

## March 11, 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 and Village Attorney Jeff Jurgens

Absent: Building Official Russ Kraly and Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately  
Establishment of quorum

### **Agenda Approval**

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Trustee Stilz stated he would like to make a motion to remove item J3, 4 and 5 under business to be removed; seconded by Trustee Tiffany

Trustee Tiffany stated we do get into heated arguments/discussions. We could not take it as such a hostel undertaking; we should clarify what we should and shouldn't do.

Attorney Jurgens stated that Ancel Glink is recommending that the Board consider helping bring a little bit more order to the meetings so that we can avoid situations that have happened in the past. In terms of problems that have arisen whether it be removal of people or not. We can amend these ordinances if you want. Mayor Mueller stated he didn't want those three items on the agenda. They are only on because of the attorneys. The mayor resisted them, and this is not the Mayors doing. Trustee Stilz would then like them removed. Two are due to an email that he sent to 12 attorneys at Ancel Glink in trying to get a response for a whole year. After sending the email, he finally got a response. Attorney Jurgens stated this is for the Board to be in agreement on how things should be handled when questions are coming to us.

Discussion took place.

Trustee Barrett stated he motioned to approve the agenda as is and there was a second and then Trustee Stilz came in and stated he would like to remove these. Clerk Metzler stated the motion to approve the agenda as is was made by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

### **Public discussion and/or comments from the floor:**

Four residents spoke on the following issues; regarding Chief Roth attending the fun fair at Prairieview School and thanked him. Could we have an ordinance regarding the time limit of holiday decorations being up, which the consensus of the Trustees were to come up with an ordinance. The Lake County Assessors gave a presentation at the Great Age Club and maybe they could present in August at the Village Board Meeting. The Chief offered at the last Great Age Club Meeting to do an identity theft program in the future. A resident attended the Lake County Forum and requested that their listing of future meetings be placed on the website. A resident asked the Board to consider having a committee of the whole meeting. A resident spoke about freedom of speech regarding a letter to the editor and then her mailbox was vandalized. A resident spoke about Kathy Metzler being an employee as the residents are our employers and Trustee Stilz is an employee and should clean up his language and get some self control as he will be reviewed in 2009.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the February 26th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the March 2008 Bills Payable
3. A Motion to Approve the January 2008 Financials

Trustee Stilz stated the minutes look good. In regards to the bills payable, it looks like we are paying CenCom \$6595 for March. The mayor stated this is our monthly contribution. We have been paying this for years. We will continue to use CenCom. Discussion took place. Trustee Barrett stated this also covers the fire department.

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the omnibus vote agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Trustee Stilz

Motion carried.

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### **Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:**

#### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Ted Mueller reported that he attended the Metropolitan Mayors Executive Board meeting and we will receive 550 CFL bulbs for distribution courtesy of the City of Chicago. It has been suggested that we allow Trustee Tiffany to use them as prizes with the Hainesville Fest. We haven't decided yet.

Mayor Mueller stated another discussion was the concern for all of the foreclosures. He has a list of all the communities with their foreclosure static's for the last three years. In Hainesville in 2005 there were 15, 2006 there were 21 and in 2007 there were 36 foreclosures which is based on the census figures. If you would like a copy come into the village tomorrow.

Today the Mayor attended a preconstruction meeting at the Lake County Department of Transportation covering the north portion of the bike path which will be started shortly. The contractor has to move four ComEd poles before they can start and then construction will start and they will finish in 30 days. The south end of the bike path was discussed and everything will be smooth until they get to the wetland here. This is a corp. of engineers wetland and there are some issues. The final figure has to be approved by the Board.

The mayor announced that Keri-Lynn Krafthefer with Ancel Glink gave birth to a baby boy Kyle on Saturday.

#### **Clerks Report**

Clerk Kathy Metzler had nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated tonight the January financials were passed and February will be on the next agenda. Her next goal is to start working on the preliminary appropriation budget.

#### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Ron Roth stated last week he attended the ILEAS conference in Springfield. He came back with good information. The Chief will be able to apply for three new squad car computers even though we have three used ones. The grant process starts in April.

Waiting for the records package to come in which will fit the villages needs perfectly.

We have three squad cars and two are totally outfitted with computers, camera systems and all the essentials.

The first batch of officers have been qualified by the Lake County Sheriffs Office range master. They have been certified by the state training board. Their uniforms have been ordered and the ammunition has been ordered. Job descriptions and general orders are getting put together for the attorneys review.

As of today we have had one month service with the Lake County Sheriff and gave a report and we are doing very well.

The Chief is looking for some grant funding to bring back the bike officer program.

Saturday the Mayor introduced the Chief to the business owners and the Chief explained the programs he wants to bring on board, polices he will enforce and zero tolerance of alcohol and tobacco.

The Chief spoke about community programs and he has an open door policy and welcomes your input.

#### **Building Official**

Building Official Russ Kraly was not present.

#### **Public Works Supervisor**

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately was not present.

#### **EMA Coordinator**

EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker attended the County meeting last Wednesday and the County faired well overall from all the snow.

Pay attention to the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. is when the County test sirens. If you hear a siren any other time figure a funnel cloud has been sighted and go to your basement. Sirens do not sound all clear. Mayor Mueller said not to ignore that first Tuesday test as it could still mean a funnel cloud has been sighted.

Trustee Barrett mentioned that we have the severe weather storm spotting classes coming up for the EMA Members that we will participate in.

#### **Attorney**

Attorney Jeff Jurgens had nothing to report.

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### **Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan stated the watermain looping will begin this week. They did the locates and staking today and will deliver the materials tomorrow. They should start this Thursday. An Update on MFT; Chip has been working with Jeff and their intent is to go out the first week in April to mark the remaining areas.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance** – Trustee Bonds had nothing to report.

**Hainesville Fest** – Trustee Tiffany put a deposit down on a band. We will have some of the same vendors returning from last year. Trustee Tiffany will attend the relay for life meeting to represent the Village.

**Public Works** – Trustee Walkington has nothing to report.

**Public Safety** – Trustee Gottsacker mentioned that tomorrow night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing at Prairieview regarding the corridor land use for Route 120.

**Wetlands** – Trustee Walkington spoke with Dave and he hired three to four more people to help him. In the next two weeks he is hoping to have everything cut and treated.

### **Business**

#### **Swearing-In Police Officers**

Chief Roth introduced Officers Dawn M. DeServi and Richard M. Solomon and gave their background. Clerk Metzler swore in both officers.

#### **Ratify Records Clerk Hiring**

Chief Roth introduced Bryanna Blackard who comes with two years experience in records. She was the first person that called and said she was interested in the position. The Chief went thru all the applications and came back to her. Bryanna has been on board for over a week. She has a lot of energy and good with people, which this is a win win situation and is happy to have her on board.

Trustee Stilz motioned to ratify the hiring of the records clerk; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

#### **A Resolution Establishing Procedures for Requesting Legal Services of the Village Attorney**

Trustee Stilz motioned to table this issue; seconded by Trustee Tiffany.

Trustee Walkington stated we need something like this. If this isn't what we need then form a committee to put something together with the Mayor and the lawyers to satisfy everyone and get it taken care of.

Trustee Walkington doesn't see why a trustee shouldn't have the right to contact the attorney. There has to be a procedure, something needs to be in place.

The Mayor will form a committee.

Trustee Barrett stated he wants some action taken within the next meeting or two. Trustee Walkington stated the sooner the better.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

#### **A Resolution Establishing Procedures for the Requests of Village Trustees for Information from Village Officers, Employees and Independent Contractors.**

Trustee Stilz motioned to table item J4 and 5 under the same committee; seconded by Trustee Gottsacker.

Roll Call:

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

The Mayor formed a committee with Trustee Stilz as the chairperson, Trustee Walkington and Trustee Gottsacker. This will be a posted meeting. Clerk Metzler stated let her know before 48 hours. Attorney Jurgens stated if you have questions email himself and the mayor.

#### **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.08, as Amended, Establishing Certain Meeting Procedures**

Trustee Stilz motioned to adjourn the March 11th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The March 11th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk