

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE WHOLE

August 11, 2016

Meeting called to order: 3:00 pm

Those present: Noel Cummings, President
 Vicky Moxley, Trustee
 Don Cuttill, Trustee
 Dominic Misasi, Trustee
 Larry Rice, Trustee

Also Present: Sharon Wells, Deputy Clerk
 Tim Callahan, Attorney
 Ernest Millsap, Chief of Police
 Melody Salerno, Comptroller

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cummings asked for discussion regarding the Senior Lunch Program and a motion to approve/deny payment continuation for the Senior Lunch Program.

Mr. Cuttill wanted to discuss the amount of money that the Village would be contributing to the program. The agreed amount was for \$5,000.00. Mr. Cuttill met with Debbie the program coordinator, of Aging Care Connections and the original amount asked for was \$5,000.00 and now she is asking for \$10,000.00. Mrs. Salerno says it is costing the Village of Hodgkins around \$15,000 for the program. Other contributors are donating \$5,000.00. When Mrs. Salerno spoke with Debbie she asked for a \$5,000.00 donation for next year. Mrs. Moxley thinks that we should stick with the \$5,000.00 and feels it is up to Aging Care Connections to get more contributors. Mrs. Salerno reached out to the communities who have participants in the program and no other community responded back to help support the program. Mrs. Moxley feels Aging Care Connections needs to now reach out to the other communities for support. Mrs. Salerno and Mrs. Moxley feel we will still be a supporter and contributor of the program, but it is not the Village's responsibility to fund it, especially since it is not the Seniors from our community that are attending. There are a total of 5 residents that currently participate in this program. Mrs. Salerno and Mrs. Moxley would like to commit to \$5,000.00 for next year. Mrs. Moxley made the motion and recommendation to

contribute \$5,000 to the 2017 Aging Care Connections budget and if we need to it can be revisited at another time. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Mrs. Moxley discussed the next item on the agenda which is a motion to Approve/Deny an annual payment of \$15,000 to Helping Hand at 6201 East Avenue.

Mrs. Moxley discussed that this is a 10% portion of their 2017 expense operations. It was questioned if Helping Hand has reached out to other communities to tell them what their contributions would be. Mrs. Salerno said we have never done anything like this. We have never committed to an annual payment. We want to be supportive of this program because it is a great program and they have a wonderful facility in our community. Mrs. Salerno said they do not service any of our residents at this time. Trustees are all in favor this being a lot of money and are not necessarily in favor of this being an annual contribution. Mrs. Moxley is in favor of making a donation, but not committing to an annual payment of 10% of Helping Hands operating costs. Chief Millsap said that Countryside had contributed \$40,000-\$50,000 to Helping Hand in the past. It was discussed that Helping Hand is a wonderful organization.

Mrs. Moxley made a motion to contribute a one-time donation of \$5,000.00 to Helping Hand. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Callahan presented the next item on the agenda, which is new marijuana legislation and drug paraphernalia. Mr. Callahan discussed that Governor Bruce Rauner signed a new law into effect that a person caught with 10 grams or less of marijuana, is a civil offence, which is punishable by a \$200.00 fine. Chief Millsap asked Mr. Callahan to draft an ordinance which has been reviewed by the Police Department. Mr. Callahan recommended that this ordinance be sent to the full board for approval. Once the citation is issued the offender has to go to adjudication hearing. Chief Millsap wanted to remind the Public that possession of Cannabis without a medical marijuana license is illegal. You cannot drive on marijuana it is illegal. An officer can write a local ordinance ticket for these offenders, and the marijuana will be confiscated, photographed and saved for the hearing. In 6 months it is taken off the Hodgkins record. The offender does not need to be taken in to the station and processed. If the offender is under 18 it will be sent to juvenile court. There are a few minor changes to the ordinance, and Chief Millsap asked that this be on the September Meeting for approval.

Mr. Rice made a motion to recommend this to the full Board for Approval/ Denial at the September meeting. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Chief Millsap discussed the last item on the agenda which is the installation of an ADA bathroom and other remodeling projects in the Police Department for next year's budget. Chief Millsap did some preliminary drawings and feels this is important to do. There are times that patrons are sent to the gas station to use the washroom, when work is being conducted or if there are prisoners in the back. It is a safety issue to have people walking in the squad room when business is being conducted. Chief Millsap would like to give this project to Ronald Chlebana the architect who is doing the computer room project to draw up and put in the budget for 2017. Mr. Rice would like to see separate men's and women's bathrooms, so there are not problems. There were questions as to whether 1 or 2 bathrooms are needed. Mrs. Salerno is concerned about the cost of 2 separate washrooms. Mrs. Moxley asked for drawings and cost of one bathroom vs. two bathrooms. There was consensus from Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice and Mr. Misasi to get drawings and what the cost of the project, both for one bathroom and 2 bathrooms would be.

Chief Millsap also discussed that there is no bathroom in Officer's Locker Rooms. Mr. Chlebana looked into this also, and said there is plumbing there to do a commode. Mr. Chlebana said it would cost about \$18,000, this being for the 2017 budget. The locker room would be changed to a smaller sink and a commode. There would be an actual bathroom in the locker room, so the officer's would not have to go across the hall to use the washroom. The current washroom is across the hall and is public. This is an actual change and plans would have to be drawn for this project also. Mrs. Salerno feels that this may be able to fit in this year's budget. Chief Millsap does not want to go over budget. Chief Millsap will be meeting with the architects next week and are ok with adding bathrooms to both the women's and men's locker rooms. There was consensus from Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Rice and Mr. Misasi to get drawings and what the cost of the project would be to add bathrooms to both existing locker rooms.


Chief Millsap discussed that Willow Springs signed the 911 opt out letter so we do not have to take them to court. The letter has been forwarded to Oak Lawn. Diane the contact for Oak Lawn is on vacation for 2 weeks. She will forward the papers to the state. The 911 conference is coming up and Chief Millsap will be meeting with State officials to see what the holdup is. We have given them all the information they have asked for, and all audits have been cleared. Chief Millsap is going to physically sit down with them and find out what we need to do. Mr. O'Connell is working on this also.

We have been doing everything they have asked. Chief Millsap said there are a lot of communities getting on board with Oak Lawn's 911 system.

Chief Millsap also discussed the need to get each individual officers their own riot gear. Chief Millsap said that all the equipment required by the officers will not fit in the Chevy Impalas and Capris'. Chief Millsap would like to look into the new Ford Explorer, which has a lot more room, are all wheel drive, and are only \$5,000 more than the Chevy Capris. Chief Millsap said we would still buy primarily Chevy, but he would like a couple of Ford's for the fleet. Chief Millsap would like all the trustees to think about this for the 2017 budget.

Mrs. Moxley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 3:35p.m


Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk