

MAYOR: MARK A. HODGE

The minutes of the regular board meeting of the corporate authorities of the Village of Hopkins Park, Kankakee County Illinois was held on **April 6, 2017 Amended on April 20, 2017**

Village Members

Mayor Mark A. Hodge, **Village Deputy Clerk** Phyllis Goodloe **Treasurer** Kent Nichols, **Trustees**, Louis Barnes, Rosemary Foster, Tonia Thomas, Lonnie Jarrett, Jamol Robinson, Ruthel Teague.

Members Absent or Late

Lonnie Jarrett – Absent

Jamal Robinson - Absent

Prayer

Louis Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Mark Hodge** at 6:00 p.m., Four Trustees were present.

A quorum was present.

Approvals & Motions

A motion to approve March 16, 2017 regular board meeting minutes. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for April 6, 2017 with amendment to move one half (½) of the reserve account funds to the sewer fund. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-O-01 Annexation for Veda Taylor. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-O-02 Annexation for Mark Hodge. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

Mayors Report- Mark A. Hodge**Mayor Hodge Discussed:**

- Mayor confirmed Inter-Governmental Policing agreement is underway, tickets have been typed set and final steps being completed.
- Acknowledged new and re-elected officials for the Village and Township, and congratulated Brenda Miles for running a good campaign.
- Mayor commented on the repair shop efforts to clean-up their front yard, cars have been removed.
- Mayor confirmed delivery of the Village New Zero Turn Lawn Mower.
- Mayor offered his condolences for the death/murder of Clarence Riley. Trustee Barnes said services would be held at his church St. Anne Woods on Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00
- Mayor and other officials from Kankakee County meet with Randy Sikowski Down State Director for Senator Duckworth regarding US Fish & Wild Life Nature Conservancy plans to establish a wildlife refuges in the Pembroke and Momence area.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

- Reminder about Easter egg Hunt Saturday April 8th at 11:00.
- Presented overview of statement provided by Curtis Butler regarding gas tank removal for property located 13312 & 13421 E. 4000 S. Road. Board requested an official document regarding gas tank removal.
- Deputy Clerk addressed the translation error(s) in the Policing Flyer that was mailed to all residents in the area. Error will be acknowledge and corrected in the next mailing. Responded to questions about the status of the renovation of Village Hall. Quick over view of the grants and funding being investigated.

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols

- Treasurer discussed additional audit fees, and reasons for increase in charges; i.e. no audit in years, firm is top auditor in the county.
- Board would like an email regarding the \$40.00 in un-documented charges on the debit card.
- Sewer fund needed a deposit to offset ~~negative balance~~. Board agreed to have one half (1/2) of the funds in the reserve account moved to the sewer fund account.

Attorney Report

James Bartley – Absent

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector

Bruce Collins- Absent

Superintendent of Streets

Jamol Robinson- Absent

Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Ruthel Teague –

- Trustee Teague discussed detail of the Easter Egg Hunt, (raffle, free hotdogs, chips & drinks)
- Asked about Villages plans for a spring clean-up, getting a dumpster and having student help for community service points. Mayor has concern about over dumping or dumping after scheduled period.

Trustee Louis Barnes –

- Trustee Barnes asked about funds to purchase land behind Village Hall. Mayor replied that terms are being discussed and whatever the cost Hoekstra Farms will donate all proceeds to the Food Pantry.
- Asked for an update on the renovation of Village Hall, Deputy Clerk.
- Welcome the new restaurant to the community.
- Voiced concern over the condition of the new Road Commissioner's yard. asked that he be warned and/or ticketed if not cleaned.

Trustee Tonia Thomas –

Trustee Lonnie Jarrett - Absent

Trustee Jamol Robinson – Absent

Trustee Rosemary Foster –

- Asked about providing a water quality report to the community, due to the odor often smelled.

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- No New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

- Community member voiced concern over unfair treatment of Hopkins Park students from St. Anne school district. Trustee Thomas suggested move involvement from parents at PTA, Board Meeting and getting a Board Member appointed from our community to the open chair.
- Board asked if the bank used by the Village provides any community re-investment. Mayor said he would inquire.
- Concern voiced over the translation errors in the policing flyer. The Hispanic community member (Maria) said she would assist Village in translations going forward.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:19 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

Mark A. Hodge, Mayor

Phyllis Goodloe, Village Deputy Clerk