

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 December 05, 2024

Village Members

Mayor Mark A. Hodge, **Village Clerk** Kimberly Garfias **Asst Treasurer** Elvia Delgado **Trustees** Samantha Baines, Mihesha Gibbs, Ieshia Shields, Ruthel Teague, Tonia Lafi, Victor Rogers.

Members Absents; Trustee;

Prayer: Lillard Hubert

Roll Call & Meeting

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

Approvals & Motions:

A motion to approve November 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, Motion made by Ieshia Shields and second by Samantha Baines to carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent.

A motion to approve December 5, 2024, Bill Warrants, Motion made by Ieshia Shields and second by Samantha Baines carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

A motion to go into Close Session Question was raise in discussion in regard to Mayors purchase of properties within the Village of Hopkins Park, Motin made by Samantha Baines and second by Tonia Lafi carried by a vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

A motion to return from Close Session Question was raise in discussion in regard to Mayors purchase of properties within the Village of Hopkins Park, Motin made by Ieshia Shields and second by Mihesha Gibbs carried by a vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Review & Discuss: None

Deputy Clerk Report: None

Mayors Report:

- The mayor shared that our yearly audit has been completed, and we are just pending uploading it to GATA.
- The mayor has an interview with the Chicago Tribune.
- The mayor stated three streetlights that have been installed by the former CITGO gas stations area. Also interested in having a street memorial service for Mrs. Brewer son.

Treasure Report: Report read by Asst. Treasurer Elvia Delgado

Attorney Report:

- Close session must be voted on before going into closed session, no action can be taken unless an item is on the agenda. For a trustee to place something on the agenda the trustee must submit the information seven days in advance to the clerk in writing. I want to remind everyone present the whatever is discussed in close session can't be discussed outside of closed session..

Standing Committee Comments & Reports

Trustee Samantha Baines:

- Cemetery Road looks great.
- We are having a lot of internet issues.
- Is the Village of Hopkins Park prepared for the upcoming snow season.

Trustee Ruthel Teague:

- Asked if the audit has been completed.
- When will we be meeting to discuss the funding for the new building.
- Questioned if it was true that the nature conservatory is going to donate land.
- Ask the trustees when they will be available to join for a Christmas lunch.

Trustee Ieshia Shields: At the last meeting we discussed updating the website, and possibly hiring assistance.

Trustee Tonia Lafi:

- Question who Leon Fisher was?

Trustee Mihesha Gibbs: All files need to be uploaded.

Trustee Victor Rogers:

- We need to know what is being discussed in close session ahead of time.

Code Enforcement: Absent.

New Business - No

Public Comments, Public Hearing, Question

- Aaron Woodard shared information on new projects coming into town. Asked the Village of Hopkins Park to support having a new grocery store in town.
- Tomika Talley stated she has letters of support for a grocery store from everyone except the village.

Motion to adjourn meeting 7:45 PM was made by Samantha Baines second by Ieshia Shields carried by a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Mark A. Hodge, Mayor
