VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2016

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

Those Present: President Pro-Temp: Donald Cuttill

Trustee: Vicky Moxley
Larry Rice
Paul Struve
Dominic Misasi
Philip Kringlie

Attorney: John O'Connell

Those Absent: President: Noel Cummings

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to have Mr. Cuttill be President Pro-temp for the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Misasi. 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

Pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Moxley present at the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny preliminary Compensation for Dostal Quick Take Matter. Mr. O'Connell spoke on this matter. There is a court date scheduled for January 28, 2016. He received an email that there may be an agreement on what is transpiring on January 28th. Mr. O'Connell set a motion for a quick take hearing and preliminary compensation. What Mr. O'Connell was going to offer for the 8 acres was what it was appraised for at $2.5 million. We received results of the phase II environmental study which indicated there could be no further remediation letter from
the EPA Stated of Illinois, by that would take 13-18 months to get, and that is the reason we went Quick Take. Mr. O’Connell wanted to ask permission from the board to ask $2.5 million which is the higher range of the appraisal, but he was going to deduct $250,000 for the environmental cleanup. Mr. Struve asked about buildings that used to be on the southern end of the property. Mr. O’Connell said there is a lean in the amount of $40,000 on that property, and that is the area in were most of the contamination is. Mr. O’Connell asked for a motion to approve/deny his offer of preliminary compensation of $2.5 million. A motion to approve the $2.5 million was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. O’Connell spoke on the development area, which is TIF 4. Since 2014 we have concurred approximately $1.3 million in cost to get this project under way. Usually we anticipate we may have to issue a bond for qualified costs. It is required to get reimbursement that we have an Inducement Resolution. The board votes that once the bonds are issued that the cost we have already incurred could be issued at a level that the cost we already incurred could be reimbursed. Mr. O’Connell points to cost that were occurred in 2015, about $967,000, because law requires that it has to be 18 months before we do the bond issuance. The 2014 cost of $337,000 will not be included, because it will be more than 18 months before we can get a resolution. Mr. O’Connell is looking at June 2016 to get projects underway. So resolution #2016-01 looks at 2015, up and through the date of issuance of the Village Obligations. There are several projects going on so it has not been determined how all will be financed. It wants to be done as efficiently as possible. Mr. O’Connell stated we are on record for spending $1.3 million, so we would like to try and recoup as much as possible, and about $900,000, we are on time line for the 18 months. Mr. O’Connell states that he has a hearing on January 28, 2016 for the Dostal Family. We have to come up with a preliminary amount of money to submit to the Treasurer’s office for preliminary compensation. It is not the final compensation, though he hope it is. In addition to the $900,000, we would have $2.5 million we are paying for the property, we would have to be reimbursed from our bond issuance which would go back into the Village Coffers. Mr. Struve stated that this needs to get done, and he is happy we have a user for the property. Mr. Struve made the motion to approve Resolution #2016-01. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. O’Connell stated they met With Desmond Roberts, owner of Advantage Chevrolet, and General Motors medium size Truck Company have awarded Advantage Chevrolet a medium size truck franchise. The property which we have with Advantage now will include used cars and medium sized trucks, so this will increase our sales taxes.
Mr. O’Connell stated that at the last meeting the board approved the purchase of 1.3 acres of property from Vulcan Materials. Now that will allow us to structure the Deal so Runnion can have its acreage and we can add Acreage to Advantage Chevrolet which they will need.

Mr. Cuttill asked for discussion regarding the extended Service retirement Coverage for retirees with more than 25 years of Service. Mr. O’Connell states this has been addressed in two ways. Ordinance #16-02 provides that any employee who retires at age 50 with more than 25 years of service, shall at upon reaching the age of 55 be eligible to receive Health Insurance coverage as provided by the Village of Hodgkins to all Village employees at 100% paid by the Village based on single or dependency coverage. At this time we have a provision in both FOP and the Village code that allows someone at 50 and retires with 20 years’ experience, there benefits are limited to 50% that they would receive as an independent coverage. Recently a unique situation has occurred, where we have employees that will retire at 50 but with more than 25 years of experience. So we have amended the code to address the situation of those who retire at the age of 50 with 25 years of service. When they reach the age of 55 they would be eligible for the full coverage family dependents on the policy which would be covered by the Village. The amendment to the FOP letter of understanding which mirrors what is in the #16-02 ordinance. The 2 individuals in question are also covered under the FOP contract. Mr. O’Connell’s request is to pass ordinance #16-02, but to authorize our labor council, Nick Sedwinski to execute a letter of understanding that has already been executed by the FOP, from Mike Palowski the Village FOP representative. This would authorize #16-02, and authorize Nick Sedwinski to sign on behalf of the Village Board.

Chief Millsap asked if this included Dental, Vision and Life Insurance. Mr. O’Connell stated that is not included it is Health Insurance only.

Mr. Kringlie stated to clear some things up from the last meeting, we did not lower the age, and we have kept the age of 55 years of age and 25 years of service which was the goal. Mr. Kringlie did disclose that his son is on the police department and it will not benefit his son, but will benefit those Village employees that serve our community for 25 or more years of service. Mr. Struve agrees with the statements of Mr. Kringlie. Mr. Struve wanted everything to be fair for all the employees. Chief Millsap and Mr. O’Connell states that when they reach the age of 65 years and eligible for Medicare they have to take Medicare and they are eligible to pay for insurance once they reach the age of 65. Mr. O’Connell states it is in the code book. Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance 16-02 regarding extended service retirement coverage for retirees with more than 25 years of service. A motion to approve Ordinance 16-02 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice, Mr.
Old Business

Mr. O'Connell had to prepare a License Agreement (not a lease agreement) for Clear Channel between Mr. O'Connell and the Village of Hodgkins. Mrs. Moxley made a motion to approve the License agreement between John O'Connell and the Village of Hodgkins. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to go into closed session regarding the purchase of property. A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Closed Session

Mr. Cuttill asked for a motion to resume open session. A motion to resume open session was a made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

New Business

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None

Adjourned: 8:24 P.M.

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Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed:

Voting Aye:       Absent:
Voting Nay:       Abstain:
Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Kringlie. Voting Nay: None. Abstain from vote: Mrs. Moxley

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Adjourned: 8:24 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 2-8-16

Voting Aye: 6
Voting Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0