

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 12, 2015

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

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

**Trustee: Donald Cuttill
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Dominic Misasi
Philip Kringlie**

**Attorney: John O'Connell-Present Via phone in
Timothy Callahan**

Those Absent:

Trustee: Vicky Moxley

Pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2015, as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion approved by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on October 1, 2015 as recorded by the Village Attorney, Mr. Timothy Callahan. A motion to approve the minutes of the special board meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cummings, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining from vote: Mr. Cuttill and Mr. Struve. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to file for audit the finance statement for August 2015. Motion to approve by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of September. Motion to approve the bills by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny the additional payment to the Hodgkins Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$180,000. Mr. Struve added that we started this process last year so the Village can get the percentages that they owe up to the 70-80% amount that will be required in the future. A motion to approve the additional payment was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Payment #1 to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$9,270.00 for the East Avenue and Catherine Ann Drive Roadway modifications. A motion to approve the payment was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Verizon Lease Renewal. Mr. O'Connell stated that we have a lease agreement with Verizon for the River Road water tower since 1992. An amendment was done with the ground lease agreement in 1998. Verizon is concerned that the Village may sell that agreement for the ground hold. The lease is not up until 2017. The village has not entertained any of these offers to sell. Verizon is asking to have a renewal based on the current lease payments that we have. Mr. O'Connell asked the board if they would allow him to review the contract lease terms and possibly negotiate an elevator clause in what we have now. Mr. O'Connell asked that the board allow him to negotiate a higher lease term and try and execute another 20 year term with Verizon. A motion to give Mr. O'Connell the right to negotiate a new lease with Verizon was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #15-11 Replacing Resolution #2014-11 Designating the establishment of an Enterprise Zone within the Corporate Limits of McCook and Hodgkins. Mr. O'Connell stated that we have been approved for an extension of 25 years for our enterprise zone. Mr. O'Connell stated that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity asked that we replace the resolution with an Ordinance, because that is what it says in their regulations. The Ordinance is just a reiteration from last year. It allows us to enter an intergovernmental agreement with McCook to continue our Enterprise Zone. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr.

Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #15-12 approving an amendment releasing parcels from TIF #3 for the Village of Hodgkins. Mr. O'Connell stated that we have now made TIF #4. Based on the assessed valuation if we accepted the 2011 evaluation we would not get an increment for years to come. If we took the 2014 EAV that has been a drop of \$3 million and immediately see a tax increment based on the properties we are placing from TIF #3 into TIF #4. Mr. Struve and Mr. O'Connell stated that we have had meetings regarding this and we have unanimous approval from the Joint Commission Board. A motion to approve ordinance #15-12 was by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nye: None. Absent for Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #15-13 Adopting the Tax Increment Financing for the Hodgkins East Avenue Redevelopment Project Area #4. Mr. O'Connell stated that this creates the tax increment which was described and the TIF #4. A Motion to approve Ordinance #15-13 was made by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nye: None. Absent for Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #15-14 Approving the Redevelopment plan and project for the Hodgkins East Avenue redevelopment Project Area #4. Mr. O'Connell stated that this will duplicate the TIF area that have been so successful in the past. A motion to approve Ordinance #15-14 was made by Mr. Cuttill. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nye: None. Absent for Vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #15-15 designating the Hodgkins East Avenue Redevelopment Project Area #4 pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. A Motion to approve Ordinance #15-15 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny traffic evaluation on 63rd street by KLOA in the amount of \$5000.00. Mr. Kringlie stated that we have been considering the lane structure exiting 63rd St. to South Bound LaGrange Road to help benefit the flow of traffic from the mall. Mr. Cainkar stated to get the approval we will need to have this evaluation and analysis done and then work with IDOT to get this approved. This evaluation will be done in stages, so it is not an upfront fee. It will be paid in stages. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Kringlie. Second by Mr. Struve.

Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley.

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar

Mr. Cainkar stated that he did not have anything further to add.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell stated that we have 3 matters preceding. One, is the Annexation of the property from Willow Springs into Hodgkins. Number 2 would be the Dostal Family acquisition which we are currently in court for involving some environmental issues, and the last the work with Ettleson Hyundai dealership into the Quarry Shopping center.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap

Mr. Rice stated he has the report. Trick or treat hours will be from 3pm-7pm. The park District will offer a party and the park district from 1-2 pm. The Haunted House will be October 30th and 31st from 8-10:00pm

The police officer written test was held on October 1st. There were 99 participants. Next is the power test and that will be held at the Hodgkins Park District on October 13th and 20th at 5:00pm.

Officer Desmond Hanson graduated from the police academy on September 25th. He graduated with high honors and won a physical fitness award. He is now in his 12th week of field work with the Police department.

Our new officer started the academy on September 28th. He will be introduced at the November Board meeting

Hodgkins School held a luncheon in appreciation for the officers. They also dedicated the trees with the blue ribbons.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works, Jack Scott

Absent- No Report

Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel

The Wonder Bread bakery is almost completely demolished and then they will start on the rebuild project. Park View Mobile Home Park just brought in 6 new mobile homes. They reduced there empty spots from 48-42. As soon as 5 of these are sold they will bring in 5 more.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky

Mr. Tholotowsky stated this past week, some inspections were completed at Target store, where a new marketplace has been being built. Everything passed with flying colors.

We are continuing to work with BNF construction code consultants with building code updates. We will be rescheduling the building committee meeting to discuss these code updates. We will meet with Mr. Piccolo of BNF consulting with respects to some Lenzi Avenue matters and code updates with regards to these areas.

Mr. Tholotowsky has been reviewing the business license program and will discuss at the next finance meeting.

Mr. Tholotowsky is continuing to secure electronic blue print versions for the codes replacing the current plans. This is an ongoing process.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

Absent- No Report

Public Works Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie stated that Catherine Ann Drive and East Avenue has been completed. Superintendent Scott Advised that the Salt bin in full, and he is in the process of the parkway tree replacement program. He has 20-25 trees that will be coming in and replaced.

Mr. Cainkar has put bids out to resurface the some areas of Santa Fe drive and Hank La Cota Drive. Bids are also going out for the demolition of 3 residential houses as a unit. We may need to have a special board meeting to approve those bids so the asphalt part can be done before winter. Mr. Struve stated that he was driving around and there are some additional pot holes just south of the scheduled repairs. He asked that those areas be added to the current bid to be fixed.

Building Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve stated there are a lots of things going on at this time with regards to the Lenzi Avenue apartments. 6021 is looking to refurbish the entire buildings. They have been turning in plans and they are being sent out for review. We have been working with JENCHO Incorporated to get some things done.

We are looking at new business license, for all the business. They will be discussed at future building and finance meetings.

Water Committee, Phillip Kringlie, Chairman

Mr. Kringlie stated that the new water main in Park View is working well. Pleasantview Fire Department was able to obtain plenty of water with the fire from last month.

Mr. Kringlie is working on the process of moving the water computer server system to the Village Hall for security and environmental purposes. Mr. Kringlie has met with the person who installed the security cameras for the police department and he should be able to help with this, if within reason. He is waiting to here back on those recommendations.

Police Committee, Larry Rice, Chairman

Mr. Rice stated that they hope to have a contract in place with the Hodgkins Police Department by the first of November.

911 Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

Mr. Misasi stated on September 21st a conference call was made between The Village of Hodgkins, Justice, Willow Springs, and Oak Lawn's Attorney's and the Illinois Commerce Commission. The call was meant to discuss the current 9-1-1 agreement we currently have with Willow Springs. Marcie Elliot of the Illinois Commerce Commission stated in 1995 we started 9-1-1 service with Willow Springs. Willow Springs and Hodgkins would have to take formal action to release the 9-1-1 service from one entity and give it to another. This has to be done to be in compliance with the new law. Willow Springs will release our agreement as soon as possible. Mr. O'Connell and Oak Lawn's attorney Mr. Connelly. Are working on an intergovernmental agreement to transfer our services with Oak Lawn as soon as possible.

Zoning Committee, Dominic Misasi, Chairman

No Report

E.S.D.A. Committee, Paul Struve, Chairman

Mr. Struve said he met with Al Mills a few weeks ago regarding replacing some new equipment. They will be getting together to discuss a budget. E.S.D.A. has been working with the park district for the police testing that has been taking place. They will also be working on Halloween to keep everyone safe.

Public Relations Committee, Donald Cuttill, Chairman

Mr. Cuttill stated that the next Aging Well meeting will take place on October 21st at 10:00. We will be discussing events for the upcoming year.

The Ice Cream social went well last month with approximately 40 people attending.

Health, Safety, & Human Resource Committee, Vicky Moxley, Chairman

No Report.

Old Business

Mr. Cuttill states the train whistles are getting worse. The quiet zone work is supposed to start next week. The speed of the project is controlled by the railroad. Mr. Kringlie stated that the Federal Railroad commission approved the plans over the year ago. We have approved a contractor, who is working to get permits from the railroad and once those are obtained the project will start.

New Business

None

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Cummings gave his sympathies on the death of resident, Matthew Waters.

Mr. Kringlie states that Mrs. Sneed fell this weekend and is in the hospital, so we ask for prayers for her. She was married to one of our former Police officers, Dallas Sneed, and is Mother to Sherry Wells.

Mrs. Bradshaw passed away and the wake will be at Hallowell and James in Countryside October 15th from 9-noon.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Kringlie Voting Nay: None. Absent for vote: Mrs. Moxley

Adjourned: 7:41 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 11-9-15

Voting Aye: 6

Absent: 0

Voting Nay: 0

Abstain: 0