

## August 25th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Also present were: Chief Fred Heidecke, Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Building Official Russ Kraly and Public Works Supervisor Jeff Gately

Absent: Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Village Attorney Scott Puma and Building Official Russ Kraly

### **Establishment of quorum**

### **Agenda Approval**

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

### **Public Comments:**

**Avon Township Youth Baseball – Clay Crutcher** - was asked to attend the meeting to announce their intention of running the raffle for Hainesville Fest on August 29th. Proceeds will be used for a barrier fence on the southwest ball field to block foul balls. They received letters from residents of Union Square stating that some residents at the northwest corner are receiving foul balls and damage is being done to their personal property. Avon Township Youth Baseball has brought this issue to their Board. One Board member who is an engineer came up with a rough plan and cost to put up a net for this purpose. Part of the proceeds received from running the raffle at Hainesville Fest will go toward the barrier fence. Whatever the proceeds don't cover they will make up the difference.

Mayor Soto added she will meet with Avon Township Youth Baseball, the two Park Districts and Avon Township. Their park is owned by the three entities. She would like to see if they can get some cooperation for additional support which has been done in the past.

Clay stated that he does have a plan to beautify the park and explained what he would like to do.

Trustee Daley stated from the drawing it looks like the netting will be 22 or 24 feet total in height. From his experience a lot of the foul balls are going to go higher than that and hit the driveways. Clay understands the concern regarding the height of the barrier fence but there is a good distance between the dug out, field and the driveways. The pop ups would not make it to the private property. They are looking more at the line shots that come off the bats that the dug out fence will not catch. This is just a sketch, it is not final.

They are open to any modifications that anyone feels would be necessary.

Mayor Soto stated that for the record she asked Clay to attend the meeting mainly for the purpose of the raffle. She is hoping to meet and have additional information from the Park Districts and Avon Township by the September meeting so this can be an agenda item. The Mayor thanked Clay for attending.

**David Criz, Hainesville, IL 60073** – A few weeks ago as he was walking around the Cranberry Lake trail he noticed that they were unloading a lot of tree branches and trunks along Tall Oak and Hainesville on the northwest corner. He wanted to know what project this was. Mayor Soto explained that the branches were from the tree pruning project that is going on village-wide. There will be a wood chipper coming in a few days and the wood chips will be added to the path. Mr. Criz stated that it would have been nice if they hadn't closed off the trail access to that corner. Jeff stated he wasn't aware of that but will look into it.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

Mayor Soto asked if everyone had a chance to review the Clerk's note regarding corrections to the Minutes. Unless there are other changes that item could remain on the Omnibus.

1. A Motion to Approve the August 11th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the August 2009 Bills Payable
3. Ratify Diemer Plumbing & Excavating, LTD payment of \$89,129.21 for emergency repairs approved on June 9th, 2009 and paid on August 17th, 2009

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

Trustee Derenoski asked if he could get an explanation of what ST BC, etc on the Diemer invoice represents. Mayor Soto stated they are types of pipes and outlets. Jeff has looked at this as well as the engineering firm. Jeff explained that ST is "standard time", BC stands for a specific equipment operator for this specific piece of equipment. OT is "over time". The Mayor stated that the Village has had this

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invoice for a while. With Public Works projects we have to pay prevailing wage according to state statute and we have to wait for the pay vouchers before we can process the invoice. Diemer had to put out a significant investment ahead of time so the Village didn't want them to wait for their money. We are just ratifying payment of the bill.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski  
Motion carried.

### **Mayor – Announcements**

Mayor Soto stated that she met with Hines Lumber and their realtor regarding obtaining the right-of-way which they are receptive to. The Village has asked for a large right-of-way to make the Goumas property developable. They are going back to their drawing boards to see what specifically they can live with and give us. The other item explored is the possibility of putting a private road that would connect Prairiewood to Hainesville Road so the busses would be able to go out at the light. If that commercial property is developed there can still be a private road. The Village is very excited with that property. The ball is in their court and we are waiting to hear back from them. It was a very positive meeting.

The Police Department along with Public Works did get the Back to School signs put up.

Mayor Soto announced that Trustee Duberstein had a very special birthday a few days ago. The Village has a policy of doing quarterly cakes but she has had a milestone birthday. She celebrated her 70th birthday.

### **Police Chief - Announcements**

Chief Fred Heidecke reported that the Back to School signs were provided free through AAA. His goal as interim Chief for Hainesville is he wants to foster some positive relationships with the neighboring jurisdictions, Round Lake, Grayslake, etc. as well as with the Fire Protection Districts. The Chief highlighted a few developments and cases in the Village to share some positive news. There are some growing pains but we will move through that and keep up the good work with our officers.

Chief stated that on Monday, August 17th at 12:30 p.m. in front of 380 Pineview Hainesville officers responded to a disturbance occurring in the street. It was two factions of opposing gangs preparing to faceoff with metal pipes and baseball bats. We had immediate response from Round Lake Park Police Department including their Chief and a member of the Round Lake Park District Police. They assisted our department in making a quick resolution to the problem. We took seven subjects into custody and arrested five with disorderly conduct. The weapons were seized and the people are now in the system so they can be monitored on their activities more closely. The Chief wanted to publicly acknowledge the assistance we received from the Round Lake Park Police Department and Chief Filenko. Chief Filenko has been very instrumental in helping us get a handle on some of these things that have been occurring for a long period of time. He has also extended some assistance to us for our Hainesville Fest in the form of McGruff.

Chief Heidecke acknowledged Officers Sean Kelly and Tina Cora for their good work transporting, interviewing and further processing of these people to CenCom.

On Tuesday, August 18th at 10:45 p.m. the department received a report of a forcible break-in at Hair Snips, 72 E. Belvidere Road. Sgt. Mike Gardiner arrived within three minutes and found the front door glass smashed in and requested immediate assistance. Round Lake Police Department provided three officers and a canine unit. They did a walk around, no one was found in the building but it was found that the cash register had been tampered with and an attempt had been made to pry the safe open. However, no proceeds were taken and the unknown offender exited through the back door. With the consent of the owner of Hair Snips, Sgt. Gardiner took the digital video recording equipment into custody for an attempt in enhancing any images depicting the offender inside the building. He also notified the Grayslake Police Department and put out an APB regarding this break-in.

The Chief wanted to give public acknowledgement to the work of the Hainesville Police Department officers and the neighboring communities in trying to preserve the peace, safety and security of all the residences in the surrounding areas.

The Mayor stated that it is nice to receive this information because she'd like to remind the residences that for the most part Hainesville is a very peaceful, safe community. We have two state highways and a county highway running through our town and we have to face the reality of what comes through our town and the demographics near us. There is gang activity not far from our border which we are aware of.

### **Standing Committees – Announcements**

**Hainesville Fest** – Trustee Jim Tiffany stated that the Fest will run on August 29th from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. He has been paint marking the grounds for identification of our participants. Clay stated that he will be donating one free registration for the fall season for a raffle prize.

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### **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

#### **Native Restoration Services – Dave Coulter**

Dave Coulter discussed the natural beauty of Hainesville. Cranberry Lake is a huge advantage to the village, as well as the five woodlands; the largest of which is in the south border of Cranberry Lake, about four or five acres. There are 19 ponds and wetlands and one mesic prairie (Hainesville Meadow). Dave explained that they are removing invasive plants, preventing regrowth, installing native plants and encouraging regrowth. He spoke about our cattail infestation and reducing the cattails. Dave spoke how they can better develop and maintain these areas. Dave stated his goal is both functional and aesthetic regarding all of these areas discussed. Mayor Soto stated our goal is to educate the Board and residents on this.

**Mark Ehrenberg, Hainesville, IL 60073** – asked Dave to explain to the public that this is a 3 to 5 year program, not just once in and then you are finished. Dave did say that once everything is in place, you have to keep it maintained which you can do with volunteers.

**Julie Jester, Hainesville, IL 60030** – asked if Dave had a plan for burning/mowing. They will do a burn in October or November. Julie asked as far as stewardship, you mentioned using algicide in the ponds, would we be better off passing an ordinance regarding fertilizers that are runoff from everyone's yards that are dumping into the ponds. Dave stated that you can never have 100% compliance. Mayor Soto stated the fountains put oxygen in the ponds and helps with that. Mayor Soto would like to explore all these options and the expenses over the winter.

**David Criz, Hainesville, IL 60073** – you described this as a five year program so year three, four and five are more maintaining. Dave agreed.

**Jim DeNomie, Hainesville, IL 60073** – stated that the Oak Grove that surrounds Cranberry Lake now use to extend out to Route 134 Highway. As we progress he would like to take the seedlings that already exist and replant some of those Oak trees so we can recapture what should really be here.

**George Duberstein, Hainesville, IL 60073** – stated there will be a regularly scheduled meeting of the Wetland Committee where you can provide your input. The schedule is the first Thursday of every other month starting October 1st at 7:00 p.m.

**Brandy Derenoski, Hainesville, IL 60073** – stated Georgeann has done a wonderful job and we appreciate it.

Mayor Soto thanked Dave for his time.

#### **Manhard Consulting Terry Grom – Review of Water and Sewage Maintenance**

Terry Grom discussed the duties of the operation of the system. One is site visits to the well houses and checking the water system as well as the waste water system. This means testing the water, checking chlorine and fluoride levels in the water as well recordkeeping. They are required by law to submit a monthly report that goes to the state agency, which includes how much water is pumped out of the wells on a daily basis. The Village of Hainesville, during the summer months, averages 250,000 to 260,000 a day. The general average is 62 to 66 gallons per person per day.

They are also required to submit samples to a private independent laboratory, which electronically submits that data to the state so we keep up with the rules and regulations. These change from year to year.

Manhard acts as the liaison between the Village and the State of Illinois for the rules and regulations.

Terry added that they also answer resident complaints and concerns. Works with Superintendent Gately regarding water turn ons, shut offs and delinquencies and assist with water main breaks or sewer line problems. Terry stated they were happy to see that the Village purchased the sanitary sewer jetter; he thinks it's a good investment.

Terry added that the sanitary sewer system is checked. We have two lift stations in town; one in Deer Point Trails on Lisk and the other off of Route 134 at the entrance of Cranberry Lake. Part of the sewage goes to the North Shore Sanitary District and the other goes to the Village of Fox Lake Waste Water Plant.

Manhard does village locates in town; before a contractor starts a job in the Village they will call JULIE. This is important so no one hits a water main line. They also provide 24/7 emergency service. In addition they flush the system twice a year to get rid of iron deposits by flushing the hydrants. The Village has fantastic well water. Each month he provides a report to the board with a snapshot of what we do during the month as well as recommendations on improving the system.

Terry noted that Hainesville's history through the years with the state is very good. When the state comes around and does their inspections of the system, they are very pleased with what they see and appreciate the

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Village's proactive approach. Some day we may drill another well or add another water tower. But right now the Village's water quality is very good.

Trustee Duberstein stated that she understands that it has been several years since we have recalculated what our minimum water requirement billing would be to cover the maintenance and reserves for the water system. Is this something Manhard can do for us? The last time it was done Cranberry Lakes whole area wasn't in existence. She'd like it done to see if we either have too high a minimum or not a high enough minimum as far as our billing for service is. Terry stated that he will try to get that together for the next meeting.

**George Duberstein, Hainesville, IL 60073** – George asked if you chlorinate the water or have you thought about using ozone so you don't have the residual chlorination or is it a state requirement? Terry stated that it is a state requirement for residual chlorine.

Mayor Soto thanked Terry for his time and patience.

### **Village Planner Al Maiden – Village Character and Architectural Style Choices**

Village Planner Al Maiden and Brad from Rolf Campbell and Associates came to present architectural design choices to the Village which would bring some character to our town. Al did a slide show, regarding different looks and also handed out a printout regarding the Illinois State Zoning Enabling Statutes. Discussion took place regarding flat roofs with fronts, landscaping ideas and lighting issues. Mayor Soto stated that Al will have to come back with pictures that the Board will have to vote on. Al passed out his business cards and asked that if anyone has any questions or ideas to please email him with the information.

Mayor Soto thanked Al for his time.

### **Review of Standing Committee Work Policy and Procedure**

Mayor Soto stated that since she took office and working with the Board, much has been accomplished. She would like the committee work to flow better between the committees and Board. As Mayor, she is given the power to appoint members of the full Board to head a committee.

Mayor Soto went over the different committees that can exist such as Ad-hoc Committee, Standing Committee and Committee of the Whole. She discussed what each committee does and what is expected. She also discussed that each committee must provide minutes and follow the Open Meetings Act. Too much time is spent discussing items during a regular Board meeting that should instead be discussed at the Committee level. Committees should be making recommendations to the full Board and asking for approval and/or direction.

### **Public Comments**

**David Criz, Hainesville, IL 60073** – feels the issue of design and the architectural look of the village is important. The planner should come up with the design ideas. The Mayor stated that she is not opposed to bringing in experts and Al Maiden's firm has that available but she told him to refrain from doing custom drawings at this point and spending that kind of money until we can narrow down the scope. If we can narrow it down to a couple of looks we can then bring in some architectural renderings. Once we have a firm draft of the Comprehensive Plan and what we want to modify we are required by law to have a public hearing so the public will be given the opportunity to view the changes that we're recommending and make comments before it can be adopted. Mr. Criz asked if that is before a design theme is selected or is that after. The Mayor stated that there will be a finalized idea or draft of what the design would be. However, we will continue to have another workshop or two on this subject where the public can come just like tonight.

**Jim DeNomie, Hainesville, IL 60073** – spoke about his past job experiences and wanted to address the Comprehensive Plan issue. One thing he came away with from his past experiences is that your community will always be changing. A good strategic plan allows for short term objectives and long term goals which the Mayor is working on. Mr. DeNomie agrees with Trustee Duberstein's thinking, there has to be uniqueness so people will want to come to our community. He thinks that we need a good strategic plan and a good ordinance guideline. We are going in the right direction but the board must do research and analysis so when corporations come out they'll see that our village has the right demographics. Mayor Soto stated that we do have that information. The 2010 census will officially up that documentation but our Comprehensive Plan does contain a lot of that. Unfortunately it has been on the shelf and a best kept secret. It has not been published on the website and really never bound. Mr. DeNomie stated he did ask for the Comprehensive Plan a while ago and was told that it existed and looked on line but it was an ordinance plan not a strategic plan. Mayor Soto stated that part of her campaign was creating a short and long term plan for the village. Mr. DeNomie added that part of that has to be a good analysis of strengths,

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weaknesses, opportunities and threats. He has done a lot of these strategic plans and they really are agonizing to go through. A lot will be generated by what you do through your ordinance guidelines and the direction you want this community to go in.

Trustee Duberstein motioned to adjourn the August 25, 2009 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The August 25th, 2009 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk