

April 27th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Soto 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, and Tiffany

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley and Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately

Absent: Chief Wallace Frasier, Trustee Derenoski and Building Official Russ Kraly

Establishment of quorum

Mayor Soto informed everyone that Trustee Derenoski was not in attendance because he was under the weather.

Agenda Approval:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Judge Ortiz, Circuit Court Judge of Lake County. Judge Ortiz encouraged everyone to visit him at the court house. He thanked the Mayor and Trustees for giving him the opportunity to speak.

There was no public discussion.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the February 4th, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the April 13th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the April 2010 Bills Payable for \$60,636.19

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

Mayors Announcements

Mayor Linda Soto reported on The B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) Annual Breakfast which involves Hainesville and the Round Lake Communities and parts of Grayslake supports us as well. Kathy Ryg was one of the speakers.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the State Budget Crisis Workshop on Thursday May 20th at CLC in Vernon Hills. You will learn the facts about the State Budget Crisis, the impact on Education, Health and Human Services in your community and what you can do about it.

Also, the Mayor attended a 10th anniversary fundraiser dinner for Mano a Mano which is an organization that helps immigrants get acclimated to our system. The fundraiser raised over \$40,000.

The Mayor also stated that at the next Board meeting she hopes to have an amendment to the liquor ordinance. The owner of 7-11 spoke to the Mayor in regards to not having a limit on the number of liquor licenses. The Mayor also met with the owner of Bento Café regarding a liquor license which she can't afford the fee because of the restaurant size; she has approached the previous administration before. The attorney will be reviewing limiting how many liquor licenses are given out and having two or three levels of liquor licenses depending on the size of the restaurant.

The Mayor updated everyone on the Hines Lumber property. It has been taken over by the bank. There are complications with the property; it is not an immediate bargain. It is a 10 ½ acre commercial site. The Bank is carrying a \$2.9 million note and there is a \$100,000 a year tax bill on the property. When people wonder why it was not a recommendation to put a municipal building or buying the property ourselves, that is why. The Mayor also stated there have been some commercial developers who are interested in the property. She is working with them hoping to try to make things work.

Police Chief Announcements

Chief Wallace Frasier is in Springfield. The Mayor updated everyone on holiday decorations. They were all supposed to be down; however, a complaint came in from Misty Hill. The lights have been up for 3 years.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Review of Annual Committee Reports

Mayor Soto reviewed the annual Committee reports stated these are the foundations of our budget that we are working on. The Mayor asked Trustee Barrett for his Public Safety Report. Kevin stated he had emailed it but will send it once again.

The Mayor also stated that in conjunction with the Annual Committee Reports the Board will also be reviewing the community survey. The lion's share was regarding the

police department but other areas were also addressed. With going over the budget they will need to pay attention to the other areas as well.

The following reported on their Committees: Trustee Duberstein on Wetlands and Open Spaces, Public Superintendent Jeff Gately reported on Public Works, Trustee Tiffany reported on Community Events/Hainesville Fest, Trustee Daley reported on Finance and Trustee Barrett didn't have a report, however, he reported on Public Safety and Emergency Management Association. Mayor Soto asked Trustee Barrett if he has material that he has acquired to do a table top exercise with the full Board. Trustee Barrett stated "you pick the table top exercise and he will set it up." Trustee Derenoski will do his report at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Review of Community Survey – Other Areas

The Mayor and Trustees went over the community survey beyond police service. Public works came next in importance and village character after that. Residents feel that the looks of the town is important. The Mayor reminded everyone that this doesn't always mean spending money. We are going to take pride in the looks of the town. It is important for property values, community service and important for attracting economic development.

The Mayor gave an update on the bike path. Paula Trigg, LCDOT engineer, is going to go and get the missing signature from Tommy Wells, the owner of the Walgreen's lease.

The Mayor stated that they know that cuts will have to be made in all areas of the budget but that doesn't mean we can't offer things to the community. There are sponsorships available if we plan ahead and/or donations. The Mayor walked through the survey and asked what they would like to see.

Discussion took place about different events that could take place. Members of the audience also made suggestions regarding events that they would like to see in the Village. Some suggestions were:

- Trustee Duberstein – community picnic and ice cream social
- Trustee Daley – canoe races on Cranberry Lake
- Dave Schultz – talent contest
- Jim Denomie – pet fest and founder's day celebration
- Florence Dampz – Ravinia type concert
- Mark Yoder – Blues Festival
- George Duberstein – improv or stand up comedy night

Mayor Soto thanked the residents and Board members for their input.

Hainesville Fest 2010

The Mayor stated that Trustee Tiffany works hard on Hainesville Fest but could use helpers and is open to new ideas. She asked that residents spread the word about needing volunteers.

David Criz stated there are a lot of ideas; it will be a choice of narrowing them down. Mayor Soto stated we will have to experiment. When we sharpen our pencils the next few weeks and get down to the budget we will also have to say what ideas are good and not as expensive.

Mark Yoder asked if there could be a few signs put up on Washington and/or Route 120 with the Village's history.

The Mayor stated that residents can call or email any ideas or suggestions. The Mayor restated that things will not be eliminated but they will be very frugal in areas.

Public Comments

David Criz, 567 Triumph Ct., Hainesville, IL 60073 – commented that the roadway markings are fading; is this done on an as needed basis or is it regularly scheduled. Public Works Jeff Gately stated that the entrances to the subdivisions are done by the County. Jeff will put a call into Lake County DOT and find out. Mayor Soto added that she can also call from the administrative end.

Mr. Criz stated that walking the Washington Street bike path, east of Hainesville Road behind a home that has a for sale sign on the fence, it looks like someone dumped a bunch of dirt on the path. Mayor Soto stated that she would look into this.

Jim Denomie, 120 Tall Oak Dr, Hainesville, IL 60073 – on the west side of the soccer fields he noticed that the landscaping has been done and it is nice; however, on the other side there is a lot of debris. The Mayor stated that a letter went out to the Hainesville Tall Oak residents and the Round Lake Park Mayor also sent their Building Official to homes that have encroachments on the Cranberry Lake properties. Mayor Soto stated she will follow up with the Round Lake Park Mayor.

Mr. Denomie also stated that walking the path he noticed the white survey markers have been removed and dumped. The Mayor stated that she will walk the soccer field, path properties and Forest Glen to follow up on this.

David Criz, 567 N. Triumph Court, Hainesville, IL 60073 – on his walks around the Lake he noticed that someone recently disposed of paper, garbage and an old rusty rain gutter. He would like Mayor Soto to also mention this to the Round Lake Park Mayor.

Hainesville Fest 2010 (continued)

Mayor Soto asked Trustee Tiffany what he needs from her and the Board because she has concerns with the timeliness with the approval of the budget and getting sponsorships/funds that are needed before check requests.

Trustee Tiffany stated he had not heard back from Youth Build America. He has \$10,000 for the amount of money for the Fest. Mayor Soto stated that the budget for

this year was \$12,585. Trustee Tiffany stated that he put it at that amount hoping to get that amount to run the Fest with the ideas he had.

Discussion took place regarding Hainesville Fest budget. The Mayor asked Trustee Tiffany what does he need to get the ball rolling as far as sponsorship or do we want to change the way some things are done; she would like a mailing to go out now asking for sponsorships. Trustee Tiffany did not know who we could ask to sponsor the Fest.

Further discussion took place regarding vendors and food options and about cutting prices for residents. Mayor Soto stated that if we don't get sponsorships we then are spending peoples tax dollars. It is hard when you are asking residents to spend more money at an event that we are already paying for with tax dollars. It was discussed to have the residents take something home from the Fest; for example a t-shirt or a magnet. Mayor Soto asked Trustee Tiffany to call Doug Williams regarding Youth of America which they have some substantial sponsorship opportunities. Mayor Soto would be happy to sit with Trustees Tiffany and Derenoski regarding the sponsorship letters. Trustee Tiffany stated in the past he has found out what he needed, brought it to her attention and ask for a check request and it goes from there. Mayor Soto stated that you need to bring a detailed plan of what your committee is recommending and these are the costs and does the Board agree and approve, which is no different than any other project/committee. The Mayor asked where is the committee going, what other new events have you explored. If you have a game plan that you feel comfortable with do you want to put that on the next Board Agenda? Trustee Tiffany stated not yet. Trustee Walkington stated if we are having a hard time getting funds to do Hainesville Fest, why would we look forward to doing another event. Mayor Soto stated what she has suggested since she took office is why not look at getting some corporate sponsorship; Youth Build America is one. It has been done in the past and if it fails, then it fails, we tried. Lynn Tiffany stated that \$10,000 for a fun day for families in this Village is nothing when you look at what we are spending in other areas, which is her opinion. She feels Jim has done a wonderful job. Mayor Soto cut off Lynn Tiffany and stated that she values her opinion but has heard Lynn say this repeatedly. Lynn felt her opinion wasn't valued and left the council chambers.

Trustee Duberstein suggested an Arts and Craft section at the Hainesville Fest. Trustee Tiffany was thinking about putting that into one of the next newsletters. Trustee Daley wanted to clarify that we are not looking at taking away \$10,000 or \$12,000 for Hainesville Fest, that they are looking for some other way for sponsorship to get money to help pay for it. Mayor Soto stated if we have a plan that comes before us and the Board votes that we will spend \$10,000 to \$15,000 on Hainesville Fest then so be it; she'll support it 100%. She does not think it is wrong to expect any committee to act differently. Mayor Soto has been told that Hainesville Fest is an assigned project that's run by a Trustee and his wife and that no one should be questioning what is going on with this Committee. There have been no Committee meetings until Mayor Soto brought it up and the other Trustee assigned hasn't been included. The Mayor stated that all she is asking for is to look at other options and

discuss it at a Board level and can the Board vote to approve the plan. She is not suggesting changing everything at Hainesville Fest but she would like some events that cater to different elements. She feels that Hainesville Fest is a great day but it does not address all the residents in the community. There are different ages and different needs so the Village should have two or three events during the year. It does not need to be expensive. We had a suggestion of having a concert in the park and everybody bring their own picnic. Mayor Soto stated that you can and your wife can take this stance but you feel you have the right to question every other single dime that is spent by the other committees; she is sorry but that is inappropriate.

The Mayor stated that she is closing this for the day. She would like everyone to think about this and they will re-visit this at the next meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting recessed 8:49 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Trustee Duberstein motioned to go into executive session; Trustee Walkington seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried

Trustee Daley motioned to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 9:10 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

All in favor, motion carried

Trustee Daley motioned to adjourn the April 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The April 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk