

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
August 12, 2024

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Ernest Millsap

Clerk: Stephanie Gardner

Trustees: Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

Dominic Misasi

Attorneys': John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee:

Larry Rice

Those also present: Melody Salerno, Rose Mary Lopez, Joseph Klotz, Rodney Cummings, Tom Brandstedt, Jody Kovel, Ken Tucker, Matt Struve

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Trustee Larry Rice

Comments from the Audience:

-Kyle Comstock addressed the need for a Baby Changing Station in the Men's washroom at Hodgkins Park District Kubicki Park Bathroom. Kelly Young, Director of the Hodgkins Park District was present for the meeting and her and Mr. Rogers addressed Mr. Comstock.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on June 17, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for May 2024. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of May 2024 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to File for Audit the Finance Statement for June 2024. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of June 2024 was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of June. Motion to approve the June 2024 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Bills as submitted for the Month of July. Motion to approve the July 2024 bills was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action regarding appointment of Ryan Carrasquillo to Deputy Chief of Police. Motion to approve appointment of Ryan Carrasquillo to Deputy Chief of Police was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

-Swearing in of Deputy Chief Ryan Carrasquillo.

Discussion/Action regarding 2024 Patrol Officer Eligibility List. Mr. Rogers reported the Civil Service Commission Met and a Final Eligibility List was completed. The List is effective August 12, 2024 and there were 11 candidates. Mr. Rogers suggests the Board accept the list. Motion to approve the 2024 Patrol Eligibility List was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action regarding hiring One Patrol Officer. Motion to approve hiring one Patrol officer was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Temporary Business License to Spirit Halloween. Motion to approve Temporary Business License to Spirit Halloween was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-06 Amending Title 10 Chapter 8 Regarding Manufactured Housing Communities. Attorney Rogers recommended to table this motion. Motion to table Ordinance #24-06 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-07 Amending Title 10 chapter 8 Section 10-8-10 by adding Subparagraph A regarding Manufactured Housing Communities. Attorney Rogers recommended tabling this motion. Motion to table Ordinance #24-07 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-09 Regulating Public Camping within Corporate Boundaries and other actions in connection therewith for the Village of Hodgkins. Motion to approve Ordinance #24-09 was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Payment to Concrete by Wagner, Inc. in the amount of \$11,295 for Curb Replacement for Range USA. Mr. Brandstedt approves the completed work. Motion to approve Payment to Concrete by Wagner, Inc. was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Payment #1 to FBi Builders in the amount of \$135,000.00 for work performed on the Public Works Building. Motion to approve Payment #1 to FBi Builders was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny windows for the First Student Building in the amount of \$29,214.77. Though there is a lower bid option, Mr. Brandstedt recommends to approve the Bid to Preferred Window and Door due to the fact that they are working on another project within the Village and provided a clearer scope of work for the project. Motion to approve Bid by Preferred Window and Door for windows at the First Student Building was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny demolition of part of 6609 Chester Avenue- Remodel and Addition. Motion to approve demolition of part of 6609 Chester Avenue-Remodel and addition was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve Attorney Rogers to proceed with negotiations and purchase procedures for 6607 Wenz Avenue under the beautification program. Motion to approve with negotiations and purchase of 6607 Wenz Avenue was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

- There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of September 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a Zoning Variance requested by/ the Hodgkins Public Library.

-The Cook County Assessor's office has opened its window for the 2024 Property Tax appeals. The deadline to file an appeal is September 11, 2024. Appeals can be filed online or in person at the Cook County Assessor's Office.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported the 75th Street project, Duckee's has started work. Interior work is being done at this time. They are anticipating a December 2024 finish date.

-9192-9196 Property Closing occurred on August 4, 2024. The owners of Namaste Dispensary purchased the property.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

No Report

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported Real Estate Rebates are being given at 200% of the Village portion of taxes this year.

-Renters/Garbage Rebates start 11/13/24.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported they will be installing some Flashing Stop Signs.

-Public Works employees are trimming and removing trees along the Village Park ways.

-Work on the new Public Works Building has started.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported the work on Duckee's has started. There will be ongoing inspections.

-There are 3 new homes in the process of being built throughout the community.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported there was a meeting on August 1st regarding the Justice Willow Springs water connection.

-There will be a Bid opening for the Roof Replacement Project for the Hodgkins Police Department on September 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Mr. Klotz reported 3 of the 5 Flock cameras have been installed. They are waiting for IDOT approval for the installation of the last 2 cameras.

-A New Oak Lawn dispatch center is being built. Anticipated completion is Spring 2025.

-Congratulations to Ryan Carrasquillo on his appointment to Deputy Chief of Police.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

No Report.

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported there is ongoing tree trimming. Some of the trees will be replaced.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the Civil Service list has been approved. Proceedings will begin to start hiring a new officer.

-The bid for a new roof for the Police Department will be on September 4, 2024 at 10:00a.m.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported there is a leaking fuel tank at the bus company. Superior Petroleum came out for an inspection, and feels the Leak is on the outer wall of the tank. The Fire Marshall has done an inspection. Another company is coming out for a second opinion inspection, then it will be decided how to fix or replace the tank. A vacuum test will be completed.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Work is being done to prepare for the Hodgkins Public Library Sewer Project.

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

- E.S.D.A. Members will be working for the upcoming Village Picnic.

- In July the Tornado Sirens went off. There were over 100 people who came to the Village tornado shelter./

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported August 20th is the Food Pantry at the Fire Department.

-August 24th is Hodgkins Fest

- November 24th is Hodgkins Holiday Happenings

-December 7th is Breakfast with Santa.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-The Handicapped assistance program was discussed at the June Special Board Meeting. The wheelchair ramp/lift program is on hold for now and discussed at an upcoming budget meeting.

Ageing Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Mrs. Mills reported Ageing well visited the Botanical Gardens. There were 22 people who attended.

-The Next Ageing Well Meeting is August 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tribute to Trustee Larry Rice

Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion on the following:

1.) New Trustee

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:47 pm to discuss the above was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to resume Open Session at 7:58 pm was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Appointment of New Trustee. Mr. O'Connell introduced Mr. Robert V. Millsap (R.V. Millsap). Motion to approve/deny the appointment of Robert V. (R.V. Millsap) to the position on Trustee. Motion to approve the appointment for new Trustee was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Clerk read the resignation letter from Mr. R.V. Millsap from his position on the Civil Service Commission Board.

-Swearing in to the position of Trustee, Mr. Robert V.(R.V.) Millsap

Old Business: Janelle Towne, Owner of Home2Home Project located in Hodgkins, sent a letter requesting a \$10,000 COVID relief donation. Mrs. Moxley suggested a \$5,000 donation which would match donations that we have given to other charitable organizations. Motion to approve a \$5,000.00 donation to Home2Home, was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

New Business: With the resignation of Mr. R.V. Millsap from the Civil Service Commission, President Millsap would like to appoint Johnna Kovel to the open position. Motion to appoint Johnna Kovel to the Civil Service Commission Board was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Millsap.
Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi.
Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 09/09/2024

Ayes: 6 Absent: 0

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0