

## **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:03 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 Daley, Barrett, Duberstein and Tiffany

Also present were: Chief Wallace Frasier and Village Clerk Kathy Metzler

Absent: Trustees Walkington and Derenoski

Mayor Linda Soto stated that Trustee Derenoski is out of town and Trustee Walkington is home with the flu.

### **Establishment of quorum**

Mayor Linda Soto stated there was some confusion regarding this Special Board Meeting. We will still be having our Regular Board Meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. At this Special Board Meeting we can only talk about the items listed on the agenda and there will be no public comments. The purpose of this meeting is to review and digest a lot of information that we recently received from a Community Survey as well as several proposals. There will be no decisions made tonight, just to start the review process and discussion. Comments will be welcomed at next week's board meeting or the town hall meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Agenda Approval**

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

#### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Daley, Barrett, Duberstein and Tiffany

**Absent:** Trustees Walkington and Derenoski

Motion carried.

### **Discussion of Police Service Options:**

Discussion took place on the three options that the Village has regarding police service. They are as follows; maintaining our own police department, contracting with Grayslake Police Department or contracting with the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

The Mayor stated that there is some confusion with residents. Some think that the Lake County Sheriff is free. Any municipality that does not have its own police department in Lake County is covered by the Sheriff's department.

However, if a Village is looking for patrolling through the community on a regular basis you have to contract with them. They stay about 90% of the time in the Village. The Mayor explained there are different levels of coverage such as 8 ½ hours, 17 hours or 24 hour coverage. The Village looked into 24 hour coverage because that is what we have had for some time and it's what the residents want. There would be a visible presence and different items are negotiable.

Grayslake Police would provide 24/7 policing. Hainesville has two school districts, two park districts and two fire districts, etc. However, when it comes to the school districts and park districts the lion's share of Hainesville does fall within the Grayslake District. Mayor Soto called the school districts and Grayslake Central High School currently has 161 High School students from Hainesville and District 46 has 367 students from Hainesville. She hasn't heard back from St. Gilbert or The Round Lake School District 116. The last time she spoke with the Round Lake School District they were well under 50 and she believes it could even be under 30 Hainesville residents at this point. The Mayor stated that this is an important point in the consideration because the kids may know some of the Grayslake officers. Grayslake's DARE Officer Stang is a very well know in our community. There is a sense of community ties there in some ways.

Hainesville Police Department also gives a sense of community pride. If the Village contracts out we need to know what we are negotiating for and have it in writing. There should also be action that can be taken if services aren't what they are agreed to.

Trustee Tiffany asked that if Grayslake's fine and forfeitures for violations of Hainesville ordinances shall be paid to and retained by Grayslake, then Hainesville does not get the money? The Mayor stated that was in their first proposal to us, however, we have not gone back for any negotiations at this time. She has asked the Grayslake Village Manager, Assistant Manager and the Mayor about some of those items to be up for negotiating. The Mayor was assured by both Grayslake and Lake County Sheriff's that both contracts are subject to additional negotiation. If Grayslake keeps the fines then the Mayor would like it to be reduced from our cost. It would be good for Hainesville not to hire their own prosecutor. It was mentioned to both departments that the Village owns police equipment. Both stated that they would be willing to send someone out and work with our police chief or sergeant and do an inspection. Equipment that was in good working order and compatible with their equipment they would take on and reduce cost on the start up.

Trustee Barrett asked if Grayslake would call Hainesville a beat and assign officers that will be in our community. He also questioned the \$75 an hour for specialized services and the \$25,000 capital fee. The Mayor stated that the

capital fee is that they will come in and inventory our equipment and whatever could be absorbed such as a squad car, radio equipment, etc. would be deducted from the \$25,000 amount. The Mayor stated that the other items are negotiable. Chief Frasier added that it is reasonable to think that items can be negotiated. The Mayor also stated that she would like a presentation from Grayslake. Trustee Daley noted that Lake County Sheriff's hourly rate for 2010 was \$74.47. Trustee Barrett stated that he was concerned that the Village would be stuck with a \$75 an hour fee every time something was going on. Trustee Duberstein stated that since Prairieview is in our Village, but Grayslake residents attend there also, Hainesville should not be paying extra for them to be handling the bus traffic. The Mayor stated that this issue was brought up because Hainesville Police Department do it now and we would like to continue to have this done. Trustee Daley stated that sometimes the school district pays, however, the Mayor stated that District 46 has been unwilling to pay.

Trustee Barrett stated that he has another issue because Grayslake is dispatched by Glenview, Round Lake Fire by CenCom and Grayslake Fire by FoxCom. Even though all calls are routed by CenCom they have to decide where the call is sent to. The Mayor stated that the Grayslake proposal contains a letter from Glenview. If we go with Grayslake we could stay with CenCom and the intergovernmental agreement states that if we want to leave we have to give 365 day notice to leave CenCom. However, Glenview would like Hainesville to consider them for 911 dispatch. There are two ways to do this. We could piggy back on the Grayslake system and become part of the Grayslake count for dispatching, or if we wanted our own direct contract we can go with Glenview. They have given us a cost breakdown. The Mayor stated that Glenview would be willing to give tours. Trustee Barrett questioned if Glenview had a lockup. Trustee Daley stated Grayslake has their own lockup. Trustee Barrett polled about four Grayslake officers and they seem to be understaffed by six officers. Mayor Soto stated that they have 60 individuals in their police department and there will be additional staff brought on. Grayslake has not stated how many they are willing to be brought on until we want to move forward and further negotiate. However the Mayor stated that further staff would be required if Grayslake takes on Hainesville. From a police standpoint Hainesville would be added on as if Grayslake absorbed another subdivision; we would be an extension of Grayslake.

Trustee Tiffany asked if our officers could be hired. Mayor Soto stated that due to state statute Grayslake has to follow the laws with the police and fire commission review board because they are a population over 5,000. They would welcome our officers to apply but they can't shortcut the system. The Mayor added that it would be to their advantage if they were employed by Hainesville but they still have to go through the regular process and this is also true of the Sheriff's Department.

Trustee Tiffany stated Roy McCommons is working at the Lake County Building doing security which seems that he was re-hired quickly. Chief Frasier stated that security is different than being a road deputy. Trustee Tiffany would hate for our officers to be without jobs in this economy. The Mayor stated that they have been told that for quite some time. She attended staff meetings where she was upfront and told them honestly what the situation is. The part timers do have jobs elsewhere. The full timers would not be dropped like a hot potato; they would receive severance pay and letters of recommendations. Trustee Daley asked Trustee Tiffany with that sentiment how can we tell taxpayers that we would have to increase taxes to maintain our police department. Trustee Tiffany and Trustee Barrett noted that the survey had many comments from residents willing to have their taxes raised to keep the police department. Trustee Daley countered that their were also comments for not raising taxes. Mayor Soto stated that she is adamant that as long as she is Mayor she will not put a referendum for a tax increase for police protection on the ballot. We either have to figure out how to afford it now or we contract out.

#### **Discussion regarding the results and number of Community Surveys received from Residents/Businesses:**

Mayor Soto reported the following results:

1,378 surveys were mailed on 1/6/10; 67 were undeliverable and 14 were handed out. 356 surveys were entered into the report; 5 were not entered because they didn't rate the police department and did not rate the importance of police services, public works, etc.; 2 were received late for a grand total of 363 surveys returned.

The rating of the police departments were as follows:

Hainesville Police Department 111, Grayslake Police Department 162 and Lake County Sheriff 72. This is a total of 234 for contracting out and 111 for keeping our own department. The Mayor stated that all the options need to be weighed; not just money but level of service.

Trustee Duberstein asked about the building options. The Mayor along with Trustee Daley and Chief Frasier have obtained information from 3 different architectural firms. Trustee Barrett obtained and explained the information from General Steel regarding a steel building structure. Chief Frasier stated that he called Michael from General Steel and specifically asked if they had any of the buildings in use as police facilities and Michael thought some of the buildings were used for police facilities. The Chief asked for a list of those buildings but had not received anything at the time. The Chief stated that Michael could not give him the cost of constructing a 5,000 sq. ft. building because it would have to be designed. Trustee Barrett stated that he was told a 4,000 sq. ft. building with a couple of garage doors, sally port, offices for chief, sergeant, training room, exercise room, locker room should be able to

be done for under \$400,000 or \$500,000. Trustee Barrett stated that for \$5,900 they would give us a complete drawing, artist rendering and anything else that we need. If the Village decides to build with them, they would rebate that money back into the cost of the building.

Trustee Daley stated he and Chief Frasier ended up with the dollar amounts by Trustee Daley contacted Legat Architects out of Waukegan, whom he has worked with the company for 13 years and Chief contacted Sente and Rubel and PHN. They asked them for a price per square foot to build a new police station. They came back with a price of approximately \$300 per square foot. There could be additional costs based on contingency funds, fees and site improvements. Not included was the cost of purchasing land and annual operation costs of the building. The Chief stated that his figures were about \$300 per square foot. Last week the Chief heard back from W.D. Olson and they estimated about \$295 a square foot for a 5,000 square foot building.

Mayor Soto noted that Russ Kraly stated that Riverwoods started their own police department. They went with Legat and will spend \$1.7 million which is a traditional building.

Trustee Daley noted that these were estimates gathered for the purpose of the survey. We probably can build a building less expensive. However, they needed some figures to place in the survey.

Chief Frasier stated that if we decided to keep our own we would send some rfp's to architects in the area and see what they come back with. We would not be charged anything.

Trustee Barrett motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Trustee Daley.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Daley, Barrett, Duberstein and Tiffany

**Absent:** Trustees Walkington and Derenoski

All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that no action will be taken once the Board is out of Executive Session.

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:34 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Trustee Barrett motioned to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:52 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the February 4th, 2010 Special Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.  
All in favor say eye, motion carried.

**The February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Special Board Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk