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Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 7:00 p.m.

Officer Joe Segreti led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Ted Mueller, Trustees Walkington, Stilz III, Genender, Bonds, Stilz II and Gottsacker

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Debbie Zwicker, Building Official Russ Kraly, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately, EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker, Police Officer Joe Segreti and Village Attorney Paul Keller

Absent: Treasurer Kelly Hensley

Establishment of quorum

Mayor Mueller announced that Mayor Ila Bauer of Round Lake Park did pass away and her funeral was Saturday. Jeanne McCue is now temporary mayor of Round Lake Park. Also, Mary Hill, wife of Mayor Rich Hill of Round Lake Beach has been fighting cancer and was in the hospital and may be home now. There was a moment of silence to wish Mary well and let's remember Ila.

Mayor Mueller introduced Paul Keller who was our attorney for the night. Mayor Mueller tabled the review of six-month executive session minutes until March 28th meeting. Clerk Metzler wrote a memo covering that. The Mayor and Kathy discussed this and felt that you probably wouldn't want to take the time to review it and vote on it tonight. The Mayor would like to remove executive session from the agenda.

Agenda Approval

Trustee Walkington motioned to Approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Trustee Bonds. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Stilz III, Genender, Bonds, Stilz II and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

Public discussion and/or comments from the floor:

Mike Petersen, 243 Heritage Trail, Hainesville, IL 60030 – stated he had some maintenance issues on the open lands. Mike passed out picture copies of his concerns in the Misty Hill Subdivision. Since the developers turned the land over to the Village the last couple of years the land hasn't had any control burns which would clean up the area.

Mike Petersen stated he attended the meeting with the Cranberry Lake presentation. It was talked about we should have a tax increase to take care of the Lake. Mike said he is not for the tax increase.

Mike was asking that the sales tax, for example, Walgreens, should be used for the maintenance. He also is aware that Hines Lumber isn't paying their fair share of sales tax to the community because they were grandfathered in on some sales tax loophole. Most of the sales tax goes to a Chicago Suburb. They are not good corporate neighbors to the community. Mike doesn't have a problem to have an organized protest, and ask people not to shop at Hines Lumber.

Mike would be happy to chop down unwanted brush that is unsightly – he and his neighbors would cut them down if the village would give them permission and then the village would pick up the brush.

Mayor Mueller stated we are not the only village effected by the sales tax regarding the Hines Lumber. Attorney Paul Keller stated that under state law retailers were able to designate which of their stores they wanted to serve as receiving the sales tax. Hines picks one municipality and cuts a deal, you promise us a rebate on the sales tax, and then we will designate our store in your town. So all the sales tax goes through that store. Ancel Glink 's firm drafted an amendment to the state law, that puts a stop to this. It is no longer possible to direct sales tax to another location.

Trustee Walkington asked if we had the right to refuse a business license to Hines? Attorney Keller stated generally if they qualify for a business license this is not the appropriate grounds to deny them.

Trustee Stilz II stated the Corp of Engineers oversees for the length of the permit, which is five years. After that they have approved whatever mitigation Misty Hill was to do.

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As far as you not being in favor of having an SSA, it is unfair that the people in Cranberry Lake do pay for the SSA. There has to be a solution to the problem, Trustee Stiliz II wasn't sure if he could satisfy Mike with an answer to that question.

As far as a controlled burn you need to be licensed. Discussion took place.

Trustee Stiliz II stated he would get out there in the next couple of weeks. Trustee Genender stated we also did apply for a 5 Star Grant in the dollar amount from five, ten and twenty thousand dollars and that is to restore the wetlands and will be matched with whatever you can come up with. We should hear back in the next few months.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the February 14th, 2006 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the February 22nd, 2006 Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the February 28th, 2006 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. A Motion to Approve the February 2006 Financial Statements
5. A Motion to Approve the March 2006 Payables

Trustee Walkington motioned to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Gottsacker.

The Mayor asked for discussion. Trustee Stiliz II stated he could look at the minutes for February 14th and he wouldn't have a clue if these were right or wrong. Trustee Stiliz II stated he doesn't understand why we constantly have to approve minutes from Board meetings that are one month old. Trustee Stiliz II asked why the Board couldn't have them in five to seven business days. Clerk Metzler stated there is nothing by law that states when your minutes have to be completed. Clerk Metzler stated she does the best that she can and is all caught up now. Trustee Stiliz II stated he doesn't remember what happened on the 14th, whether these are accurate and the Board is being asked to approve them and he doesn't think that is appropriate. Clerk Metzler stated if you would like to listen to the tapes to see if they are accurate, you could. Trustees Stiliz II asked the Board does anyone else feel that way or am I just being Don Quixote here. Mayor Mueller stated that Kathy has had a tremendous workload recently, which is easing up. The Mayor stated he would push her a little harder between board meetings. Clerk Metzler stated no one has to push her, she is hard enough on herself. If you would like to see her workload, you can. Trustee Stiliz II stated "whoa whoa whoa you are taking this personally". Clerk Metzler stated she understands and stated to Trustee Stiliz II that she hasn't seen any of the minutes from his committee. Trustee Stiliz II stated they are on his desk and he will give them to her. Clerk Metzler stated she isn't getting personal, and Trustee Stiliz II stated "yes you are". Trustee Stiliz II asked if everyone feels comfortable with this, he was just asking a question. If the whole point is to approve minutes because they are there and to be approved then hey no problem! Clerk Metzler stated she has spoken to Trustees Walkington, Bonds and Gottsacker regarding her minutes.

Trustee Walkington stated if you had them in a week then you would have to come and pick them up and then you would have to remember them till the next meeting anyways. Mayor Mueller stated if Kathy has the meeting minutes in the next board packet that should be all we ask of her, which is more realistic.

Trustee Bonds stated Clerk Metzler knows she has been behind and she is all caught up now. Keep in mind with Kelly being gone her workload is going to increase as well as everyone else. Trustee Stiliz III asked, do we need to get another employee, Trustee Bonds stated no and Mayor Mueller stated the work is too specialized. Clerk Metzler stated everyone has been trained. Deputy Clerk Debbie Zwicker stated the problem with trying to get someone to help here, this is not your typical 9 to 5 job. You have different situations come up all the time. Deputy Zwicker stated if a part of her job takes her three hours to get done, some weeks it could take her twelve hours depending on what is going on that day. We don't have the time to train another individual. Trustee Stiliz III stated maybe we should have done this before. Clerk Metzler stated Debbie is referring to any day, not just when Kelly will be gone, Kelly is still here!

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Stiliz III, Genender, Bonds and Gottsacker

Pass: Trustee Stiliz II

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Mayor Mueller stated the Omnibus Vote Agenda is approved.

Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

Mayors Report

Mayor Mueller reported that he attended the Route 120-bypass corridor planning council last Wednesday. The bulk of the meeting was review of the subcommittee minutes, which if you would like a copy, please let him know. One of the Items discussed at great length was the possibility of going to a round about at intersections.

One item that keeps popping up is the Route 53 extension, which everyone says is off the table. Mayor Mueller has contacted the Navy at Great Lakes and hopefully we will get the rock band again for the HainesvilleFest.

Clerks Report

Clerk Kathy Metzler reported that she has been working on Business Licenses renewals for the past couple of weeks. Jeffery Gately has delivered them and some have been mailed. This is her next project, issuing Business Licenses.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Kelly Hensley was not present. Kelly is expecting to have her baby within the next eight days.

Police

Police Officer Joe Segreti had nothing to report.

Building Official

Building Official Russ Kraly reported you have my monthly report.

Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately reported that the registered meter replacement is going very very well.

Our Parkway Tree Bid Program, there have been 14 packets picked up which are due on Friday, March 24th and the Bid opening is Tuesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and it is a posted meeting, so anyone can attend.

EMA Coordinator

EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker stated that March is the beginning of the tornado season, which goes to the end of September. A tornado is one that is touched down on the ground and you can still see it in the air. If so, call 911 and find somewhere safe to go. If you are in your car find a close ditch and lay down in the ditch and cover your head.

Mayor Mueller asked Mark if he would write an article on that subject for the newsletter.

Attorney

Attorney Paul Keller announced that he was pleased to be here this evening. Attorney Derke Price has scheduled the committee workshop for April 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Also, you will soon be receiving a draft copy of the Adult Use Ordinance and the accompanying zoning changes

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance – Trustee Walkington had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Trustee Gottsacker had nothing to report.

Grant Procurement – Trustee Genender reported that there is still \$40. left on the gift card from Wal-Mart. Kathy has volunteered to go to Wal-Mart to purchase some plants for the inside of the Village Hall.

Resident Jim D’Nomni who lives on Tall Oak brought to the table LEAP which is a grant that we applied for reimbursement for the Buckthorn removal. We did receive a letter that we were approved for this grant. Wally just finished up the paperwork so we will get that back off to them in the mail. This is for \$500.00.

We will start working on the Illinois Habitat Grant, which is due August 1st. This is to preserve, protect and manage all the wetlands and support the wildlife.

The next grant meeting will be April 19th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Village Hall.

Village Hall Landscaping – Trustee Bonds reported they have just received the Landscaping design from Al Maiden with Rolf Campbell and Associates. You will have a copy in your mailbox in one week. You can get an idea of what we are planning to do to the new village hall. Shortly

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there after we will go out to bid. Clerk Metzler stated she would need a couple of days to get the bid notice into the paper.

Public Works/Public Property/Open Spaces – Trustee Stiliz II stated Jim brought it up, that he would like to have a volunteer program for Cranberry Lake for the maintenance and restoration of the wooded area.

Trustee Stiliz II and Jeff have talked about continuing the meter replacement passed where they have scheduled to go to this year. Since it is going so well why not finish this summer. Trustee Stiliz II doesn't know where the money comes from in the budget point of view. Maybe Jeff would like to propose a budget for the next step for the next meeting. Jeff will calculate the number of homes left to do and while we are planning the budget for the next fiscal year we will make sure we include that figure into the budget. The fiscal runs May to May so by the time we are done, the budget will be passed.

Trustee Stiliz II has three questions, what is the status of Phase 4, where are we with that? There is a fee for RHMG Engineering for Phase 4, who will pay that? In the minutes from February 14th, Trustee Stiliz II stated that he does remember asking for letters to be sent to people who live in Round Lake Park who decided that Cranberry Lake is theirs to be used for their private lawns. Attorney Price stated that "that encroachment is a different story than wetland preservation and we can take care of the trespassers". Where are we at with this, they need to cease and desist take their property off of our property and treat it as a wetland area, it is a conservancy area as it is so designated. The mayor and Attorney Price will walk the Lake between now and the next meeting.

Mayor Mueller stated regarding Phase 4, Derke is working with Patrick Smith to try to get this issue resolved. Now that the recapture issue is behind us this will be the next thing to take care of. Trustee Walkington asked isn't this up to Deer Point to come before the Board to be put on the agenda. Discussion took place.

Nothing under Business

Trustee Stiliz II motioned to adjourn the March 14th, 2006 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Genender.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The March 14th, 2006 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk