

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 **May 17, 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. Louis Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Meeting

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

A quorum was present.

Approvals & Motions

A motion to approve May 3, 2018 regular board meeting minutes, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for May 17, 2018, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-O-05 regarding open burning, motion was made to table pending revisions second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

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

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

Mayor's Report

AT&T sent lease agreement for cell tower to Attorney for review; lease will be presented to the board once completed.

Kankakee Daily Journal called the Mayor asking for update on detention center, Mayor reported no update at this time, still waiting on the Federal Government to make their selection.

WGN News interviewed the Mayor last week, wanting to discuss and portray Pembroke and Hopkins Park as the poor black community; the Mayor on the other hand discussed and conducted a tour that included a positive image of the community.

Mayor discussed the problem the Village is having collecting Business Licensing Fees from the bottle gas companies. Attorney Bartley explained the roles the Ordinance has on enforcement and the responsibility of the Village and Code Enforcer to inspect and put in place guidelines and systems.

Mayor is awaiting quote from Tyson Engineering on road work on 5000 E Road from Wheeler Road East. Estimate expected to be \$50,000 in work.

Five new workers started with the Village courtesy of KCC youth program who prepare and train young adult from age 16-14, their salaries are paid by the program. The Village hired one supervisor for the youth workers. Summer workers will have to use their personal vehicles therefore; the Village will have to pay them mileage. Attorney Bartley stressed the importance of verifying their personal insurance.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

No report

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols -

Road fund reported by the State different from the actual, prior administration had Motor Fuel funds deposited into general funds account, the money (@\$300,000) was sieged by the IRS.

Phone bill has gone down and is still lower even with charges from the tablets that were placed under contract to lower the bill. Board questioned use of tablets and actual savings.

Meter for the water tower was purchased funds in water account low; therefore, money will be transferred from the sewer fund to pay for meter.

Attorney Report

James Bartley –

Attorney filed documents for the property tax appeal for Sandstone Hills for both the Village and Township. Attorney also indicated that work for the Township was a onetime deal and was only done because of the importance of the tax appeal.

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector

Bruce Collins – Absent

Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Barnes

Trustee Teague

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Trustee Thomas

- Announced the upcoming Juneteenth program on Friday June 22nd, 2018

Trustee Foster

- Announced the oratory program being held on June 19th. Program will honor Ms. Butler, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. & Mrs. Williams

Trustee Baines

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Trustee Jarrett - Absent

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

Ms. Spencer asked the Village Board and Attorney about requirements to change board meeting from two per month to one. Attorney Bartley stated that the board of trustees must approve and the change must be published or posted.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:03 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