

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
June 10, 2024

Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President: Ernest Millsap

Clerk: Stephanie Gardner

Trustees: Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Dominic Misasi

Attorneys: John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustees: Larry Rice

Vicky Moxley

Lida Mills

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience: Mr. O'Connell commented we are missing 3 trustees due to illness. We have 4 members of a 7 member the Board of Trustees present for the meeting representing a majority of the Quorum. Mr. Millsap will be a voting Member of the meeting tonight. We have a quorum according to law.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 13, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

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

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

Motion to approve/deny Closed Session Minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve the May 13, 2024 Closed Session Minutes was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Building Committee Members to approve the Minutes of the March 5th and June 5th Building Committee Meetings. Motion to approve the March 5, 2024 and June 5, 2024 Building Committee Minutes was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Police Committee Members to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Police Committee Meeting. Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Police Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Water Committee Members to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Water Committee Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 Water Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Finance Committee Members to approve the Minutes of the June 5th Finance Committee Meeting. Motion tabled until the next Finance Committee Meeting or the next Board Meeting whichever comes first. There were not enough members of the Committee present to vote.

Motion to approve/deny the Promotional List for Sergeants as recommended by the Civil Service Commission, Effective June 15, 2024. Motion to approve the Promotional List for Sergeants was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny the Promotional List for Lieutenants as recommended by the Civil Service Commission, Effective June 15, 2024. Motion to approve the Promotional List for Lieutenants was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny 2024-2025 MICA renewal in the amount of \$238,728.00 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 MICA renewal was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Temporary Business License to Duckees Truck Stop. Motion to approve Temporary Business License to Duckees Truck Stop was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Street Striping. Motion to approve Street Striping was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Ordinance #24-08 regarding Water Rate Increases. Changes read aloud from the Water Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion to amend Ordinance #24-08 on its Face to include the correct dollar amounts and approve was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny COVID Relief Money for Western 5616 (BP) in the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion to table this vote until the next Board Meeting. Mr. Millsap requested representation from Western 5616 (BP) be present for the meeting. They were not notified to be at tonight's Board Meeting. Motion to table this vote was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Blue Cross Blue Shield Annual Renewal of 6.4% for Employees Health Insurance. Motion to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Annual Renewal of 6.4% was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Special Use Designation at 9192-9196 Joliet Rd. Motion to approve the Recommendation from the ZBA was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:

- Cook County is expecting Tax bills to be on time for the second installment. They are anticipating mail dates of July 1, 2024, with a due date of August 1, 2024.
- On May 20, 2024 The Illinois Department of Revenue announce the Property Tax Equalization Factor. It increased from 2.9237% to 3.063%. A 3% increase.
- 2024 Property Tax Appeals payable in 2025 will open in July. Contact Lyons Township Assessor office with any questions.
- Village vehicle sticker for the 2024-2026 years are available. They are free for residential vehicles. Bring in your registration and photo ID.
- Dog tags are available. Please bring in the current rabies vaccination record. To be completed annually.

Report from Village Attorney, John O'Connell:

Mr. O'Connell reported MWRD has approved the 75th Street project.

Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:

Mr. Rogers reported the Title and Survey have been ordered for 6601 Kane Avenue. Closing is anticipated by the end of the month.

-7099 Santa Fe Drive's contract has been prepared, awaiting signature. The Title and survey have been ordered with anticipated closing before the next Board Meeting.

- Western 5616 (BP) will need to be present for the next Board Meeting regarding the COVID relief funds.

-Property at 55 Pine Lane is up for sale. The owner has a proposal of \$1400.00 to help repair a pad. The Village would not normally be involved in this, but the repairs are the result of an approval for a pad that took place over 30 years ago. As a result, there is no physical way to affix skirting without additional work. This has been the same owner for the past 30 years. The property cannot be sold without this correction. Mr. Rogers recommends fixing this as a COVID expense. Mr. Struve has been consulted and there can be a modification to the pad which would allow the sale to take place. This is an appropriate use for COVID funds. Mr. Rogers recommends this take place. This would be a \$1400.00 grant that would go directly to the Contractor, Affordable Home Repairs, Owner- Bobbie O'Brien. The Village did not do this properly 30 years ago, so it needs to be repaired. The work has already been approved by the Building Commissioner.

Mr. Millsap made a motion to approve this \$1400.00 grant to fix this pad, which was an error on the part of the Village. The money is not going to the homeowner, but to the contractor. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:

Mrs. Salerno reported September 19th- 21st, 2024 is the 111th Annual Illinois Municipal League Conference. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported there are trees that need to be removed off of 63rd street, by Salerno's and near the Menards wall. There were 2 bids, \$11,500 and \$18,000. Mr. Kovel is confident in going with the lower bid. Mr. O'Connell would like to make sure that the Village and CALSTRS are listed as additionally Insured since the trees are located on both properties.

-There has been excavation work done on the new Public Works building site in preparation for concrete work.

Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:

Mr. Struve reported Phase I of the Conveyor project at UPS has been completed.

-Property Maintenance and inspections continue.

- There is one new home that has broken ground, and a second will be starting in the next few weeks.

-Pre-Sale inspections are being completed.

-In the process of revamping the Pre-Sale Inspection form criteria to reflect the new changes in the model codes.

Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:

Mr. Brandstedt reported there has been a final revision to architectural plans for the Interior of the Public Works Building. The plans should be complete by the end of the week for the Interior portion of the Building.

- The Police Station Roof Project contract has been signed and submitted. The Architect said 4-6 weeks to get the plans done and then go out to bid. This is a joint project with the Park District.

-IDOT project from Joliet Rd. to 55th Street. There will another closure at 55th street for approximately 1 week. The project is anticipated to be completed in October.

-Mr. Kovel asked about the Santa Fe Drive Project. The will be a Fall/ September Project.

Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:

Mr. Klotz reported there were 101 applicants for the new hire officer's list. The deadline was today at 6:00p.m. They will begin the process of going through applications. The Written Exam will take place on June 22, 2024.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley

Absent. No Report

Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported the Public Works Building work will hopefully begin soon, starting with some concrete work.

-The Village workers has been working on grass cutting and tree trimming. The Village looks very nice.

Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported the DARE graduation took place on May 28, 2024.

-Updates to Village cameras, license plate readers and the FLOCK system installation is ongoing.

Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel

Mr. Kovel reported they will be creating a computer room to take certification testing.

Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau

No Report

Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

Absent-No Report

E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau

-June 1, 2024 was the Pet Parade. The Mayor of La Grange thanked E.S.D.A and the Police Department for helping with the Pet Parade.

Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi

Mr. Misasi reported June 14th is Concert in the Park from 6:00- 9:00p.m. There will be a Taco Food Truck, Music and a Grill Raffle.

-June 18th is the Village Hosted Food Pantry at the Fire Department.

-July 1st will be the Mobile Secretary of State. All appointments have been filled. The Rules of the Road Class Still has openings.

-July 19th is movie in the park.

-August 24th will be the Village Picnic.

Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner

-We had 5 new applicants last month alone for the Handicapped assistance program. We have nearly reached our budget for the year. We will have a meeting next week to discuss the future of the program. We currently have out 20 lifts out with 2 pending setups and 4 ramps.

Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills

-Mr. Misasi reported June 19th is the Aging Well Ice Cream Social at 11:00 a.m. Please register and come to the event.

Old Business: Mr. Rodney Cummings reported on current events at the Santa Fe Prairie.

There is an upcoming work day on June 22, 2024. There is a HAM radio training this same day, starting at 1:00 p.m.

-\$1000.00 grant was received for equipment upgrades from the Nature Conservatory.

-June 20th will be Family Story Time from 9:30-10:30a.m.

New Business:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Misasi and Mr. Millsap. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 6/17/2024

Ayes: 4 Absent: 2
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0