

## October 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 7:00p.m. Chief Roth led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Ted Mueller, Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany, and Gottsacker.

Also present were: Chief Ron Roth, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Building Official Russ Kraly, Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan and Village Attorney Jeff Jurgens.

Absent: Trustees Barrett and Stilz, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately and Village Clerk Kathy Metzler

### **Establishment of quorum**

Trustee Tiffany made a motion to allow Trustee Barrett to participate in this meeting through electronic attendance; seconded by Mark Gottsacker.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Mayor Mueller called Trustee Barrett at his hotel room and he was put on speaker phone to participate in the meeting electronically at 7:03 p.m.

### **Agenda Approval**

Trustee Walkington motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Trustee Bonds

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker

Electronic Participation: Barrett

Absent: Trustee Stilz

### **Public Discussion**

**Lynn Tiffany, 513 Deer Crossing Court** - She voiced her concerns regarding village residents who violate village ordinances such as garbage cans out when they shouldn't be, dogs running at large, Christmas decorations left out months after the holidays and vehicles sitting in front yards. The Trustees and the Mayor should follow through; some Trustees are not, instead they are waiving the violations. The Board should work together. If residents want to remain anonymous they should be able to. She does not want residents to have an I Don't Care attitude. We should start addressing ordinance violations by warnings or tickets. Mayor Mueller stated that there is a Public Action Form that is filled out when a resident complains. It was initiated by Linda Soto when she was mayor. A person can call the Village Hall and can remain anonymous. Ordinances should be followed and there should not be any favoritism.

**Jim DeNemie, 120 Tall Oak Drive** - He had two issues. He felt that we have a good start on the buckthorn issue around Cranberry Lake. It's a 60 month window and we're almost done with that program. But we should start to think about applications to areas that are not Cranberry Lake. We have a lot of wetlands and perhaps we can have a Phase 2, so we can begin to attack invasive plants in non Cranberry Lake areas. He'd like the Board to think about that for long term planning. That would take us to 2012.

The second issue has to do with a strategic plan for the village. He looked into it but the village doesn't really have one just an ordinance plan. If the 120 bypass does come through and we don't have an off ramp, what would the village do for businesses to attract people here? We need a long term plan. The Mayor stated that the village does have a comprehensive plan. As for the 120 bypass, there are notices in the lobby about an open meeting at Prairie View School regarding the bypass.

No further Public Discussion.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the September 23, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the October 2008 Bills Payable
3. A Motion to Approve the April 2008 Financials

Trustee Gottsacker motioned to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany, and Gottsacker

Electronic Participation: Trustee Barrett

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Motion Carried.

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

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ted Mueller stated that he was on vacation for two weeks so he has nothing to report.

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### **Clerk Report**

Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark reported for Clerk Kathy Metzler who is in Springfield at clerk's school. Courtesy Election Petition Packets for the April 7th, 2009 Consolidated Election will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21st, 2008. The first date to circulate nominating petitions is Tuesday, October 28th, 2008 through Monday, January 26th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The following offices to be elected are: Mayor – 4 year term of office and 3 Village Trustees, each for a 4-year term of office.

The first day to file nominating petitions at the Village of Hainesville is on Monday, January 19th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and the last day to file is Monday, January 26th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Kelly Hensley reported that later under Business we have for discussion only, the audit. Our auditor should be coming later. Each of the trustees has a copy of the audit and it will be for approval at the next board meeting. The annual Treasurer's Report will be available then because she has the final figures to finish it. Under Omnibus Agenda the April Financials were approved so April was closed. The Treasurer is working on May. In the next packet May, June and July should be available.

### **Police**

Chief Ron Roth reported that since the last meeting the department has had 271 dispatched generated calls; of which they did 43 police reports and 9 follow up reports; issued 73 traffic citations and 70 warnings, 5 criminal arrests, 18 ordinance violations and 5 crash reports. They also issued 7 traffic citations to motorists who violated the school bus stop arm. Also had 5 domestic calls and had one drug operation on October 3 in the 500 block of Holiday Lane. The Lake County MEG Drug unit along with the State Police Tactical Unit assisted us in serving a search warrant where they recovered illegal drugs and 2 arrests were made. It was a successful operation that started from information from a resident. The department always encourages residents if they see suspicious activity. It will be kept confidential. The AED was ordered through a vendor. The department received a donation from Joanne Osmond to purchase one or two. The price was \$2,100 but the vendor actually donated \$600 so we are only paying \$1,500. The AED should be delivered in a few weeks. The vendor also provides training for the officers that aren't already trained in CPR, first aid and how to use the AED. We have 2 officers in training; one in juvenile officer's school and the other through criminal investigations. When the Chief attended the IML Conference in Chicago, he was able to find some grant money to obtain a police fax machine to be used for crash reports. It will be no cost to the village. He also received a phone call from ILEAS, who is helping with the computer grant for the squad car. In the next two weeks the new police car computers should be delivered. That grant was applied for in April/May. The department is gearing up for Halloween with extra staff on that night. During that week, the officers will be stopping at the school bus stops to hand out reflective Halloween bags. Since the last board meeting we received two compliments from residents. One was commending the officers that handled a domestic disturbance and the other one was regarding a burglar alarm the officers responded on a timely manner and then spent time to try and figure out the problem with the alarm. Mayor Mueller wanted to remind residents that there will be a hayride on Halloween.

### **Building Official**

Building Official Russ Kraly had nothing to report

### **Public Works Supervisor**

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately was not present.

### **EMA Coordinator**

Trustee Gottsacker had nothing to report

### **Attorney**

Attorney Jeff Jurgens had nothing to report

### **Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan had nothing to report

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

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

**Hainesville Fest** – Trustee Tiffany reported that last year some proceeds from the raffles and games were used to buy food for the food pantry on behalf of the village. This year, monetarily, we did better but it was Trustee Tiffany's thought that the village donate \$300 to the Prairie View School Giving Tree, for children in need at the school. It would be nice to do the Giving Tree and then donate \$200 to the Hainesville Police Department's Shop with a Cop. The Mayor added that our police department will be doing their own Shop

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with a Cop. They will take needy children from Hainesville to Wal-mart to shop and then return for a pizza party.

**Public Works** – Trustee Walkington stated that we have been told that we do not have to take the whole one-hundred tons of salt all in one shot. There is a place being prepared to put some of the salt and then we can use it as we need it. We also have another source for salt if we can find a way to haul it. There is more salt available.

**Public Safety** – Trustee Gottsacker had nothing to report

**Wetlands** – Trustee Walkington stated that he talked to Dave from Native Restoration and he said that he is about done chipping. He would try to get together with Dave. Dave might have to bring in more to finish filling in the path.

**Public Safety** – Trustee Gottsacker remembered that a group of Boy Scouts came to the Public Safety Meeting the other day. There were 3 boy scouts and their leader. The Police Chief also had one of his officers at the meeting. They wanted to learn about the police department and public safety. It was a nice meeting.

### **Business**

#### **2007 – 2008 Audit – Discussion Only**

Treasurer Hensley reported that George our auditor did not make this meeting. She went over some points of the audit, which was distributed to the Mayor and Trustees. The audit is a rough draft. The final draft of the audit will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. Trustee Walkington asked about the Statement of Revenues and the item marked Sale of Village Hall. He thought that entry would be placed elsewhere. Treasurer Hensley needs clarification from the Board on that item. Trustee Bonds stated that it was her understanding that we would not list that item. Trustee Walkington asked if it should be under the assets. Treasurer Hensley stated that it should already be listed within our total assets since we did not get rid of the property. Trustee Walkington stated that if it's listed under net assets and again under sale of the village hall then it's listed twice. Treasurer Hensley stated it is a journaling entry that the auditor does; we have to show it because we anticipated selling it for \$400,000. It will be clarified in the final audit.

#### **An Ordinance Establishing Special Connection Fees for Water and Sewer Facilities**

The Mayor stated that this is essentially our own recapture ordinance which has been fine tuned numerous times by Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan and Jeff Jurgens, our attorney.

Trustee Walkington motioned to approve the ordinance establishing special connection fees for water and sewer facilities; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Gottsacker.

Electronic Participation: Trustee Barrett

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Ordinance #08-10-104

Trustee Tiffany inquired about the bike path. It was to start on October 6th and finish on October 24th. The mayor stated that JULIE did mark the path and that Lake County DOT are keeping on top of it because there are heavy penalties for the developer if it is not completed. The mayor stated that he will talk to them because it doesn't look like they will make the 24th date, although there is very little to be done there so it can be done quickly.

Trustee Gottsacker motioned to adjourn the October 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Bonds

All in favor say aye; motion carried.

The October 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roseann Stark  
Deputy Clerk