

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 18, 2017.**

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

Mayor Hodge - Absent

Rosemary Foster - Absent

Lonnie Jarrett - Absent

Prayer

Rev. Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **Trustee- Louis Barnes** at 6:00 p.m., Four Trustees were present.

A quorum was present.

Approvals & Motions

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

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for May 18, 2017. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Land Purchase behind Village Hall. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-O-04 Regarding the purchase of land behind Village Hall. 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:

- Village Clerk discussed for the Mayor, a request from CITGO Owner to extending hours of operations on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 PM to Midnight. Discussed and agreed to be placed on the next board agenda.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

- Presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding Transparency Project (FOIA & Open Meeting Training) and information on Newly Elected Officials Workshop.

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols

- Presented May 18th 2017 bill warrants: Board questioned tax bill for two parcels of land purchased by Village, and reason land wasn't allocated tax exempt.
- Board also questioned location of land.
- Board asked if land behind Village could be allocated tax exempt at time of purchase.

Attorney Report - James Bartley

Absent

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector**Bruce Collins- Report**

- Asked that any resident who lives in the Village and plans on doing work on their property, come to Village Hall to apply for a permit. If site work is being done without a permit you will be fined.
- Code Enforcer said he will also give warning and/or fines to owners who need to clean their yards of garbage.

Standing Committee Comments & Reports**Trustee Ruthel Teague – No Report****Trustee Louis Barnes – No Report****Trustee Tonia Thomas –**

- Invited students Caliece Gaines and Monsol Cole-Kweli and Teachers Mrs. Kweli & Mrs. Ostrowski, from Lorenzo R Smith to present their finding and results from a project known as Earth Force Community Project. A group of 12 students studied and tested water quality from well water, municipal water and bottled water. The Field Museum of Chicago sponsored the program and many schools participated over 500 students attended the presentation and awards program in Chicago. **Major findings that our well water and municipal waters are of higher quality than bottled water, bottled water is higher in acid, cost more, and the bottles end up in landfills.**

Trustee Lonnie Jarrett – No Report-Absent**Trustee Rosemary Foster – No Report-Absent****Old Business**

- No Old Business

New Business

- No New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

- Community member inquired about an Economic Development Plan (response was New Pembroke Township Supervisor was establishing committees and wanted community involvement)
- Question was posed about the purchase price of the land (\$10,000) and if it was zoned commercial or residential.

- Concern about the tires behind Village Hall, (response EPA program on hold due to state budget). The EPA has a proper way to stack and cover tires to reduce the accumulation of bugs. The Village will research.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:21 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 6Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent

Mark A. Hodge, Mayor

Phyllis Goodloe, Village Deputy Clerk