

## November 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 7:01 p.m.

Chief Roy McCommons led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Mueller asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day.

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Ted Mueller, Trustees Walkington, Bonds and Tiffany

Also present were: Chief Roy McCommons, Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately, Village Attorney Jeff Jurgens and Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan

Absent: Trustees Barrett, Gottsacker, Stilz and Building Official Russ Kraly

Mayor Mueller announced that Trustee Barrett and Trustee Gottsacker both called in and could not attend the Board meeting due to business meetings they both had to attend.

### **Establishment of quorum**

#### **Agenda Approval**

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

Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

**Absent:** Trustees Barrett, Gottsacker and Stilz

Motion carried.

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

**Linda Soto, Hainesville, IL 60030** – attended the finance committee meeting tonight asking if they would explore the idea to ease our tax burden on the residents. The residents are faced with higher assessments on our new tax bills in the spring; which the Board is not responsible for. With the discussion of the tax levy Mrs. Soto was wondering if there was a way we could put a cap with the EAV so there wouldn't be a true increase from the Village. However, walking thru the exercise this would not be reasonable to do at this time. Mrs. Soto asked if the Board would consider down the road to explore other areas. The Village is in sound financial status as we heard from our last meeting. Are there other options that the Village could ease up on? Maybe the percentage on our utility tax, do we still need the motor vehicle tax on our utility bill, are there different options? It would be a nice way to let the Village know that we have grown to a size where we can ease what we are asking for from the residents. Mayor Mueller and Trustee Bonds both thanked Linda for her comments.

Mayor Mueller stated that we have subscribed to a program where we can get a listing of actual foreclosures. The total percentage in Hainesville is 2.31% and the national average 2.75%

#### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the November 2008 Bills Payable
3. A Motion to Approve the September 2008 Financials

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

Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

**Absent:** Trustees Barrett, Gottsacker and Stilz

Motion carried.

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

##### **Mayors Report**

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Mayor Mueller gave an update on the Bike Path. The blacktop is down for the portion that will be completed this year. All the curbs are cut to be handicap accessible. The remainder will be engineered as a bridge which is on the drawing board. Lake County DOT's consultant is looking at two bridge options; one with more piers and one with fewer piers. Mayor Mueller is not sure of any costs but there will be a meeting in one month and he will keep everyone updated. The portion that is completed is paid in full by a grant from Representative Sandy Cole with \$15,000 left over which will be used towards the bridge.

Tomorrow night there is a Route 120 bypass open house at Prairieview School with LCDOT.

There is a poster in the lobby about Recycled O'Rama for this Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Warren Newport Public Library.

Trustee Tiffany had some concerns from residents on the Avon Township side regarding the bike path. Trustee Tiffany spoke to Lake County regarding the rip rap on the east side between Washington and Big Horn with the close proximity and depth of the terrain without the rock there. Lake County was out taking pictures last Friday. Lake County will look at this and possible remove the rip rap to grade with grass. Mayor Mueller stated this doesn't effect our section which is very flat.

### **Clerks Report**

Clerk Kathy Metzler had nothing to report.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Kelly Hensley reported from the last meeting the treasurers report was published in the paper on 11/4 and today received the Clerks certificate back from our Clerk and forwarded this to Lake County.

Received from IMRF our contribution rate for calendar year 2009. The Village's portion currently is 9.60% and our 2009 will also be 9.60%.

### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Roy McCommons reported on October 31<sup>st</sup> there was a suspicious person in an automobile around the bus stops but he did not approach any children. November 1<sup>st</sup> this same person approached a 12 year old child and then the subject took off. The driver was a male white with a shaved head driving a white Ford with markings sprayed over with household paint. Chief McCommons sent out messages to Lake County Police Departments, a letter to Prairieview School, spoke to the school bus drivers and other school districts. Monday thru Friday we put extra cars on the road and were speaking to the residents for any leads. There were no further incidents of this in the area.

Officer Kelly was at Prairieview School on their in-house TV system and spoke to the children about strangers and this incident. Chief was extremely proud of the citizens in this Village. They pulled together and the information spread quickly thru our town. There is a renewed interest in the neighborhood watch program which Officer Chico will handle.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Officers Kelly, Perman and Gardiner assisted Round Lake Heights on a home invasion, chased down a resident and this was a drug deal that had gone bad.

We are still concentrating on school bus stop arm violations. We are looking into having signs posted by the bus stops on Hainesville Road and Route 120 stating it is illegal to stop a passed school bus. Maybe this will end some of the confusion.

Officers are still attending training if it relates to the village.

We are still experiencing accidents on Route 120 during peak hours. A single vehicle took out the street light at Misty Hill and Brittany.

We received a \$500 donation/grant from Sam's Club that we can use for equipment and/or programs. We also received a grant for three in-car computers and bullet proof vests for the officers.

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Officer Chico is in charge of the shop with a cop program. We are still taking in donations. The screening process for the children will be thru both the Grayslake and Round Lake School districts. We will have a pizza party or conduct this in the morning and have donuts etc. Our current total is \$1700. and each child will be able to spend \$100 at the Round Lake Wal-Mart.

Chief McCommons gave the stats for the last four weeks were 74 written warnings, 57 citations, 2 verbal warnings, 14 ordinance tickets, 6 non-traffic, we handled 44 reports and followed up on 7 of them.

### **Building Official**

Building Official Russ Kraly was not present.

### **Public Works Supervisor**

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately stated that the salt will be delivered next week. However, we will receive only half of what we received last year. We will be strictly doing intersections and any hot spots that might freeze over. We are looking into pre-treating the salt which will make the salt last longer. The cost of the salt is \$138 a ton.

Parkway trees that were dead were replaced last week. Jim DeNomie donated six oak saplings that were transplanted from his yard to the front of Tall Oak Drive.

Streets were swept last week and they cleaned up all the rocks and cleaned the grind out of the curbs.

Finished marking all the hydrants with flags to help the fire department locate them in a heavy snow.

Trustee Walkington asked if that was a full allotment of the salt? Jeff stated half, we were allotted 100 and 50 is on the way which is a mix of 25% salt and 75% sand. Once we call in the next load it has to be delivered in seven days. The roads are going to be messy in all municipalities. A Grant has been introduced into the house by Rep. Sullivan, if it passes they will reimburse municipalities the difference between the high bid and what we paid.

### **EMA Coordinator**

EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker was not present.

### **Attorney**

Attorney Jeff Jurgens had nothing to report.

Mayor Mueller stated this is Jeff's last night. Ancel Glink has opened an office in Bloomington and Jeff has moved there. We wish Jeff good luck. Julie Tappendorf will be our attorney now.

### **Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan stated Tim House from RHMG will attend the public works committee meeting tomorrow night regarding the options for the sink holes.

Mayor Mueller stated that Jeff patched a sink hole on White Tail Drive.

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

**Finance** – Trustee Bonds has nothing under finance, Kelly usually reports that anyway.

However, Santa is coming to visit Hainesville on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. There will be goody bags for the kids and hot chocolate and cookies. Postcards will be mailed out.

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

**Public Safety** – Trustee Gottsacker was not present.

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**Wetlands** – Trustee Walkington stated Dave called him last week and didn't want to meet till he is finished; but is working on it.

### **Business**

#### **SSA Tax Levy 2008 - 2009**

Treasurer Hensley stated in the last board packets was all the information she produced for you for the SSA. The finance committee re-spoke about it tonight and the finance committee recommends \$40 per unit for the SSA.

Trustee Tiffany motioned to keep it at \$40; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

**Absent:** Trustees Barrett, Stilz and Gottsacker

#### **A Resolution approving the Village of Hainesville's Estimated Aggregate Tax Levy for Tax Year 2008**

Treasurer Hensley stated in your board packets was a long memo of how she determines the estimated amount. This amount is always inflated to capture all the tax dollars possible. If you go under you will lose that tax dollar forever. The only way you can make it up and get to a good tax rate would be to go out to referendum. Kelly has used the advice of George Ogorek, our auditor, he prepares many of these. With how the market is going, Treasurer Hensley could not determine the estimated value of Hainesville. George suggested to use what was extended to the village last year, the funds that Lake County allowed us to receive last year and multiply that anywhere from 20% to 40%. Kelly chose 20% because that is still too high. The tax levy process is backwards. The amount on the resolution is for \$717,000 but we will not receive this. It can only go up from what was extended last year by 3% to 4% depends on what all the factors come out to be. The tax rate for 2006 was .691, 2007 was .681 estimating that the rate will go down maybe to 6.79 or 6.8. Treasurer Hensley is recommending going to this resolution and having the Board approve this. We won't know till the spring when Lake County knows the true value of Hainesville and what the state multipliers are.

Trustee Bonds motioned to approve the Resolution approving the Village of Hainesville's Estimated Aggregate Tax Levy for Tax Year 2008; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Trustees Walkington, Bonds, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

**Absent:** Trustees Barrett, Stilz and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

Resolution # R08-11-46

Treasurer Hensley would like to have a Public Hearing for the Truth and Taxation at the next board meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Reverse 911**

Mayor Mueller stated you have two proposals for discussion only. Do we want to pursue looking into this program? This program will call all the homes in the Village in case of an emergency. Jeff Gately stated he spoke to one of the representatives and it will cover emergency weather, boil order and amber alert etc. This would be a great notification system. The price is based on number of residence and business addresses. The consensus of the board was to bring in the representatives for a presentation.

Trustee Walkington motioned to adjourn the November 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC Village Clerk

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