

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2024**

Meeting called to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Those Present:

President:

Ernest Millsap

Trustees:

Jorea Touranjeau

Tim Kovel

Vicky Moxley

Dominic Misasi

Attorney:

John O'Connell

Pat Rogers

Those Absent:

Trustee:

Lida Mills

Larry Rice

Those also present: Jody Kovel, Ken Tucker, Matt Struve, Rose Mary Lopez, Melody Salerno, Andrew Salerno, Rodney Cummings

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 10, 2024 as recorded by the Village Clerk. Motion to approve minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mrs. Touranjeau Voting Aye: Mr. Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Update on the Progress of the Hodgkins Library:

-Mr. Rodney Cummings Library Trustee reported on updates of the New Hodgkins Library. There is a sewer that runs through the middle of the library property. Studio GC has worked new designs to accommodate the sewer lines. The plan will have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Craig Meadow of Studio GC will be reaching out to schedule a ZBA meeting. Should everything go correct they would like to start construction in the Fall. There are a lot of moving parts. They are in discussion with the Park and Village for possible storage.

Discussion regarding parking issue on 67th Street near River Road at Power Stop.

-Mr. Struve Contacted Power Stop for inquires as to why they are parking on the street. There were several reasons given. Mr. Struve has asked them to utilize their own parking first and then if they need additional parking to contact the Village. Power Stop also informed the Village that

Semi Trucks are parking on the North Side of 67th Street which do not belong to them. There are no parking signs on the South Side of 67th Street per the Fire Departments request. Power Stop is saying the trucks parking on 67th Street belong to Best Logistics. They are staging on 67th Street. Pictures provided. Power Stop asked if they are not able to park there then other trucks not be allowed to park there either. They would like to keep their ingress and egress onto 67th Street. Board Members agree to 2 hours parking on the North Side of the street only. Signs will be placed with 2 hours parking limit. Power Stop is looking to have a company picnic in August and are requesting to use 67th Street for the Picnic. Mr. Struve asked them to contact the Village Closer for permission closer to the date of the picnic.

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

Motion to approve/ deny COVID Relief Money for Western 5616 (BP) in the amount of \$25,000.00. Owner, Mr. Chandry of Wester 5616 (BP) was present for the meeting and explained their current struggles, due to COVID and ongoing construction in the area. He also thanked The Board of Trustees and Mr. Rogers. Motion to approve COVID Relief Money for Western 5616 (BP) was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Mr. Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/Action regarding Waiver (Hold Harmless) Agreement in conjunction with Storage Containers to be situated on Municipal Surplus Land. Waiver explained by Mr. Rogers. Motion to approve Waiver (Hold Harmless Agreement) in conjunction with Storage Containers was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Kovel. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Real Estate Rebate for Homeowners. President Millsap suggested raising the rebate to 200% of the Municipal Portion of the Tax Bill. Previously residents received 110% of the Municipal Portion of the Tax Bill. Motion to approve the Residential Real Estate rebate at 200% of the Municipal portion of the tax bill was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Renters Rebate. President Millsap suggested increasing the Renters Rebate by \$100.00. Previous amount was \$245.00, and will be increased by \$345.00. The amount will be clarified by Mrs. Salerno. Motion to approve Renters Rebate was made by Ms. Touranjeau. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Garbage Rebate for Mobile Home Residents. President Millsap suggested increasing the Garbage Rebate by \$100.00, from \$325.00 to \$425.00. The amount will

be clarified by Mrs. Salerno. Motion to approve Garage Rebate was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2024-07 regarding the Sale of Village owned property of 6601 Kane Avenue. Mr. Rogers explained that Chicago Title is looking for a Resolution to show the property was surplus property and authorizing the Sale. Closing is set for 6/21/2024. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-07 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Motion to approve/deny Resolution #2024-08 regarding acquisition of 7099 Santa Fe Drive. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-08 was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/action for canceling July or August Scheduled Monthly Board Meeting. Motion to approve canceling the July Board Meeting was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion/action regarding handicap lift/ramp program.

-The Handicapped Assistance Program has nearly reached its budget for the 2024 year. There are 20 lifts out with 2 pending setups and 4 ramps, and 1 possible pending ramp. Last month there were 5 new applicants. Mrs. Moxley explained the initial purpose of the program. The program was initiated in 2016. We are reaching a point where units are reaching their life time limits and may need to be replaced soon. Minimal maintenance can be done by Mr. Salerno, but otherwise the lift company needs to be called and paid to come out to fix the units. Mr. Jody Kovel explained there is a life span of 7-8 years on lifts and we have units that are reaching this age. There are legalities to adding restrictions to the applications. Lifts and ramps cost approximately \$5000-\$6000 each. Lifts are installed by Public Works. Ramps are installed professionally. All Board Members agree it is a great program, but we cannot put a lift on everyone's home. In 2018 a legal letter was supposed to be generated for liability, but the Village attorney at the time, did not create this letter that we are aware of. Mr. Rogers and Mr. O'Connell suggested a letter be sent to any resident who has a lift that is not working and Public Works needs to remove the lift immediately for liability issues. We have one non-working unit that we are aware of. Mr. Rogers suggested possibly offering a new handicapped assistance program where a portion of a lift or ramp be paid for by the Village and the rest is covered by the resident themselves. Suggestions also that the liability be placed on the home owners in the future. The current lifts and ramps and 2 pending lift setups will still be taken care of by the Village. The current pending ramp installation will not be done at this time, due to the short term medical issue and a short time that it will be needed. There is information online to help people get assistance with lifts and ramps. The VA also offers a program for veterans for lifts and ramps. There will be no more applications excepted at this time. Discussion of having a legal letter formed to all current people in the program which would hand over ownership to the resident. Discussion that if the resident does not want to take this responsibility, then the Village would remove the lift or ramp. This will

be discussed at a future meeting. All trustees agree to end the Pilot Program for now, maintain what we have, remove what is not working, and revisit at a future date. We will use the lifts we have for now until they are unusable, we will not be buying anymore at this time. At budget time we will revisit the Handicapped Assistance program and see how we can assist residents, but in a manner that the resident is responsible for the equipment, not the Village or its employees.

Motion to approve ending the Residential Handicapped Assistance Pilot Program was made by Mr. Kovel. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business:

New Business: President Millsap would like to appoint Ms. Christina Lee to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She will be sworn in at the next ZBA meeting.

Comments from the Audience:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. was made by Mrs. Moxley. Second by Ms. Touranjeau. Voting Aye: Ms. Touranjeau, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley and Mr. Misasi. Voting Nay: None.

Signed: Stephanie Gardner
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk

Date Approved: 8/12/2024

Ayes: 5

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0