

February 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 7:00 p.m. Chief Roth 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, Barrett, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Building Official Russ Kraly, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately and EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker

Absent: Village Attorney Jeff Jurgens

Mayor Mueller stated that Attorney Jurgens is running late due to the weather. We will be going into executive session tonight.

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval

Mayor Mueller asked to remove Item J.1 under business, partial payment for Native Restoration.

Trustee Walkington motioned to approve the agenda with item J.1 under business removed; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Stilz, Barrett, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

Public discussion and/or comments from the floor:

Five residents and one Trustee stepped down from the Diaz and they spoke on the following issues: Ethics Act and Ethics Violation, freedom of speech, police presence at Prairieview School, IMRF, DUI impoundment ordinance, charging for business licenses, how did Trustee Bonds vote on the garbage contract, personnel manual and job descriptions, public discussion regarding to speak for three minutes or five minutes which they questioned the ordinance, the Hainesville yahoo group, emails sent to the Trustees that weren't received/answered and any questions on the Nationwide plan.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the December 1st, 2007 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the January 8th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the January 14th, 2008 Special Board Meeting Minutes
4. A Motion to Approve the January 22nd, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
5. A Motion to Approve the December 2007 Financials Statements
6. A Motion to Approve the February 2008 Bills Payable

Trustee Walkington motioned to approve the omnibus vote agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Stilz.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Stilz, Barrett, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

Mayors Report

Mayor Mueller had nothing to report.

Clerks Report

Clerk Kathy Metzler stated the police service update post cards had been mailed on February 5th on who to contact during this interim period.

Next week we will start working on business license renewals. Also, Clerk Metzler will start to work on the Census packet for 2010 information which is due at the end of March.

Clerk Metzler read a letter which is attached for the record.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated that tonight at the Finance committee meeting many issues were worked on. We are working on the Veolia contract. It was reported within the Board, to the Board from the Mayor that the Mayor, Treasurer Hensley, Walter from SWALCO all met with Veolia. We were hashing out the contract. That was reported to the Board. Trustee Barrett helped us regarding the fuel surcharge. With the help from everyone we did come up with a contract which the Board looked at and approved at the last meeting. With that the Finance committee is in the process of reviewing some of the rates to increase for garbage service. The rate for garbage to residents has been held at the set price of \$17.00 for the last four years. Seniors we kept at a 10% discount for the last four years. This will be presented hopefully at the next meeting. We are hoping to keep the seniors from not going up that dramatically to help them out and

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hope to keep this increase for two years. Trustee Bonds stated this would have come under her committee report, but Kelly handled it.

Police Chief

Chief Ron Roth stated this has been an exciting two and a half weeks. He would like to thank the entire village staff and Jeff for all of their help the last two weeks to get this up and running. Some of the things the Chief has been doing are: contacted the State training board to get this police department legal and reactivated. The first person to be certified is himself. Chief has met with all the Round Lake Chiefs and discussed his goals for our police department six months down the road. All the police departments that he has spoken with are all very supportive and offered any assistance that they can give. Met with the Lake County Sheriffs office and worked out the three month coverage by the Sheriffs office which includes the traffic control at the school. In about two weeks the Chief will hopefully be directing traffic himself. He is waiting for uniforms and a squad car. Post cards were mailed for emergency calls dial 911 and non-emergency calls will be directed to the Sheriffs office. If you call CenCom with a non-emergency call they will transfer the calls to the Sheriffs office with a minor delay. Two squad cars were donated by Round Lake Beach. The Chief and Jeff went to Winnetka Police Department and the following items were donated; light bars, on board video cameras, radios, two prisoner cages, all at no cost to the Village of Hainesville. Also other donations from other Police departments are radar units and some additional lighting. We will have to purchase some items for the cars.

Spoke to the US Justice department regarding potential online grants, one which is for a bullet proof body armor grant. In contact with the Illinois State Police for the LEADS program.

The Chief is advertising for police officers and records clerk positions and has had a wonderful response. Along with paperwork, we need general orders, guidelines a police officer must follow, and job descriptions. We will have to have a records system which he is checking into.

In contact with the Lake County States Attorney office so we are on board with State cases that may be prosecuted. Chief has ordered ticket books, warning books, parking ticket books and all the forms that are required.

The Chief has a radio from the Sheriffs office that he has on 24 hours a day. Since Monday all the calls have been handled smoothly. CenCom will be our 911 center and they will dispatch the Hainesville Police Officers. Lisa is the director and has been a lot of help and also the Round Lake Fire Department has provided us with map books for Hainesville and the surrounding communities.

We will be spending monies for office supplies and the squad room. They will be able to do their paper work in the room. Arresting and booking people will be transferred to CenCom facility in Round Lake Beach. The only thing that will be done here at the Village is if someone wants to see a police officer to file a report, get a report or ask questions.

Attorney Jeff Jurgens entered the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

The Chief feels things are going pretty smooth. He is hoping to beat the three months to provide 24-hour service.

Mayor Mueller stated the two vehicles that we have were used, and Trustee Barrett has both the vehicles purring like a kitten.

Trustee Stilz asked regarding the donated vehicles, a resident heard they are prone to electrical fires, have they been sent in for the recalls? Chief Roth said at his prior police department job they also had the same cars and did go thru the recall process. It was discussed to make sure that the Crown Victoria cars have gone thru the recall process. Discussion took place regarding the mileage on the cars, running shifts, are the cars of use to us with high mileage, who is going to oversee your hours, police department procedures, budgets, officers and work hours. Chief Roth stated the cars will be fine with the mileage, will not disclose the shifts but we will have 24-hour coverage. Trustee Stilz asked about his final budget and the Chief started listing off the supplies for the office which would be about \$7,500 and Trustee Stilz said he doesn't want a list of items, but wanted his overall budget. Trustee Stilz just wanted the costs itself and wanted to know what are you doing to the village hall. Chief stated for the roll call/squad room about \$400.

Discussion took place regarding CenCom not holding prisoners anymore, which the Mayor stated he is on the CenCom Board and that is not true. Trustee Stilz wanted to know how are we keeping track of your hours, and what are the procedures. The Chief stated his shortest day here has been 10 hours. Mayor Mueller stated that the Chief is putting these procedures into place and nothing is finalized yet. Trustee Stilz kept asking for the budget. Attorney Jurgens stated Chief correct me if I am wrong, but the Chief is working on establishing procedures, department rules, that the Chief is doing a first draft of the budget and the Chief is working with Ancel Glink regarding the personnel. Chief Roth agreed. Discussion took place

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about the Chief still being on the roster at Lake Villa Police Department until he is certified with the training board. Trustee Stilz kept asking the Chief for a time frame for a concrete budget. This next meeting or the following meeting.

Treasurer Hensley stated the budget as a whole for police is very cumbersome. You are talking about telephone lines, computers. We have been trying to get a lot of that information together, it is taking time. Trustee Stilz stated he is sure in 30 to 60 days we can get something a little more concrete. Treasurer Hensley stated you were talking about the next meeting which is two weeks. Trustee Stilz said it is going to be the next meeting or the following meeting. To Kelly, please when you enter into the conversation have all the information correct. I don't like it when you do that stated Trustee Stilz. Treasurer Hensley stated she doesn't like how you treat everyone on this Board. Trustee Stilz stated it is not up to you to decide how I treat the Board, is it. So please don't respond if you aren't going to give me anything constructive! Trustee Walkington stated Treasurer Hensley did give you something constructive; you just didn't want to listen.

Trustee Stilz was insistent on pinning the Chief down to the next board meeting or the one after that for a concrete budget and kept hounding him which meeting would he get the information. Mayor Mueller stated you don't need to pin the Chief down right now. Trustee Stilz asked again, Chief, do you think you can give me a budget by the next meeting or the following meeting. Mayor Mueller stated the Chief doesn't need to answer that question. Trustee Stilz stated to the Chief you are way off of the original numbers, Attorney Jurgens started to speak, and Trustee Stilz told the attorney, wait, I have things to discuss you with also! Again, asking the Chief for the budget. Attorney Jurgens stated to Trustee Stilz that what they are tell you is that they are working on it and as soon as they have it they will get it to the Board. Trustee Stilz stated I was talking to the Chief, I didn't ask you, Attorney the question. Trustee Stilz kept asking and Attorney Jurgens stated when they finish it you will have a copy. Trustee Stilz kept hounding Chief Roth this meeting or the following. Chief Roth stated he will work on it. Mayor Mueller stated Trustee Stilz you are out of order. We have dragged this subject out long enough. The Chief is working on the budget. When it is ready everyone will have a chance to see it.

Trustee Bonds motion to remove Wally Stilz from the Board this evening; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Mayor stated this will require four trustees to vote yes. Attorney Jurgens stated the motion would need to be for disorderly conduct and would require a motion and a second and would require four trustees.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Barrett, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Nays: Trustee Stilz

Motion carried.

Trustee Stilz was excused from the Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Trustee Tiffany stated he doesn't think that the Chief has the information to give a clear educated response right now.

Building Official

Building Official Russ Kraly stated you have his monthly report.

Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately stated he has been spending a lot of time helping the Chief out. Tomorrow night at our committee meeting we are going to come up with a plan for our sanitary sewer. We have to do some maintenance on it due to we had a minor back up at Prairieview School. That line is about 15 years old. We will look at these in the spring.

EMA Coordinator

EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker will report under public safety.

Attorney

Attorney Jurgens stated at the last meeting Trustee Stilz asked about if we need a process for the curb cut which applies to Great American Tire. One of our zoning attorneys is recommending that we don't need to modify the Village Code. We have the power under the subdivision regulations and the zoning regulations. Attorney Jurgens stated he has played phone tag with Chip Parrott from RHMG and don't know if they have any thoughts on it. Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan stated the subdivision ordinance covers this. Attorney Jurgens stated his recommendation is no further action needs to be taken to amend the zoning code at this time.

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Mayor Mueller allowed Wally Stilz II to address the attorney. Mr. Stilz asked where the ethics committee that is required by ordinance is. Attorney Jurgens stated the ethics commission is usually formed when an ethics complaint is filed and you will file this with the Village Clerk. Mr. Stilz stated the ordinance states when you adopt the ordinance you are required to have an ethics commission. Since 2004 we do not have one and you as village attorney haven't advised them that they have to have one. Attorney Jurgens stated he will have to look into the ordinance. Mr. Stilz asked why is the mayor, as a private citizen who wants to send out a letter referring to you and running up your bill as the attorney. Mayor Mueller had told Wally Stilz that he conferred with the attorney before sending out this letter. Attorney Jurgens stated it is not uncommon that when there are these types of referendums that government bodies try to find out what the regulations are. Attorney Jurgens stated that he did not review the letter before it was mailed. He did not have any part of that. The mayor simply asked for the ground rules. Wally Stilz read off the ordinance. Attorney Jurgens stated that you need to file a formal complaint with the Village Clerk and it will be taken care of. Wally Stilz kept asking who is on the ethics commission. Trustee Bonds asked to Mr. Stilz how come you never brought this up as a Trustee. Wally walked out yelling I am thru!!

Village Engineer

Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan had nothing to report.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance – Trustee Bonds stated that Treasurer Hensley spoke about the Veolia contract, which she was going to cover. There will be an increase in the garbage service for the people. Seniors we are trying to keep as low as possible. We will know better by the next meeting.

Public Works – Trustee Walkington had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Trustee Gottsacker stated tomorrow evening we will be going around throughout the village to make sure the fire hydrants are clear. Any residents who has taken the time to clear them thank you very much! Jeff Gately stated the Fire Department was out today digging out fire hydrants as a training and they did Misty Hill, around Holiday Lane and Cranberry Lake.

Wetlands – Trustee Walkington stated that you can see the lake a little bit better now. Not progressing as quickly as he had expected. We had too wet weather early on and then it frozen, they got stuff done and now with the snow they have slowed down. They hope to meet the deadline.

Business

Mark Reich, Edward Jones Company

Mark Reich explained three types of plans that are out there for the Village of Hainesville. There were a few questions from the Board. The Mayor thanked Mark for his time.

Trustee Barrett motioned to go into executive session to review executive session minutes, probable litigation, personnel and acquisition and sale of property; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Barrett, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Removed from Council Chamber: Trustee Stilz

Motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting ended at 8:16 p.m. and then entered into Executive Session.

Trustee Barrett motioned to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the February 12th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The February 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk