

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 4, 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

Prayer

Rev. Baker

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Meeting

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

A quorum was present.

Trustees voted to remain in office during the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election, election results confirmed by Kankakee County Clerk Bruce Clark's Election Certificate that were presented to each trustee.

Elected Officials Sworn In:

Trustee Louis Barnes

Trustee Ruthel Teague

Appointed Village Trustee Sworn In:

Samanthia Baines

Approvals & Motions

A motion to approve Appointed Village Trustee Samanthia Baines . Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent.

A motion to approve April 20, 2017 regular board meeting minutes. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 1 Abstain.

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for May 4, 2017. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 1 Abstain.

A motion to approve 2016 Annual Audit. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 1 Abstain.

A motion to Replace Loitering Ordinance No. 2015-O-06 with revised Loitering Ordinance No.2017-O-03. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent.

A motion to approve Personnel Appointment and Acceptance of Resignation Resolution No. 201—01. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent.

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

- Mayor discussed the qualifications, credentials and community involvement of Appointed Board of Trustee Samantha Baines.
- Mayor gave overview of issues related to ComEd problems with billing and the Smart Meters installed at each of the Villages Water Meter sites. Also asked staff to verify accounts and meters located at the lift stations.
- Mayor meet with Mr. Hoekstra (seller) regarding land purchase (approximately 1 acre). Behind Village Hall, he has agreed to reduce purchase price to \$10,000.00. Attorney stated no problem with purchase as long as land was for public use.
- Mayor discussed land survey, title search and title insurance requirements for Mr. Hoekstra property.
- Mayor presented an option to the Board and Attorney of selling half of the land to Pembroke Road District, for storage of their equipment and materials. Different contract options were discussed and the conclusion was the Village should purchase the land and once purchased enter into an agreement with the Road District for one half of all cost.
- Mayor confirmed that payment was received from the Township for their water bill. He discussed how the contractual and payments issues have occurred over many administrations. It was also agreed that the Village and Township should form a committee to revise the outdated agreement.

Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe

- Presented the architects drawing for the renovation of Village Hall, which is consistent with the request to keep its original floorplan.
- Deputy Clerk also discussed some of the loan and grant programs being review, their deadline and requirements.

Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols

- Presented May 4th 2017 bill warrants: Approval to pay Pembroke Twp. for road work and the approval to reimburse Village of Hopkins Park from the Motor Fuel account.
- Treasurer discussed some of the overall issues with ComEd and billing and payment, and agreed that more details regarding outstanding issues must be reviewed and resolved.
- Treasurer explained what work was still needed with the schedule of audit finding, and that the final request for corrections would be submitted with the asset report.

Attorney Report - James Bartley

- Discussed the Appropriation Bill, which is due no later than the last Tuesday in July.
- He stated ideally a realistic budget which earmark spending in advance of the actual purchase, i.e. meters and pumps are items with an expected usefulness, these items should be considered as scheduled maintenance and be included in the budget.
- Attorney Bartley gave an overview of the new Loitering Ordinance; major changes include violators at Citgo; a violator can get a warning, a fine of \$100.00 up to \$500.00, their car can be towed for blocking the pumps and they can also be required to do community service

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector**Bruce Collins- Absent****Superintendent of Streets**

Jamol Robinson- Stepped down as Village Board Trustee, elected to Township Road Commissioner
Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Ruthel Teague –

- Asked about funding for special project in the community. Attorney said she needs to present a budget for request to include in the appropriation budget.

Trustee Louis Barnes –

- Asked about permit for new restaurant parking lot. Deputy Clerk confirmed that owners have permits for all work being done inside and out.

Trustee Tonia Thomas – No report

Trustee Lonnie Jarrett – No Report

Trustee Rosemary Foster – No Report

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- No New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

- No Public Comments

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