

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 **August 2, 2018 (Recorder not used)**

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, Ruthel Teague, Tonia Thomas.

Members Absent or Late

Lonnie Jarrett – Resignation Accepted
Samanthia Baines - 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., 4 Trustees were present.

A quorum was present.

Approvals & Motions

A motion to approve July 19, 2018 regular board meeting minutes, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve August 2, 2018 bill warrants, motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to amend Ordinance No. 2018-O-03 correction to legal description, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Option and Land Lease Agreement with AT&T with amendments deemed necessary by the Attorney, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to approve Mayor and Trustees to attend the IML conference, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to go into close session to discuss candidates to fill the vacancy of Trustee, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to come back into open session, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion to Appoint _____ as Village of Hopkins Park Trustee until term ending April 2019, motion was made second and carries by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor will be meeting with Jeff Desplinter USDA, and representatives from Congresswoman Robin Kelli, Senator Toi Hutchinson and State Rep Linsey Parkhurst offices to discuss funds and grants available to repair or replace Village Hall.

- Lisa Patino is now officially on the Village bank accounts.
- One of our current Village workers will apply for the KCC young adult program and if accepted the Village would pay the difference in salary.
- Mayor acknowledged the Deputy Clerk and Assist. Treasurer for their work on the ComEd bill reduction project.
- Mayor discussed IDOT (IL Dept. of Transportation) recent audit and the excellent feedback from the auditors on the organization of all the bills, receipts and documents. Mayor discussed the IDOT approval process and that a few of our invoices are being reviewed based on submission between fiscal years.
- Mayor would like to see more Village activities for our community and youth ideas like: Fall Festivals, Hay Rides, Music in the Park, Family Day Picnic and/or Tailgating Party, Movies with the Mayor (indoors) with hotdogs and popcorn.
- Attorney is working with the school to contest property tax reduction asked by the owners of Sandstone Hills. An appraisal is need which cost approx. \$3000 the school is will to pay \$2200 because they receive higher tax revenue and the Village would pay \$800. All trustees said this would be acceptable
- Discussed Congresswoman Robin Kelly and U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth grant workshop on August 22, invited trustees to attend with him.

Deputy Clerk Report-

- Discussed the DOT Safe routes to School Program
- Discussed Kankakee County Zoning Ordinance

Treasurer Report-

- Question from Trustee Teague regarding the revenue from gaming machines, Treasurer said they would research and provide the board more information once received.
- Mueller & Company payment for audit made due to the importance of matter, the other bills will have to wait until deposit is made.

Attorney Report

James Bartley – Absent

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector

Bruce Collins – Absent

Standing Committee Comments & Reports**Trustee Barnes**

- Inquired about use of trailer for the church organizations to participate in parade.
- Announced church services would be held outdoors weather permitting trying to involve more of the community.

Trustee Teague

- Question what supplies/decorations Village may have from prior events.
- Asked about the amount of revenue received from water bills late payments.

Trustee Thomas

- Unity in the Community is one theme suggested.
- Planning committee for Pembroke Day asking for donations for bounce houses.
- Friday 8/24 will be the children's parade; route will be between MLK Park and the library.
- LRS baseball registrations are open for 6, 7 & 8th grade students, \$50.00 registration fee waived.

Trustee Foster

- Rev. Lake is having movie night this week.
- Attended the Black Chamber of Commerce event there's money available. Next meeting scheduled for 8/17/18.
- Question the status of project on Spinning Wheel Road. Deputy Clerk replied progress reported from USDA foreclosure almost final.

Trustee Baines

- LRS offering free breakfast from 9-10 & lunch 11-12, small fee for adults

Trustee Jarrett - Resigned

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments, Questions & Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:55PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent

Mark A. Hodge, Mayor

Phyllis Goodloe, Deputy Village Clerk