

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD**  
**May 13, 2024**

**Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m.**

<b>Those Present:</b>	<b>President:</b>	<b>Ernest Millsap</b>
	<b>Clerk:</b>	<b>Stephanie Gardner</b>
	<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Jorea Touranjeau</b>
		<b>Tim Kovel</b>
		<b>Vicky Moxley</b>
		<b>Lida Mills</b>
		<b>Dominic Misasi</b>
	<b>Attorneys':</b>	<b>John O'Connell</b>
		<b>Pat Rogers</b>
<b>Those Absent:</b>	<b>Trustee:</b>	<b>Larry Rice</b>

**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: Thanks to Mr. Salerno for fixing the microphones. Mr. Millsap and Mr. Rogers attended the WCMC Conference. The current grocery tax was being addressed.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 8, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting 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 File for Audit the Finance Statement for March 2024. Motion to file for Audit Finance Statement of March 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 April. Motion to approve the April 2024 bills was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Closed Session Minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve the April 8, 2024 Closed Session Minutes was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs.

Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi.  
Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Closed Session Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve the January 8, 2024 Closed Session Minutes was made by Mr. Mills. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi.  
Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hodgkins Park District for Landscaping Services in the Amount of \$60,000.00 per year. Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement 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 approve/deny Water Rate Increase from the Village of McCook by 3.30%. Motion to approve Water Rate Increase from the Village of McCook 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.

**Report from Village Clerk, Stephanie Gardner:**

-The Cook County Ethics Statements were due May 1, 2024. Everyone completed their forms on time.

-Microphone processor has been updated. The volume panel needs to be fixed and this will be done next week.

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

Mr. O'Connell reported the sale of Municipal Property will be discussed in Closed Session.

**Report from Village Attorney, Pat Rogers:**

No Report

**Report from Village Comptroller, Melody Salerno:**

Mrs. Salerno reported there was a Business Appreciation Breakfast on April 10, 2024 that was well attended by Businesses and Village Employees. A thank you letter received from Runnion Equipment Company was read aloud.

-July 1, 2024- The Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall. There will be 2 appointment slots every 10 minutes. You do have to have an appointment. You are able to obtain the real ID with proper documentation.

**Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported Summer Help has started.

-Memorial Day Crosses will be put up.

-An estimate for striping the streets is in the process of being obtained.

**Report from Building Commissioner, Matt Struve:**

Mr. Struve reported there are Code Enforcement Issues being addressed.

-An insurance assessment is being worked on along with Mrs. Lopez.

-A few businesses had operations stopped due to Life/Safety issues. The effected businesses have addressed these issues and are back running.

-Property Maintenance and inspections continue.

-A Business operating without a business license has ceased operations and moved on.

**Report from Village Engineer, Thomas Brandstedt:**

Mr. Brandstedt reported he met with the architect for the Interior of the Public Works Building. The plans are almost complete.

-There will be a meeting with the concrete and mechanical contractors to finalize plans.

-There was a meeting with the Hodgkins Park District regarding a joint roof project. Both projects will be bid at one time to get a better price for both.

- North Bound East Avenue will continue to be closed for Sewer structure improvements from Joliet Rd. to 55<sup>th</sup> Street. They are hoping to open the road back up around Memorial Day.

**Report from Chief of Police, Joseph Klotz:**

Mr. Klotz reported May 17<sup>th</sup> will be Cop On the Roof Top to Raise Money for Special Olympics.

-Applications are being excepted to start a new hire list. An electronic application was put on the website and there have been around 40 applicants so far. The window closes on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

Mrs. Moxley reported the new Banners around the Village look very nice.

**Public Works Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported the plans for the Public Works Building are being reviewed.

-The Village Sweeper is working well.

**Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported the Civil Service Committee will be releasing the Sergeants and Lieutenants list.

-A new radar speed sign was purchased and will be out on the streets soon.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Tim Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported ditches that run W-E along Santa Fe Drive are possibly the responsibility of the Village to maintain. Mr. Brandstedt will contact IDOT to see how they should be cleaned out.

-There is a Community Development Committee Meeting on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Regarding Proposed Changes at Circon/Beaver Oil.

**Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Tucker reported both the River Road and Quarry Shopping Center Water Towers were cleaned.

-We will discuss the Water Rate Increases at another time.

-Mr. Brandstedt and Mr. Tucker are still working on the Emergency Connection link for the Willow Springs Project.

-Update on the Aclara Contract. Agreement already in place. Mobile programming is no longer included and there is now a fee.

**Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

**E.S.D.A Committee, Jorea Touranjeau**

Mrs. Touranjeau referred to Mr. Ken Tucker.

-Mr. Tucker reported on May 17<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting with Cook County Hazardous Litigation updates, Mr. Cimino will also be attending this meeting.

-June 1, 2024 will be the LaGrange Pet Parade.

**Public Relations Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

Mr. Misasi reported April 10<sup>th</sup> was the Business Appreciation Breakfast.

-The new banners recognize former trustees and all of our Business that are in the Quarry Shopping Center.

-May 27<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day Service at 11:00am. Public Works will be putting the crosses out again this year prior to Memorial Day Weekend.

-June 14<sup>th</sup> is Concert in the Park from 6:00- 9:00p.m. Food Truck, Music and Raffle

-July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Mobile Secretary of State

-August 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Village Picnic.

**Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

-There has been a request for a wheelchair lift. This will be worked into the Public Works schedule, depending on the weather.

**Aging Well Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

Mrs. Mills reported there were 25 people present at the April Aging Well Meeting.

- May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Mother's Day Luncheon. There are 36 people signed up to attend.

-Happy Mother's Day

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20p.m. for discussion on the following:

- 1.) Real Estate
- 2.) Salaries

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20 pm to discuss the above was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Motion to resume Open Session at 7:53 pm 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

Motion to approve/deny Acquisition of Property Located at 7099 Santa Fe Drive. Motion to approve Acquisition of Property Located at 7099 Santa Fe Drive was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

Discussion/Motion Regarding Sale of Residential Lot Located at 6601 Kane Avenue. Motion to approve the sale of 6601 Kane Avenue and Modify the Beautification Program to allow property to be side yard only or to build a home in no certain time, up to the discretion on the new owner. Mr. Rogers suggests this sale be approved so it can go back on the tax roll as vacant property. Motion to approve 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

Discussion/Motion Regarding Sale of 3 Quarry Car Wash Lots on Joliet Rd. \$247,500 is the proposed sale price.

Motion to authorize the legal procedures, including publication requirements, necessary to enact an Ordinance for the sale of surplus village property located at 9192 through 9196 Joliet Rd. Motion to approve 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 Summer help/Interns salaries. Previous salary was \$16.53, which will be increased to \$18.29 per hour. Motion to approve salary increase was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

*Date Approved: 6/10/2024*

*Ayes: 4                      Absent: 3*

*Nays: 0                      Abstain: 0*