

June 29, 2010 Special 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 Derenoski, Tiffany, Duberstein, Barrett, and Daley

Absent: Trustee Walkington who will participate by phone. Mayor Soto reported that he is out of state due to a family emergency.

Also present: Police Chief Wallace Frasier and Clerk Kathy Metzler

Establishment of quorum:

Agenda Approval:

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

Roll Call: Trustees Derenoski, Tiffany, Duberstein, Barrett and Daley

Phone Participation: Trustee Walkington voted aye
Motion carried.

Approval of Award Police Services Contract

Mayor Soto stated that she would have preferred to have this vote taken at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. That was not possible due to negotiations. The next Board meeting is not until July 13th and the target date for police services was set for approximately July 15th. The Mayor felt that a special board meeting needed to be called to keep things on a reasonable time line. The Mayor noted that there will be no public comments. Extensive time and research has been spent on this issue and the Village got input from the residents through a survey and a town hall meeting. The Mayor also stated that the Village has received letters and phone calls and comments from residents. The Mayor noted that she will be available for a while after the meeting and the next regular board meeting will be July 13th at 7:00 p.m. She also urged the residents to take her card to call her or call to schedule an appointment to talk.

The Mayor noted that a week ago the Board of Trustees were given a packet of a final draft for review of what she felt was a good contract. Between the Grayslake Police and Lake County Sheriff she decided that the Grayslake Police Department is what she is recommending to the Board and our Attorney is in agreement. Grayslake Police Department is less expensive and the community ties that we have through the schools and the parks lend to the feeling of community. The Mayor also felt that there is a strong benefit to having a local police department, as Grayslake Police Department is a short drive.

Trustee Daley motioned to accept the police service agreement between Grayslake and the Village of Hainesville as presented; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

Trustee Tiffany discussed why he chose the Grayslake Police Department over the Lake County Sheriff.

Mayor Soto stated that she was frustrated not by the Sheriff's Department itself, but in the negotiation process with them. The Village had to deal with the State's Attorneys office. They are very busy so it takes quite a while to get an answer back. Working with Grayslake and their attorney was much easier, much more accessible. They were a phone call away and minutes away if she wanted to meet in person. Mayor Soto stated they were able to accomplish much more, much faster. If a situation occurs, and we need discussion, it would take place quickly and efficiently.

Trustee Tiffany referred to Grayslake's contract regarding ordinances and codes, would the Village need to change something to coincide with Grayslake's ordinances. Mayor Soto stated that Grayslake may need to change to do ours. It is easier if the officer only needs to remember one ordinance on simple things. Mayor Soto pointed out that the Grayslake Village Manager Mike Ellis is present here tonight and thanked him for being here. Both towns use the same codification company so we will be comparing ordinances. If Hainesville has an ordinance which was just passed, Grayslake may like ours better and adopt ours or vice versa. Mayor Soto doesn't anticipate many ordinance changes. It is common practice that when Hainesville wants to look into an ordinance, the Village Clerk will contact neighboring towns. Some of our ordinances may already be Grayslake ordinances.

Trustee Duberstein noted that many residents commented that they like having their own police officers that they can be familiar with and that the officers are familiar with our community. She reassured the residents that Hainesville (the fifth beat) will have dedicated officers and more coverage from Grayslake than we have now. Mayor Soto reiterated that if there is a call of major consequence, the response will be appropriate not just the patrol car in the immediate neighborhood.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Tiffany, Duberstein, and Daley

Nay: Trustee Barrett

Phone Participation: Trustee Walkington voted aye

Motion carried.

Trustee Walkington motioned to adjourn the June 29th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Daley.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The June 29th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk