

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 **January 18, 2018**

Village Members

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

Members Absent or Late

Lonnie Jarrett – Absent

Prayer

Rev. Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Mark Hodge** at 6:00 p.m., 5 Trustees were present.

A quorum was present.

Approvals & Motions

A motion to approve January 4, 2018 regular board meeting minutes. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for January 18, 2018 with missing receipts (receipts for found and filed following day) . Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion was made to approve Annexation Ordinance No. 2018-O-01. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion was made to go into close session to discuss personnel. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion was made to return to open session. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Mayor's Report- Mark A. Hodge

Mayor Hodge Discussed:

Audit (s) letters will cost \$7,500.00; two audits need to be completed to fulfill grant requirements; Water Tower and Housing Rehab Grant.

Tires behind Village Hall are gone; EPA didn't have funding in budget, therefore, caused an 18 month delay in removal.

No meeting scheduled yet with Supervisor Miles to discuss water contract. Township hasn't paid bill in two months.

Township submitted a FOIA request for copies of all checks written to the VOHP from 2012 to present.

Mayors Dinner was very positive; United Way Representative was guest speaker discussing lots of new jobs coming to Kankakee County.

United Way has a new call center for domestic violence, dial 211 for help; number was tested by board member and it not working yet.

Mayor discussed EJ Water, RCAP and their Engineer working with the community to help resolve many of the water infrastructure issues, their Engineer will write the grant for funding for FREE.

Mayor attended a Dope to Hope meeting at KCC, in 2016 there were 26 opioid deaths and in 2017 there were 57 opioid deaths.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

Discussed conversation she had with Herman & Kittle's (HKP) Regional Manager; about the availability of Tax Credit Funding available for HKP to purchase the property on Spinning Wheel Road and develop additional quality housing for our community.

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols -

- Treasurer presented January 18, 2018 warrants
- Mayor confirmed cost of thermostats and heaters required for water house.
- Mayor confirmed fuel purchase and use.

Attorney Report

James Bartley –

Discussed requirements for zoning change for the NTO-OTONG Assoc. Farming Development

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector

Bruce Collins – Absent

Presentations:

NTO-OTONG Assoc. USA Incorporated, doing business as the United Human Services Center (UHSC):

- Discussed youth training programs on land purchased on Gamble and Dickerson; Construction consisting of office, dorm and barn, providing a year round program for farming and livestock.
- Currently working with Tyson Engineering for land development and U of I's urban garden program
- Zoning must be confirmed and changed if needed.

Tyson Engineering:

- Discussed their 65 years of service in our community, their merger with Robinson Engineering which resulted is a staff of over 160.
- They can assist with grant writing, MFT specialist, water & sewer engineers, merger has increased their scope of work.

Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Foster

- Project Clean Slate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 570 N. Harrison Ave., Kankakee. Clinic for expungement or sealing of criminal records

No-Reports

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent

Mark A. Hodge, Mayor

Phyllis Goodloe, Deputy Village Clerk