

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS  
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD  
November 11, 2024**

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

**Those Present:**

**President: Ernest Millsap  
Clerk: Stephanie Gardner  
Trustees: Vicky Moxley  
Robert V. (RV) Millsap  
Tim Kovel  
Dominic Misasi  
Jorea Touranjeau  
Lida Mills  
Attorneys: John O'Connell  
Pat Rogers**

**Those also present: Melody Salerno, Rose Mary Lopez, Joseph Klotz, Tom Brandstedt, Jody Kovel, Rodney Cummings**

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Audience:

President Millsap thanked all the Veteran's for their Serve to our Country.

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 14, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the October 14, 2024 meeting was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

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

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

Motion to approve/deny the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Zoning Committee Meeting. Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Zoning Committee Meeting was made

by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Mills. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny the October 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes. Motion to approve the October 14, 2024 Closed Session Minutes was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Business License to DDM Logistics. Business Representative/ Owner Olivia Metelanski was present for the meeting. She stated this business is a Logistics/Trucking Company. They have been in business in the Village for approximately 4 years, and just renewed their lease for another 5 years. There was a question as to if they had a permanent Business License vs temporary business license. Mr. Struve questioned if the occupancy inspection was complete, the Fire Inspection was completed in 2020. Ms. Metelanski will contact Mr. Struve tomorrow for more information. She never paid for or filled out a Business License for 2021-2023. Motion to table approval Business License to DDM Logistics to a future Building Committee Meeting and approval is given for the Permanent Business License was made by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Payment #1 to F&G Roofing Company, LLC in the amount of \$120,150.00 for Police Station Roof Replacement. Mr. Brandstedt gives his approval. Motion to approve Payment #1 to F&G Roofing Company, LLC was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Certification Renewal Request for Heritage Corridor. Motion to Approve Certification Renewal Request for Heritage Corridor was made by Mr. Millsap. Second by Mr. Mills. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Discussion/Motion regarding the Resident Health Assistance Program. Motion to table this discussion/motion to a future Health Committee Meeting. Motion to table was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve/deny Payment to KLF Enterprises in the Amount of \$16,000 for demolition of 6607 Wenz Ave. Motion to approve Payment of \$16,000.0 to KLF Enterprises was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Mr. Millsap. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve Payment to KLF Enterprises in the amount of \$4,000 for the demolition of the Garage at 6506 Wenz Avenue. Motion to approve payment of \$4,000 to KLF Enterprises was

made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Motion to Approve/deny payment to American Sealcoating & Maintenance in the Amount of \$29,300.00 for work performed on Santa Fe Drive/Leon Cook Project. Motion to approve payment of \$29,300.00 to American Sealcoating & Maintenance was made by Mrs. Mills. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

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

-The number of voter's in the Village of Hodgkins for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Election had not been reported online yet.

-November 12, 2024 is the first day for Candidates to submit petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated election.

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

Mr. O'Connell reported he and Mr. Rogers were on a Zoom Meeting with the Representatives of the Tollway System. The Southern end of the Tollway renovation project is almost completed. There is vacant property adjacent to the tollway on Santa Fe Drive on the East Side of the street. That was thought to originally be a retention pond. Burlington Northern Santa Fe has interest in the site, which is different from initial. Retention would be needed for this site, and they are looking at the 6 acres across from UPS, adjacent to the 75<sup>th</sup> Restaurant Project. This is the most valuable property. There was discussion for underground retention also for the property. The Village asked for the Tollway to keep us informed on what this area will be used for.

-The 6-acre parcel is unincorporated and the Village Surrounds the property on 3 different sides, which meets the requirements for annexation set by the Tollway system. The Village does not want the 6-acres to be for retention.

-The 75<sup>th</sup> Street project is moving along.

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

No report.

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

Mrs. Salerno reported the Board generously approved an increase in all rebates for residents. The garbage rebates for Mobile Home residents and renters start on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 13<sup>th</sup>. The residential rebates are \$221,571.00. The Mobile Home Park Residents rebate are \$180,970.00. The Renters rebate are \$2760.00. Total rebates given are \$401,301.05.

**Report from Superintendent, Jody Kovel**

Mr. Kovel reported Christmas Decorations are being installed to get ready for Holiday Happenings.

