

## May 12th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Ted Mueller at 7:07 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 and Tiffany

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 and Village Attorney Scott Puma

Absent: Trustees Stilz, Bonds and Gottsacker

Mayor Mueller announced that Trustee Bonds is out of town.

### **Establishment of quorum**

Mayor Mueller stated that he and Mayor Elect Linda Soto both agreed to keep public discussion off the agenda for this meeting. Mayor Mueller stated that there are two cakes tonight to celebrate after the meeting.

### **Agenda Approval**

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Barrett, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

Absent: Trustees Stilz, Bonds and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the April 14th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2. A Motion to Ratify the April Bills Payable

3. A Motion to Approve the May 2009 Bills Payable

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Barrett, Tiffany and Mayor Mueller

Absent: Trustees Stilz, Bonds and Gottsacker

Motion carried.

### **Reports and Communications:**

#### **Clerk Report**

Clerk Kathy Metzler reported that the Lake County Municipal League is hosting a Newly Elected Officials Workshop on Saturday, June 6th, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Mundelein Police Department Building. All Trustees, Treasurer Hensley and Deputy Clerk Stark are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Clerk Metzler by Tuesday, May 26th so she can make the arrangements.

We will be participating in the Round Lake Area Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. If you will be riding on the float, please let Clerk Metzler know by Thursday, May 21st. We will be decorating the float on Friday, May 22nd at 7:00, hope to see officials and staff there. Mayor Mueller introduced the Honorable Judge Mary Schostok who will be swearing in our Officials tonight.

#### **Police**

Police Chief Roy McCommons reported that we are participating in the Statewide "Click it or Ticket Program".

On May 1st we conducted an alcohol and tobacco compliance checks in town and no violations occurred.

On May 2nd several officers broke up a juvenile drinking party on Pineview Street. The homeowner was charged with serving minors alcohol and seven were charged with underage drinking.

Sgt. Mike Gardiner and Officer Tina Cora represented the Hainesville Police Department in the Lake County Meg Warrants Sweep which was conducted County Wide on April 22nd.

Our bicycle patrol will soon be out in the community.

Officer Rick Solomon will be representing the Police Department at the Sue White Benefit Run Fundraiser this weekend. Sue is a dispatcher for CenCom who has cervical cancer. He will also be at the Special Olympics run in June.

On July 18th we will be hosting a car show at Prairieview School and the proceeds will go to the Illinois Special Olympics.

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Our stats since last month are 215 calls of service, 48 cases, 25 written warnings, 8 ordinance citations, 48 traffic tickets, 2 verbal's and 9 non traffic tickets.

### **Attorney**

Attorney Scott Puma had nothing to report.

### **Mayor Mueller's Final Address**

Mayor Mueller stated he had never been fired by 371 people. If you don't like your elected officials every two to four years you have a chance to elect someone else. He congratulated Linda and the trustees that were elected. Mayor Mueller spoke of his accomplishments during the last eight years; the Walgreens project, Firestone project, bike path project and the Village Hall. We have a balanced budget and are debt free. You have a good village being turned over to you, take care of it and keep it that way. Mayor Mueller referenced General Douglas MacArthur saying "Old soldiers never die they just fade away." Mayor Mueller stated that he will not fade away Barb has eight years of "honey do" lists that starts tomorrow. He will be around and attending the Board meeting.

### **Presentation of Service Plaques by Mayor Ted Mueller and Trustee Walkington**

Trustee Bonds was not present however, Mayor Mueller read the plaque in appreciation for her years of service.

Trustee Gottsacker entered the Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Mueller presented a plaque to Trustee Gottsacker in appreciation of his years of service to the Village as Trustee and EMA Coordinator.

Trustee Stiliz was not present, however, Trustee Walkington read a plaque for his service as Trustee. Trustee Walkington presented a plaque to Mayor Ted Mueller for his dedication and appreciation as Trustee and Mayor.

Chief McCommons presented a plaque to Mayor Mueller acknowledging his start up of the Hainesville Police Department. .

### **Presentation of a Proclamation from State Senator Michael Bond and State Representative Sandy Cole**

Clerk Metzler stated we also have two other acknowledgements for Mayor Mueller and introduced Travis Haley from the office of State Senator Michael Bond. Mr. Haley apologized that Senator Bond is in Springfield and could not be here tonight. Mr. Haley read a mock version of the proclamation and the original one will be mailed.

Also State Representative Sandy Cole is in Springfield and sends her apologies for not being here tonight. She also has a proclamation for the Mayor which will be mailed.

### **Swearing in by the Honorable Judge Mary Schostok**

The Honorable Judge Schostok explained how she first met Ted Mueller and has high regards for him.

Gerry Daley, John P. Derenoski and Georgeann Duberstein were sworn in as Trustees.

Linda Soto was sworn in as Mayor.

Ted Mueller presented Mayor Linda Soto with her gavel and keys to the Village Hall and wished her the best of luck. Mr. Mueller presented the Honorable Judge Mary Schostok with a Hainesville tote bag.

The New Officials took their places.

Clerk Metzler took Roll Call. The following officials were present:

Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

### **Mayor Linda Soto's Appointments and Comments**

Mayor Linda Soto thanked Judge Mary Schostok for being here and swearing in the new officials. It is an honor having her here today. Mayor Soto thanked the residents and her close friends that have supported her and expressed love and gratitude to her husband Ed and her sons Jimmy and Christopher. They have always supported Linda in her efforts and participated in the community in many ways.

Mayor Soto thanked Mayor Ted Mueller and Senior Trustee Gary Walkington for a very smooth and informative transition this past month. She thanked the Village Clerk, Treasurer and all the Village Staff and Police Chief who have been very helpful with this transition.

As this Board moves forward from today Mayor Soto pledges to lead and work with all of you as a team. Team work is the ability to work together towards a common vision. The ability to direct individuals ideas and opinions toward community objectives. To help with this Mayor Soto had a team motivational print in a signature frame which was presented to each Trustee and then to Mayor Soto for their signature and then was attested by the Village Clerk. This will be a reminder of our pledge made here tonight. The print

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reads: Above and Beyond. When a team of dedicated individuals make a commitment to act as one, the sky is the limit.

Mayor Soto added that she knew that Ted wanted a whipped cream cake as his last cake. We were going to order a full sheet but it wouldn't fit in the refrigerator so Ted called Linda stating they will have to get butter cream and Linda suggested two half sheets. That is how we wound up with two cakes.

Mayor Soto stated there were a few announcements that should not wait. Her first appointment was Trustee Gerry Daley as our new Finance chairperson; his professional background in finance made this an easy choice. Trustee Walkington will remain Public Works chair but will no longer chair the Wetlands and Open Spaces Committee. Trustee Georgeann Duberstein will be the new chair of this committee. All committee members and chairs will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Mayor Soto feels strongly about pulling our residents together and promotes pride in our Village. We are planning a village wide clean up of our Wetlands and Open Spaces to be held on Saturday, June 27th followed by a community picnic. Details will be outlined in a one page special newsletter. Trustee Duberstein stated she is in need of volunteers. There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to help organize the groups that will do the clean up. We will work along Hainesville Road around Cranberry Lake and other areas that need attention. Mark your calendars for June 27th and the 28th will be a rain date. The picnic will be at Brittany Park.

Mayor Soto asked Trustee Tiffany who chairs the Hainesville Fest to share the date with all of us which is Saturday, August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The band is all booked and we have 50 NHS students from Grayslake Central to volunteer.

Mayor Soto was thrilled to say that Attorney Scott Puma, with Ancel Glink Law Firm, has been able to alter his schedule and he will now be our regular Village Attorney. Also acknowledged was a special guest who worked for the Round Lake Area Park District and then at CLC and two weeks ago joined Ancel Glink Law Firm, Attorney Jim Rock.

### **Business**

#### **A Resolution Appointing Mayor Linda Soto Director to SWALCO**

Trustee Duberstein motioned to appoint Mayor Linda Soto Director to SWALCO; seconded by Trustee Tiffany.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Resolution # R09-05-47

#### **Approval of an Independent Audit**

Mayor Soto explained that Ogorek Accounting Firm has been handling the village finances and working with our Village Treasurer for many years. Mayor Soto feels at this time that we should be conducting an independent audit.

Trustee Daley motioned for approval to proceed with an independent audit; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Motion carried.

#### **Authorized Check Signatures**

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve authorized check signatures; seconded by Trustee Tiffany.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Motion carried.

Trustee Walkington motioned to adjourn the May 12th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Roll Call:

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

#### **The May 12th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk