VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 2018

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

Those Present: President: Noel Cummings
               Trustees: Donald Cuttill
               Vicky Moxley
               Larry Rice
               Paul Struve
               Dominic Misasi
               Lida Mills
               Attorney: John O’Connell

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2018, as recorded by the Village Clerk. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Cuttill. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted for the month of February, 2018. A motion to approve the payment of bills for February, 2018 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Resolution #2018-03 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Program Year 2018 in the amount of $160,000.00. A motion to approve Resolution #2018-03 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.
Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #18-05 adding additional property to the Hodgkins-McCook Enterprise Zone. A motion to approve Ordinance #18-05 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #18-06 establishing the administrative procedure for the Village of Hodgkins to determine eligibility under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Mr. O’Connell explained this is a State Statue aimed at Police Officers that are involved in an accident involving catastrophic injury while on duty in an activity related to the Police Department. Mr. O’Connell and a panel of Trustees would be assigned to review each individual case. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny Ordinance #18-07 regarding employment of minors within restaurants serving alcohol liquor. Mr. O’Connell explained this is an amendment to our existing code. In order to pour, draw or open liquor you must be 21 years old. Ages 18-20 can take the liquor to the tables as long as they are not pouring, drawing, or opening the liquor. A motion to approve Ordinance #18-07 was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None. Absent for Vote: Mr. Cuttill.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny bid to remove soil with high level of pH for 6201 East Avenue. Mr. O’Connell asked this to be tabled to another meeting. It was discovered that a 20x30 section of soil had a high level of pH. In consultation with Mr. Cainkar we are going to get another bid to see if we can get this at a lower bid. Mr. O’Connell asked for a motion to move this to a Building Committee meeting with an authorization to approve/deny the bids. A motion to table this motion and move to a Building Committee meeting with the authority to approve/deny was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Mr. Cummings asked for a motion to approve/deny a pedestrian activated warning system for uncontrolled marked crosswalk at 6300 East Avenue not to exceed $20,000.00. Mrs. Moxley said we looked at a few different solar powered light up cross walks and are letting Chief Millsap decide which would be the most appropriate one. A motion to approve the pedestrian activated warning system was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to approve/deny the update of Village email system to meet new requirements per our IT Representative not to exceed $22,000.00. A motion
to approve the update was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to approve/deny purchasing the MILO Range use of Force and Firearms Interactive Training Simulator to be installed and used in the training room of the Police Station at $26,100.00. A motion to approve the MILO Range was made by Mr. Rive. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

**Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar**

No Report

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

Mr. O'Connell reported he is preparing a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission to designate 67th St. as an emergency ingress and egress west of the tracks. The petition would compel the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to cooperate. Mr. O'Connell has a meeting scheduled for March 26, 2018 with the Executive Vice President of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and will have the petition ready to discuss. If they do not agree to cooperate then the petition will be filed and there will be a hearing before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

**Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap**

Chief Millsap reported there was a meeting on March 6, 2013 in which many items were discussed.

A resident from Weeping Willow complained about speeding cars along Donald Cuttill Way. A speed sign was placed for 1 week. There was 1 car going more than 10 mph over the speed limit. The resident thanked the Police Officers for a peaceful community.

**Report from Building Inspector, Tim Kovel**

Absent, No Report

**Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky**

Mr. Tholotowsky reported he has consulted with an architect from Target Store. This remodel will be in spring or summer.

Pep Boys had some questions regarding remodeling cosmetic wise. The plans have been submitted, they are just awaiting permit application completion and payment.
Some business licenses issues have been resolved for the Deputy Clerk.

Mrs. Rose Mary Lopez is working on revising the building permit application.

Mrs. Jodi Ellsworth is working on plan conversions. They are looking for storage for the plans that need to be kept.

Mr. Tholotowsky thanked the Board for coming out for the home fire sprinkler safety demonstration.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

No Report

**Public Works Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported some emergency road repairs had to be completed at East Avenue and the south driveway apron entrance to Quarry Shopping Center. Crews are also out doing debris pick up.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Paul Struve**

March 6, 2018 was a Building Committee Meeting. There was a home fire sprinkler demonstration. Mr. Struve would like to consider all new construction to have mandatory fire sprinklers installed. Mr. Struve thanked Mr. Tholotowsky for putting the demonstration together. Mr. Struve said just one sprinkler head can save a life. He would like to have another meeting to discuss further.

Mr. Struve also had a meeting with Daniel Stevens, of Space Co and Alstonco Company. They would like to purchase the old Cousins warehouse which is now RRM Transport. They would like to remodel this property and start using this building.

**Water Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported there was an unused old septic tank under the parking lot of the old Village Fire Station that collapsed and caused damage. This has since been removed and the parking lot has been repaired.

**Police Committee, Chairman, Larry Rice**

No Report
Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

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

Mr. Struve deferred to Mr. Mills. Mr. Mills reported there was an incident on Santa Fe Drive by UPS. E.S.D.A was out overnight. Everyone from the department was involved in some way. Mr. Mills was out of town for this event, so Mr. Ken Tucker coordinated. Mr. Matt Azzarello spent all night out on this call.

Chief Millsap, Ken Tucker and Mr. Mills attended a National Weather Service planning workshop. In the event of severe weather there is a website link that can be used to track impending storms during events.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Donald Cutfill

Aging Well meeting will be held upstairs in the Josh Adair room on March 21, 2018.

Health, Safety & Human Resource Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported to still get the flu shot. Also there is a blood shortage at this time, so if you are able to donate blood please do so.

Comments from the Audience

Ms. Marilyn Soutar stated she feels the cars were going slow because they saw the speed sign up by Weeping Willow Ranch. When there is not a sign people go faster. Chief Millsap said he will have the officers patrol the road and watch for speeders.

Mr. Urban approached the board to discuss his home and plans regarding the east side of Kimball Avenue. He wanted to let the Trustees know that he would like to increase the square footage by 400-600 ft. his property. Mr. Urban would like to add a 20x20 hospice room. The garage would be increased by 460 ft. to the maximum. No variance would be needed. The property was offered to the Park District. Mr. Urban said the building would be 100% green, solar powered, along with a water reclamation which would be stored underground and used to recycle and used for their water feature. A majority of the water would be stored underground and recycled. The house is planned to be retrofitted with sprinklers. Mr. Urban said he would take out the cars and they would be moved out west and bring back the cars that are completed. The main feature of the house would be a 10 foot wrap around porch that his wife would like. He never had the chance to submit plans and have them go for revision. Mr. Urban said he has 2 offices in the house, because of tax codes he can have a home office, because he is not worried about rebates or taxation. Mr. Urban says they packed up their house in
2016. Mr. Urban said he promises not to make mistakes again and he thought they were on the same page. He takes offense when he is told to move to McCook. Priority one is to keep the house his Aunt built. He will still pursue the possibility. If he moves to Countryside or McCook federal permits are $18,000-$20,000.00. Moving to Countryside increases their cost bases on taxes, as they will not get the tax rebate. Mr. Urban said no one asked for plans. He offered to make a 3D model. He feels it was a predetermined course of action to not want him in the town. Mr. Urban says in 2017 he buried a family member every month in 2017, but since it is a new year he would like to pursue this again. He thanked the Trustees for their time.

Old Business

New Business

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Cuttill, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Adjourned: 7:32 P.M.

Stephanie Gardner, Clerk

Date Passed: 4-9-18

Voting Aye: 6
Voting Nay: 0
Absent: 1
Abstain: 0