-The rough in plumbing has been finished for the Public Works Building. The concrete has been poured and the FBi will finish the outside. Work is progressing.

-Leave pick up continues.

-2 cargo container boxes have been purchased to hold the Christmas Decorations.

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

Mr. Struve reported Duckees has submitted plans for Phase II. BNF has returned the review and they were in compliance except for the Electrical Portion. They will have to address the issues found by BNF. The project is moving forward.

-2 homes in Valley Oaks will be removed. There is a new manager named Phil. He has been active in the park and addressing issues.

-1 home will be removed in Parkview.

-Presale inspections continue.

-There are new homes being built in town and they are all moving along.

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

Mr. Brandstedt reported request proposals for garbage and recycling are due Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. He and Mr. Rogers will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board.

-The front door glass at First Student Bus Company was replaced. It will be reviewed

-East Avenue sewer lining is being completed by MWRD. The work will be done at night

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

Chief Klotz reported The Police Department is a collection spot for Toys for Tots. Please bring your new toys prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee, Chairman, Vicky Moxley**

Mrs. Moxley reported The Annual Budget Meeting will be in Monday, December 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

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

Mr. Kovel reported on Wednesday there was a box truck that hit a sign, causing it to be sticking out into traffic. This would normally be an IDOT project that would have taken days to fix, but Public works came and fixed the sign within a matter of minutes to prevent an accident.

-On Army Core of Engineering property at the bottom of Leon Cook Drive there were dead trees limbs falling onto the road. This was a hazard to commuters and pedestrians so Public Works trimmed the trees so they were no longer a hazard.

**Police Committee, Chairman, Dominic Misasi**

-Mr. Misasi reported the new Police Department recruit is set to graduate from the academy in December.

-The new squad car that was ordered a year ago will be delivered soon.

-Shop with a cop is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am at Sam's Club.

**Building Committee, Chairman, Robert (RV) Millsap**

Mr. RV Millsap reported they are working on the Building Department Budget. It will be submitted to Mrs. Salerno.

-There is an estimate to remove the bus company fuel tank. The Bus Company needs to give us dates on when it is ok to proceed with the project.

-We have received a second estimate for painting the Public Works Building. It is a third of the first estimate.

**Water Committee, Chairman Jorea Touranjeau**

Mrs. Touranjeau reported the LMN2 report is being worked on and will be submitted to the state.

**Zoning Committee, Chairman, Lida Mills**

No Report

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

Mrs. Touranjeau reported E.S.D.A worked the Trunk-or-Treat event at the Library. The Haunted House at the Hodgkins Park District and Trick or Treating on Halloween. They will be patrolling for the Holidays also.

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

Mr. Misasi reported November 24<sup>th</sup> is Hodgkins Holiday Happenings parade at 4:30 followed by tree lighting and activities from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

-December 7<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast with Santa at 9:00a.m.

-December 17<sup>th</sup> is Secretary of State at the Village Hall 10:00-2:00 p.m. Call the Village Hall for an appointment.

**Health Committee Chairman, Stephanie Gardner**

No further report.

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

Mrs. Mills reported October 16<sup>th</sup> was the Aging Well Halloween Party.

-November 20<sup>th</sup> will be a Friendsgiving Pot Luck lunch celebration.

-Jenny Gardner will be displaying her Christmas Village at the museum. It will be on display from November through January. It is a beautiful display. See the Village Website for hours of operation.

**Old Business:**

-Thank you to Diane Roderick, Joan Millsap, Johnna Kovel and everyone who helped out with the Karing for Kaitlyn Fund Raiser. It was a huge success and the Filkins Family was very thankful for the support. The purple ribbons on the trees around town are for Kaityln.

**New Business:**

Marge Bobysud was asked and accepted to join the Historical Society Committee.

Diane Knack has also been asked to join the Historical Society Committee also, he is waiting for a response.

-Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Mills.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Moxley, Mr. RV Millsap, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Misasi, Ms. Touranjeau, Mrs. Mills.

Voting Nay: None

Signed:   
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

*Date Approved: 12/02/2024*

*Ayes: 6                      Absent: 0*

*Nays: 0                      Abstain: 0*