

**Hopkins Village Council Regular Council Meeting  
Monday Dec 9th, 2024**

President VanderWall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call** Vander Wall, Alberda, Pawloski, Hyatt, Westhouse, Buist, Williams Kennedy

**ABSENT** None

**Guests-** Jon Stafford, Eric Alberda, Nick Price

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED, to approve the agenda of Dec 9th, 2024, with the addition of Crossing Guard

**1A. Resignation: Phil Mullett**

Williams moved, Pawloski supported, CARRIED to accept the resignation of Phil Mullett as trustee.

**1B. Appointment of Nick Price**

President VanderWall nominated Nick Price to take over the vacant trustee seat on the council. VanderWall moved, Buist supported CARRIED to have Nick Price become a Village of Hopkins Trustee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED to approve the minutes of Nov 11th, 2024, regular meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Williams moved, Buist supported, CARRIED to approve the bills from Nov 12th, 2024, to Dec 9th, 2024

**4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Buist moved, Pawloski supported CARRIED to approve the Nov 2024 financial report.

**4A. Tech Vikes**

The school group Tech Vikes presented to the council a project they would like to work on. The project consists of flashing signs on crosswalks near the high school. **Buist moved, Pawloski supported, CARRIED to allow the Tech Vikes to work on the project, and the Department of Public Works will help them with the installation of the signs.**

**5. REPORTS**

Library- No Report.

Planning Commission – No Report

Fire Board- Executive Chief and Officers will be put in place within the next month.

DDA- No report

**6. Public Comment-** None

**Old Business**

**A. Safe Routes to School Grant Update**

Waiting to hear from the state on the grant.

**B. Blight Update** PCI is dealing with the blight issues within the village.

**C. Village / Township Hall Agreement**

**Williams moved, Buist supported CARRIED to approve the agreement between the Village and Township Hall Building Use and Cost Sharing.**

**D. Sidewalk Invoice**

Clerk Alberda gave the council the costs of sidewalk repairs on 203 Baker and 204 Lincoln. St. Trustee Williams will be taking care of this issue with the resident and Farmers Disposal

**E. Ordinance Book Revision**

President VanderWall reported that Martin Village will be updating their ordinance book, along with the Village of Hopkins. This will reduce the cost of updating. PCI will be helping both villages out with this process.

**7. Maintenance Report** Jon Stafford gave his maintenance report. Report has been filed.

**8. Public Comment None**

**A. 2025 Budget**

**Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED to accept the 2025 budget as presented.**

**B. Trustee Orientation Packet**

President VanderWall passed out an orientation packet for all members of the council

**C. Rules of Order for 2025-2026**

**Buist moved, Williams supported CARRIED to accept resolution 2024-007 The Rules of Order for The Meetings of The Village of Hopkins.**

**D. Burning Ordinance**

A burning ordinance was presented to the council and the council will be moving forward on it.

**E. Committee & Representative Appointment**

President VanderWall asked council members to look at the committee positions that are available. Next month members will be assigned to committees.

**F. Downtown Park Request from Hopkins Community Church**

The Hopkins Community Church asked if they could look into the possibility of building a structure within the downtown park for the purpose of using it for breakfast on the fourth of July and any other activities that would require a small building. The council said it would be ok to investigate this and bring ideas later to the council.

**G. Crossing Guard**

Crossing Guard Jade Flickinger's last day as crossing guard will be Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Clerk Alberda will take over until a permanent replacement is found.

Around the table Time was given for the council to make comments.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Buist moved, Williams supported, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm.