

Governor Pritzker has issued Executive Order No. 2020-07, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meetings Act that members of a public body be physically present at meetings of the public body, and the limitations of the Open Meetings Act as to when members of a Public body may participate in meetings of the public body remotely.

Participation for the Board Meeting was posted: 605-313-5086 Access Code: 289270#

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
December 14, 2020**

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Noel Cummings

Trustees: Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Larry Rice

Paul Struve

Lida Mills

Attorneys': John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee: Dominic Misasi

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2020 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the November 9, 2020 Board meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny minutes of emergency meeting of the whole on November 10, 2020 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny minutes of Special Board Meeting on December 7, 2020 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Mr. Joe Lightcap of Baker Tilly was present for the meeting and presented a report. The 2020 Levy for the Village of Hodgkins when combined with the anticipated debt service levy will equal \$3,956,569.00 which is equal to 2019 levy. A Public Hearing is not required since taxes

were not being raised by more than 5%. Police Pension Levy \$1,174,447.00. Bond and interest \$737,480.00. IMRF \$393,000.00. Social Security \$130,000. Corporate Fund Levy \$1,521,642.00. There were no questions from the Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #20-18 approving the Levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of Hodgkins for 2020. Motion to approve Ordinance #20-18 was made by Mrs. Moxley Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for October 2020. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of October 2020 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of November 2020. Motion to approve the November 2020 bills was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2020-12 approving MFT Maintenance of street/highways in the amount of \$27,008.00. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-12 was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny payment estimate #1 and final to Insituform Technologies for the CDBG sanitary sewer lining project in the amount of \$129,065.50. This was approved by Mr. Cainkar. Motion to approve payment to Insituform Technologies was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Preliminary 2021 Budget was made by Mr. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2020-13 approving 6B tax incentive for NTND, Inc. located at 6880 River Road Units 13 and 14. Mr. O'Connell explained this Resolution. This location was purchased from PWS which was in the location since 2007. NTND will be using the location for Industrial uses. Mr. O'Connell submitted they are qualified for the 6B tax incentive. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-13 was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny trade in of old Tasers and buying new Axon Tasers for a total not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion to approve new Axon Tasers was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Report from Village Engineer, Jim Cainkar:

Absent- No Report

Report from Village Attorney John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell discussed 75th St. Project. This week is projected to close all real estate transactions. Mr. O'Connell thanked Mrs. Salerno for being very diligent and catching an email that was hacked in November 2019 and saved the Village a very large amount of money. The tollway and our IT have fixed the account. The transaction between the Village, the Developer-Hoffman and Tollway property is almost complete.

-Mr. O'Connell received a call from the owner of the AMC building. He is looking to sell the property to the Village of Hodgkins. There is a potential user. The Village will not be accepting a truck terminal; we are looking for a revenue generating property. Mr. O'Connell asked for an authorization to obtain an appraisal for the entire AMC and Salerno's Restaurant properties. Consensus to allow Mr. O'Connell obtain an appraisal of the approximate 15 acres of property was made by Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mrs. Mills.

-Mr. O'Connell called the Portfolio Manager for Target and is waiting a return call.

-Lt. Cepelcha is retiring January 9, 2020. Mr. O'Connell developed a Resolution supporting his retirement and it was read aloud. This Resolution will be presented at the January Board Meeting.

Report from Village Attorney Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported there was a letter from Mid-America explaining the multi-use pathway, which was given to trustees. The letter will end any involvement in the proposed extended path.

-Mr. Rogers is working on a new liquor license specification. Mrs. Filkins pointed out some discrepancies, this is being worked on and will be presented at the January Meeting. There was a deadline extension by the Governor for Liquor Licenses.

-There needs to be an amendment to the Inter-Governmental Agreement Cares Act, which was passed at the October Board Meeting. The Village will receive an extra \$12,000 with the amended Inter-Governmental Agreement. Mr. Rogers asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the Inter-Governmental Agreement Care Act. A motion to amend was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Rice. Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Struve and Mrs. Mills.

-There was a letter received from MICA for potential litigation. The Defense Attorney for MICA is looking to make an offer of settlement. Mr. Rogers asked for authorization to allow him to speak to the Defense Attorney for our Insurance Company, MICA. A consensus to allow

Mr. Rogers to work with MICA and the Defense attorney they provided was made by Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mrs. Mills.

Report from Building Inspector, Matt Struve:

Mr. M. Struve reported he met with Mr. Kovel, Mr. Tholotowsky and Mr. Azzarello to work on the 2021 Budget.

- There will be new building permit software implemented in 2021.
- There was a Zoning Committee Meeting December 10th, with continued discussion with Mr. Piccolo regarding the Building Codes. This project should be finishing up in the Spring.
- There were pre-sale inspections, and commercial inspections.
- Thanked Mrs. Salerno and everyone who helped with the Food Pantry. Thanked Mr. Tholotowsky for his work on the Master Address Files. Thanked Mr. Azzarello, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Lopez, Office staff Board and Building Committee for their help throughout the year.

Report from Code/Life Safety Officer, Dan Tholotowsky:

Mr. Tholotowsky reported he has received no formal response from Eric Pitcher of BNSF Railway regarding the Partner's facility. Attorney Rogers and Mr. Rogers have also reached out to Mr. Pitcher with no response.

- Work with the General Contractor at 6605 Conrad to obtain needed information so the Sprinkler Rebate can be given.
- Attended the Zoning Committee Meeting for the continued Code Review proposed changes. Thanked Trustee Struve for the work he has done on this process.
- Continuing work on the Master address file system. Files were moved from the basement upstairs. Mrs. Ellsworth and Mrs. Lopez have been working on and ordering the labels.
- Continued work with Mrs. Filkins on the 2021 Business Licenses.
- Blue Nose Brewery is closing at the end of the Month
- November 17, 2020 was the Food Pantry and he was happy to volunteer for this event. He thanked Mrs. Salerno was running this event, and all the volunteers who helped out.
- Thanked the Police Department and the Village for allowing his son to participate in the search for the new officer. His son was not able to successfully move on to the next portion of the testing, but they were grateful for the opportunity.

Report from Chief of Police, Ernest Millsap:

Chief Millsap reported on November 30, 2020 was a meeting with Oak Lawn regarding the 2021 budget. There will be no increase in fees for the Village of Hodgkins.

- December 1, 2020 was the Police officer test. There were 92 participants with 45 passing. The power test is this week.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley reported there was a Finance Committee meeting on December 11, 2020 regarding the budget. The preliminary 2021 budget was passed tonight.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi.

Absent- No Report

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel thanked Mr. Tholotowsky and Mr. M. Struve for the detailed reports.

-Waste Management has improved the debris and this will continue to improve once the compactors are installed.

Water Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Absent- No Report

Police Committee, Chairman, Larry Rice

Mr. Rice participated in the Budget meeting.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Paul Struve

Mr. Struve reported there was a Zoning Committee Meeting on December 10, 2020, with Mr. Piccolo of B&F for continued review of the Zoning Codes. There is a hope to have the Public Hearings after the new year, and hopefully everything will be complete by Spring. He thanked everyone who was involved in the process.

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

No Report

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported there has not been Aging Well Meetings due to COVID. She will meet with Mr. Misasi in the near future and they discuss next year.

-The Park District Bus is on order and should arrive in January.

-The Village looks very beautiful with the decorations and thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

Health, Safety & Human Resources Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Mrs. Moxley thanked everyone for their dedication this year, during trying times.

-Please remain safe around the Holiday Season

Comments from the Audience:

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley Second by Mr. Rice.
Voting Aye: Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Struve, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 1/11/2021
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0