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

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

Also present were: Chief Roy McCommons, Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Building Official Russ Kraly, Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately, Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan and Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf

Absent: Trustee Stilz

#### **Establishment of quorum**

#### **Agenda Approval**

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Motion carried.

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

**Christopher Larsen, 91 E. Haines Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030** – is here representing a few students from Prairieview School regarding a brief meeting they had on Friday night with Trustee Bonds on the beautification of the village; planting flowers and clean up efforts. Mr. Larsen would like some support from the village to help keep the trails, parks and areas that aren't handled by the park district clean. Mr. Larsen went to the Avon Township Board yesterday afternoon and spoke to Commissioner Anderson who is willing to help out with the collection of any garbage that is collected. Mayor Mueller stated the Village will be willing to support this program providing the appropriate safety measures are in place; we want the children to be safe. Trustee Bonds stated the ages of the kids range from 5 to 9. Trustee Bonds spoke to Treasurer Hensley regarding a waiver for the parents to sign. They are not permitted to go on the highways. They can work around the perimeters of the wetlands but will need more adult supervision. We will need bags for garbage pick up which the village will provide. Attorney Tappendorf will prepare a waiver form to include safety considerations.

#### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the January 13th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the January 27th, 2009 Simultaneous Filers Ballot Placement Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the January 27th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. A Motion to Approve the January 2009 Financials
5. A Motion to Approve the February 2009 Bills Payable

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Motion carried.

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

##### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Ted Mueller reported that he and Kelly Hensley attended an IMRF meeting in Libertyville regarding their investments with the stock market. The good news is there is no increase for this year; the bad news is they don't know the bad news yet.

On Tuesday mornings when the sirens have been tested they haven't sounded as loud as they should. Two of the seven speakers have failed and are in the process of replacing them.

Jeff Gately and the Mayor attend the Lake County Municipal League Legislative breakfast on Saturday. The topics of discussion were many issues that we are facing such as; economic recovery plan, public safety, pension forms, and the Route 53 extension. They spoke of legislators that are looking at notifying municipalities of foreclosures. Debbie and Kelly keep a pretty good handle on it; once in a while they slip thru the cracks. There were a total of ten legislators including Senator Bonds and Representative Sandy Cole, Terry Link, Susan Garrett and others. There were 20 municipalities that attended. The Mayor has copies of the initiatives if anyone is interested let him know.

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The Hainesville Towne Centre on Route 134 is not dead. They are working with several excellent clients. Hoping they will come back to us with a proposal. Until they sign on the dotted line, they will not put a shovel into the ground. `

### **Clerks Report**

Clerk Kathy Metzler reported that the Candidates Forum will be held Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers in place of our Board meeting. Clerk Metzler has contacted Joan W. Kaltsas with the League of Women Voters who will be the moderator as she was in 2007 and did a great job. A letter explaining the forum along with the Rules for the Forum will be mailed to each candidate tomorrow morning.

The last day to register to vote is Tuesday March 10th. This will be placed on the message portion of the water bills which will be mailed by the utility clerk at the end of this week.

For the water bills which will be mailed close to March 17th the message portion will read Candidates Forum March 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk will also do a few press releases regarding the Candidates Forum in the surrounding newspapers.

Clerk Metzler is working on a newsletter which will go to print the 19th of February. They will be mailed around the first week of March. On the side where the address label goes, we will put in bold letters Candidates Forum see page so and so. Any last articles should be turned in by this Friday February 13th. Clerk Metzler thanked everyone who has given her articles for the newsletter so far.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Kelly Hensley had nothing to report.

### **Police**

Police Chief Roy McCommons reported that they are participating in the following programs: Wings with a Halo – R.E.A.C.H. program which stands for Reading Enjoyment Affects Childhood Happiness. This program helps children during traumatic situations through reading. The squads are equipped with a backpack containing 12 to 15 books for children pre-k to 6th grade to have the officers give to the child. There is no cost to the village. The organization works with outside donations. They will also continue to give out the stuffed animals to the children during traumatic situations.

They will also be participating in the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Members of the police department are going to be participating in events and fund raising for the Illinois Special Olympics. The Chief will have more information this Thursday and Friday as he will be attending a kick off meeting in Bloomington.

Coming Soon to the Police Department is the Hainesville Police Department Citizen Police Academy. Corporal Chico will be doing this Citizens Police Academy every Saturday from April 4th, 2009 thru May 23rd, 2009 between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will also be a newsletter article.

Stats since January 27th, 2009 are written warnings 34, citations 29, ordinance 8, cases 14 and calls of service 108.

### **Building Official**

Building Official Russ Kraly stated you have my monthly report.

### **Public Works Supervisor**

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately stated as of this afternoon all the parkway trees have been trimmed. He will do another sweep to see if anything has been missed.

Jeff has contacted a street sweeper company and awaiting a quote from them. Jeff will solicit a few more companies for quotes. The target date for this will be the last week in April first week in May.

RHMG is going to put a package together to get the storm sewers and catch basins cleaned out. When he gets that information, he will have a better idea for costs and budget information.

### **EMA Coordinator**

EMA Coordinator Mark Gottsacker had nothing to report.

### **Attorney**

Attorney Julie Tappendorf had nothing to report.

### **Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Marcia McCutchan mentioned that Lake County DOT is having a public meeting regarding the potential improvements to Washington Street, Hainesville Road and Lake Street here at the Village at 4:00 p.m. next Wednesday. Mayor Mueller stated it is the 18th here at 4:00 p.m.

Engineer McCutchan is working with Jeff Gately and Trustee Walkington on trying to improve and maximize the villages chance to obtain some economic stimulus funds.

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

**Finance** – Trustee Bonds reported they had their finance committee meeting this evening. At the first meeting in March they will be going over items to see what they can tweak for the next budget.

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

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

**Wetlands** – Trustee Walkington stated all the seed has been purchased if the wind dies down and weather permits, it will be taken care of soon.

### **Business**

#### **Bike Path Municipal Acceptance Form**

Mayor Mueller stated that Attorney Tappendorf recommends we accept what has been constructed on the bike path so far. Attorney Tappendorf can change the language on the form accordingly. The second part is in the engineering stage and they will have to come back to us.

Trustee Walkington motioned to accept the form as edited by Attorney Tappendorf; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Mayor Mueller is in touch with Lake County DOT regularly. They are looking at several options, they looked into a metal bridge which was too expensive, they looked into a wood bridge, they ruled out a retaining wall and now looking at the possibility of a boardwalk. There are storm water issues with that but is still in the design stage.

#### **Proposal for Water Treatment Plant & Wastewater Lift Station Operational Assistance**

Mayor Mueller stated this is renewing Manhards operational contract. Trustee Walkington feels in review of the contract this is acceptable.

Trustee Barrett motioned to accept the proposal; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Stilz

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the February 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Bonds.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The February 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk