights for \$13,108.25 for 2011 Street Light Rehabilitation / Conrad Avenue Project. Mr. Rice had questions about the base of the units. The new units are poured and then packed with screenings. Motion to approve by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny **Ordinance #12-3** Regarding Solicitation within the Village of Hodgkins. Mr. Callahan asks for the following changes on its face.

- Section 4-1 A-3 The section under permit required should have been stricken.
- Where it say a non-profit solicitor is not required to obtain a permit may also stricken.
- Section 4-1 A-9 under Limitations and Prohibitions. Under A, each solicitor shall wear at all times while engaged in solicitation in the Village a his/her solicitors safety vest issued by the Village and each solicitor shall present his/her permit upon request. Motion to approve with the changes by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Mrs. Moxley states that the purpose of this ordinance is so that the Village knows who is soliciting in the Village at any given time. This is a way we can monitor who these people are.

Mr. Struve asked for a motion to approve/deny Donations to the Hodgkins FOP Golf Outing. The fee for a round of golf for a foursome is \$400. Motion to approve a \$400 donation for a foursome by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

No Report.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reports on the status of the purchase of the property located at 6119, 6125 & 6129 East Avenue. Mr. O'Connell states that issue of Albie's Hilltop has been lingering for many years. We have approached the owners of the property in the past. There 21 heirs to the estate that owns that property. We have reached a place where there is an agreement of a sale price of \$400,000 for the property. A suggestion to the attorney for the owners was that we could file a complaint for condemnation, which he agreed was probably the best way to proceed because there was not a certainty that all 21 of the beneficiaries would agree. The complaint was filed because firstly the property is in a TIF and has been abandoned for six years. Thirdly, it is a property the Village needs for the development along East Avenue.

They have agreed to the amount of \$400,000 as just compensation. We have filed a motion for condemnation and a motion for an agreed judgment order in the amount of \$400,000. The motion is scheduled for hearing this coming Thursday, May 17, 2012, at which time we would submit our check in the amount of \$400,000, which would go to the Cook County Treasurer's office. From those proceeds, the outstanding taxes, which are significant, would be paid. The obligations of the owners of that property would be paid. We would then be in a position to get clear title to that property.

The ordinance before you is spelling out what has been described and gives Mr. O'Connell authorization to go to the judge on Thursday indicating that the President and Board of Trustees has agreed to judgment order, which would be entered on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

Mr. O'Connell states that an overwhelming majority of the beneficiaries want to do this. There are about \$91,000 in taxes to be paid. If they do not do this now they will lose the property on June 1st to a purchaser of the taxes.

Report from Chief of Police, Phillip Kringlie

- Chief Kringlie states that the Village Hall was used as the headquarters for the Bike-A-Thon. There were raffle prizes and lunch for the participants. \$4,200 was raised between the basketball game and the Bike-A-Thon plus cash donations.
- The two new officers that were hired. One is in the Police Academy and the other has completed the required testing procedures and has passed his certification.
- Thanks to Trustee Millsap, the advisory of the Gypsy Scam notice was put out on the phone system.
- Additionally, Chief Kringlie would like to thank the ESDA personnel for their assistance during the Bike-A-Thon.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Eric Rice

Mr. Rice reports on the purchase of the bucket van that was discussed and approved at

the Streets and Alley Committee meeting.

Report From Building Inspector, Robert Evans

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Streets and Alley Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

No Report.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

There were three new companies applied for business licenses recently.

Water Committee, Thomas Christopher, Chairman

Mr. Christopher reports that there is a need for a system upgrade. A meeting will be scheduled. This is the system that monitors all the pumps in the water system.

Police Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

Mr. Millsap states the meeting held this past month finalized the Solicitation Ordinance that was passed this evening.

9-1-1 Committee, Ernest Millsap, Chairman

No Report.

Zoning Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

No Report.

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

Mr. Christopher thanked the ESDA personnel and the Police Department for their great job during the Bike-A-Thon.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill reports what good entertainment that was provided for Mother's Day. A young entertainer did a marvelous job entertaining for one hour. There were roughly fifty people showed up for the event. Additionally, Mr. Cuttill thanked the girls in to office for their assistance.

Health Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Mrs. Moxley reports that we are in the process of looking into employee's health insurance policy. We making sure we are getting the most for our money and are able to provide a great service to our employees.

The new Committee name for Mrs. Moxley's Committee will be Health, Safety and Human Resources Committee.

Old Business

Mr. Millsap states that the Meeting of the Whole we talked about a new epoxy floor for the Community Center Historical Society. There were three bids that Mr. Rice obtained. The low bid was from Special Effects for \$3,800. Motion to approve by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Millsap and Mr. Christopher. Voting Nay: None.

New Business

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Rob Sherman from Rob Sherman Advocacy approached the Board with a complaint from a resident concerning a poster that is prominently displayed at the Police Department in public View which in his determination is secular in nature and should be removed.

Mr. Callahan states that he will look into the matter.

Ms Sauter asks why that person went to Mr. Sherman and did not make his displeasure know to the Village in person.

Mrs. Katsmarek thanks the Village office staff and Mr. Cuttill for the most wonderful Mother's Day luncheon she has ever attended.

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

Adjourned: 7:36 P.M.

Claude Sexton, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: