

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 3, 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 April 19, 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 2, 2018, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Tyson Engineering as Village of Hopkins Park engineer, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-O-01 Sandstone Hills Appeal of Property Taxes, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Mayor's Report

Kankakee Community College, along with the Workforce Board of Kankakee sponsoring a Young Adult Program to encourage and 16-24 year olds in developing academic and occupational skills to prepare them for the workplace.

Mayor submitted request to AT&T to install tower on water treatment land next to the existing internet tower. AT&T board approved the change. Monthly rental rate TBD.

Mayor encouraged everyone to be mindful of the dry season and windy conditions and to reframe from burning.

Mayor discussed options that will be review to provide or mandate trash collection

Mayor announced Garden of Prayer fashion show on May 5th.

Mayor discussed with the board a list of locations to visit and needs of the Village for a WGN news interview. List included natural gas, jobs/economic development, solar farm, rodeo ground, Rodeo Park, Bible Witness Camp, Lorenzo R. Smith School, Sandstone Hills, Nestle Building....

Mayor also plans on discussing issues and some of the negative press, what's true and what is not true, projects that are in the planning stage, Village audits and reasons for some of the "extreme poverty": i.e. like knowledge/education, training, background/records and choice.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

Deputy Clerk announced Pembroke Fellowship Church & IL State Board of Education summer food program at Pembroke Library, free meals for anyone under the age of 18, from June 12 – August 10 from 11:00-1:00.

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols -

Gasvoda payments distribution has been resolved.

Attorney Report James Bartley –

Attorney discussed the steps required for tax appeal intervention.

Attorney Bartley discussed vehicle storage and the ordinance to have cars in violation towed.

Discussed annual budget due date, the last Tuesday in July, the importance of reviewing and discussing prior to approving so new revenue from solar farm and communications tower can be budgeted.

Property tax Levy and the need to review taxes, and possible tax increase, taxes have never been raised while Attorney Bartley has represented the Village. If there is a proposed tax increase Village must have public hearing.

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Bruce Collins – Absent

Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Barnes

- Feels there has been blockage from bottle gas companies and leverage against natural gas.
- Voiced concern over recent thefts, truck stolen and stripped, cleaning up community and holding property owners accountable for clean-up.

Trustee Teague

- Would like to have line dancing event for Pembroke Day.
- Asked about Pembroke Police, no additional comments or information available.

Trustee Thomas

- Library Blessing and community event to be announced. Ribbon cutting for completed work will be in July.

Trustee Foster

- Discussed re-visiting a recycling center for the community to help clean up debris.

Trustee Baines

- Concern voiced over brush fire and residents being mindful of any open fire.

Trustee Jarrett - Absent

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:21 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