

January 26, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Chief Frasier 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 Wallace Frasier, Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately and Village Engineer Greg Gruen.

Absent: Treasurer Kelly Hensley and Building Official Russ Kraly

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve agenda; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski
All in favor, motion carried.

Public comments:

No public discussion.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the January 12th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the December 2009 Financials for \$136,039.43
3. A Motion to Approve the January 2010 Bills Payable for \$116,697.61

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski
All in favor, motion carried.

Mayors Announcements

Mayor Linda Soto thanked people for coming to the Board meeting.

The mayor reported on annual meetings she has attended such as the Round Lake Chamber Installation Dinner of officers and the Mayor's luncheon. On Friday the 22nd the Mayor and Chris Gentes, the Director of the Lake County Municipal League, attended the Mayor's Caucus. The Mayor explained that this meeting is where the various County Municipal League Director's meet with to discuss their legislative

needs and the needs of various Mayors. Mayor Soto stated that there was a representative from Mayor Daley's office and she was the only mayor from Lake County.

The Mayor also attended a CenCom Board Meeting. She updated the Board on the fair funding formula. This is a formula telling how much each member, agency or village is charged for their services from CenCom. They hope to attract neighboring agencies and towns to come on board to decrease the cost. When an agency wants to join and asks the costs, there is no formula to compute the cost. The Chief's Committee came up with a fair funding formula. One challenge is that the agencies use different codes for different purposes. Chief Frasier explained this further. The Mayor reported that they did reach an agreement to standardize codes and eliminated 161 codes. The Mayor also reported that the members voted on the new funding formula in November, however, at this meeting Round Lake Beach protested the vote that had passed and made it clear that if the other members would not reconsider it that they would take action against CenCom. The Mayor stated that they revisited the issue today and came up with a potential solution. It will be voted on at the next meeting in April or a Special Meeting in March. The Mayor explained that every year the Village gets told what their monthly bill is based on the call history. It would be easier to have a simple formula. The Mayor reported that with this formula our cost would go down a little, however, it could be misleading because the other issue at CenCom is that not all the member agencies use the detention facilities. The suggestion is that the detention facility is broken away from CenCom and a new intergovernmental agreement will be created, with its own Board, which could mean paying more money. The Mayor stated that with the new formula there may be new customers coming on board such as Grayslake Fire District and Fox Lake Fire District.

The Mayor also updated everyone on the community survey. The Village has received a total of 261 surveys so far. The Mayor stated that a CTY call will go out tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. to remind everyone that the due date is Friday, January 29. The staff will check the drop box on Saturday. If a survey is received Monday, it will be accepted and marked late, The Village is finalizing the report that Village Clerk Kathy Metzler is doing for the special meeting. For the February 4th meeting, packets will be done no later than February 1st. The packet will contain survey information, budgetary information as well as all proposals. The Mayor stated that Trustee Barrett had another company with a proposal to build a facility. Trustee Barrett stated that the company was General Steel and that he had some drawings originally when this project was first started but the drawings didn't migrate when we changed servers; he is trying to recreate them and they are trying to pull the files for Kevin. Trustee Barrett said they are very good builders and good to look at another architect besides just looking at one. Mayor Soto stated she has information from three other architects'.

The Mayor also noted that this Saturday, January 30th, the Mayor will be judging a Chili Contest in Fox Lake at the Fox Lake American Legion Hall on Route 12.

Police Chief Announcements

Chief Wallace Frasier reported that last week Bryanna Blackard, Police Clerk, completed FOIA training.

The Chief met with Dave Schultz and Jeff Gately regarding the Holiday Lane parking which will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Chief also noted that the gas masks obtained free of charge through ILEAS are in and will be picked up in the next week.

Standing Committees Announcements

Trustee Derenoski stated that the Community Relations Committee is ready to make its recommendation to the Board on a new website designer. They have chosen John Wondrasek of Chicago Websmith. Trustee Derenoski has sent an email asking for any other feedback regarding the website and has put the three proposals in everyone's mailbox. He will be looking for a vote at the next regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Tiffany stated that he has gotten a call from a band who is interested in playing at Hainesville Fest. He was also informed by a resident to attend Carmel High School's event which will feature about 8 to 10 bands. Chief Frasier stated that it is the annual Carmel High School fundraiser on February 12th and 13th.

Trustee Barrett stated that Sergeant Gardiner contacted him regarding people leaving cars unlocked in their driveway. The cars are being broken into by youths. There has been a small up-tic in thefts out of the vehicles. The Sergeant asked Trustee Barrett to mention this to the Board and perhaps a blurb can be put on the water bill to remind people to lock their cars and take valuables out of their car. The Chief stated that there have been three reports in the last week and it does seem that it happens in warmer weather. Mayor Soto stated that something certainly could be put in the newsletter. She will meet with the Chief and pick a day to send out a CTY reminder.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Comprehensive Plan 2010 Draft 01-15-10 Review

Mayor Soto stated that an updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been distributed to the Board and the changes have been highlighted. The Mayor stated that any questions or concerns should be directed to herself or Kathy Metzler. At the next Board Meeting the Mayor would like to decide when to hold the Public Hearing to adopt the updated Comprehensive Plan.

An Ordinance Amending Section 10.08.020, Section 10.08.030 and Section 10.08.070 Regarding Parking – For Discussion Only

Chief Frasier reported that he met with Dave Schultz and Jeff Gately and revised the draft ordinance from the last meeting. This ordinance restricts parking on Holiday Lane to one side or the other depending on even and odd days and cars will need to be moved by 7:00 a.m. so that plowing will be easier.

Discussion followed regarding the parking ordinance. The Mayor stated that Jeff Gately will be attending the Homeowner's Association meeting tomorrow evening. She also suggested a meeting between Dave Schultz and the Association's snowplower.

Trustee Walkington asked what time residents, other than Holiday Lane, will need to move their car. Jeff Gately stated that they would need to move their car only after 2 inches of snow. Chief Frasier added that other residents who buy a permit would be allowed to park 24/7. The Chief stated after 2 inches of snow they would need to park in their driveway, across their sidewalk or their front yard and they will not be issued a ticket, however, after the streets are cleaned then the cars would be put back on the street.

Village of Hainesville Website Update

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Derenoski has covered this earlier in the meeting. Trustee Derenoski added that if anyone has any wish list items or must-haves for the website to please let him know.

An Ordinance Establishing the Rate for Water Service Pursuant to Section 13.04.160 of the village Code – For Discussion Only

Mayor Soto stated that this is a draft of an ordinance. It was requested by our water operator, Terry Grom and Village Engineer Greg Gruen to do a study of the Village's water operation system. They did a cost analysis. The Mayor reported that she met with the Finance Committee and Public Works Committee.

Trustee Daley noted that they were trying to lower some costs to the residents. Currently, residents pay \$26.60 for a minimum of 10,000 gallons of water. The Village clears \$80,000 a year above cost and this proposed ordinance would lower it to \$25.00 for the first 10,000 gallons. Anything above that would remain at the present rate. Trustee Daley suggested putting that in the ordinance. He further added that this would decrease our reserve by about \$20,000 a year. The ordinance was submitted with a stipulation that this would be reviewed in two years. The attorney suggested changing that to being reviewed periodically and revised as necessary by the Village Board. Mayor Soto asked that it be reflected in the minutes that the Village is committed to not waiting any longer than two years to revisit this issue.

Discussion took place regarding the ordinance.

Mayor Soto asked for a consensus from the Board regarding lowering the water rate. The Mayor stated she will have figures supplied to everyone on the reserve balance that is available. Trustee Daley stated this would go into effect the billing date after approval of the ordinance. Mayor Soto added that if Treasurer Hensley would rather keep it in line with the fiscal year it can also be effective May 1st and then go two years out.

Public Comments

Ted Mueller, 318 E. Katherine Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030 – On the subject of water, he is one of the first residents of Hainesville. The water rate has not changed in the 16 years he has lived in Hainesville. He stated that as Greg said our water is lower than other Villages. He wanted to know why the Board is monkeying with it instead of leaving it alone.

Lynn Tiffany, 513 Deer Crossing Court, Hainesville, IL 60030 – She asked if the Village has taken a survey regarding how many people actually use the website. Trustee Derenoski stated that we may not be getting many hits because the website is antiquated and difficult to use. Whenever someone moves here or wants to move a business to the Village, they will go to the Village website. John also stated that we want to entice businesses to come to our Village. Mayor Soto added that it is not just residents but other governing bodies and legislative reps that go to the website, as well as CMAP and developers. We will be adding our comp plan to the website for potential development interest.

Trustee Duberstein added that she didn't know how many options were available until she looked at other Village websites. They are gorgeous. The home page gives a feel for what the community is like.

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the January 26, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.
All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The January 26, 2010 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk