

**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 **February 16, 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**

**Rev. 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 February 2, 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 Verizon Employee Discounted Phone Service. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0Nays and 2 Absent.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Bills Warrants Report. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

Motion to Approve Closed Session to Discuss Mayor's Salary. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

Motion to Return from Closed Session to Open Session. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:01 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

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

- Trustee Teague asked Mayor about the removal of gas tanks at the site of the old gas station on Central. Mayor indicated we would inquire.
- Mayor discussed the Verizon employee discount plan as a benefit for employees. That each employee that wanted to participate would have to pre-pay for their phone and service. Trustee Foster asked about the "hotspot" option listed on the rate schedule. Deputy Clerk to request additional information about option.

- Mayor was asked about Village Clean-Up with weather being un-seasonably mild. He replied that he has discussed with the Sheriff having Detainees assist, but must first get clearance from Insurance Company. Also suggested that Garden of Prayer staff may be able to assist.
- Mayor discussed the Non-negotiable terms of Grant Writer of 15% or \$60,000 for a \$400,000 grant. Want to put on record that if the Clerk and Deputy Clerk get funding that there should be bonus or some financial reward. Question if legal due to employment.
- Mayor discussed the I-Drop program how it works for collecting funds owed to the Village, and how it would assist in collecting funds as the new Violation/Ticketing procedures would be put in place.
- Mayor talked about the adjudication process and the Attorney Karen Farmer would be our Administrative Hearing Supervisor.
- Mayor talked about a meeting he attended with the Kankakee County Criminal Justice Community, and how everyone was aware of the problem with CITGO, and are willing to help resolve. One of the main issues of concern, illegal drugs.
- Mayor assured the public that the Sheriff is aware of a person of interest for the breaking & entering in our community. Also there were 23 fatal car crashes last year compared to 7 in 2015 in Kankakee County.
- Finally the Kankakee County Board is forming a new Ethics Committee more details forthcoming.

#### **Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe**

- Discussed the Renovation of Village Town Hall the USDA Grant & Loan Program. Also, the Architect that has agreed to work with us. (Notes included). Trustee Teague reminded us of the need for Board approval on the Grant/Loan and Architect.

#### **Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols**

- Kent Nichols – Presented Bills Warrants Report
  - Trustee Thomas asked about cost of the audit and reducing cost going forward. Suggested that new Auditors be reviewed, but may be best to keep the same Auditor for a minimum of 3 years.
  - Trustees inquired about the egg smell in the water, while discussing the cost of water testing. Asked that a letter be sent to all water customers that the water is safe and the reason for the smell.

#### **Attorney Report**

*James Bartley – Absent*

#### **Code Enforcer/Building Inspector**

##### **Bruce Collins-**

- Reported on property as you enter the Village that was damaged being demolished.
- The large planters on 3000 S. Rd that were on the easement blocking road side maintenance have been removed.

- House on Main where trees have collapsed the structure, Fire Chief will conduct a controlled burn.

Superintendent of Streets

*Jamol Robinson- Absent*

**Standing Committee Comments & Reports**

**Trustee Ruthel Teague – No Report**

**Trustee Louis Barnes – No Report**

**Trustee Tonia Thomas - No Report**

**Trustee Lonnie Jarrett - Absent**

**Trustee Jamol Robinson - Absent**

**Trustee Rosemary Foster – No Report**

**Old Business**

- No Old Business

**New Business**

- No New Business

**Public Comments, Questions & Announcements**

- Township Supervisor indicated that a NO Parking on Grass Ordinance would also be included with the Policing Agreement.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:01 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent

**Mark A. Hodge, Mayor**

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Phyllis Goodloe, Village Deputy Clerk