

February 22nd, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Linda Soto led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Also present were: Treasurer Kelly Hensley

Absent: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Building Official Russ Kraly, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately, EMA Coordinator Mike Benko, Village Attorney Jim Rock and Village Engineer Greg Gruen

Establishment of quorum

Mayor Soto announced that Village Clerk Kathy Metzler is out with the flu therefore Executive Session will be tabled.

Agenda Approval:

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

Trustee Tiffany stated that he has a correction under G1. Mayor Soto removed G1 from the Omnibus Agenda.

Trustee Walkington motioned to accept the Omnibus Agenda as amended; seconded by Trustee Daley.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Soto thanked Trustee Walkington for running the last Board Meeting when she was ill. Mayor Soto announced this year's Round Lake Area Police Annual Chili Contest winner was Trustee Kevin Barrett. The Mayor presented him with the trophy.

Public comments:

Ted Mueller, 318 Katherine Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030 – Mr. Mueller addressed two issues. The first is that cars are parking over the sidewalk which is violation of a state statute. The second is that garbage cans are being left out in front of garages.

Mayor Soto stated that before tickets are issued the Village will make an effort to warn residents through the newsletter and possibly a CTY call.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the February 8th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the January 2011 Financials
3. A Motion to Approve the February 2011 Bills Payable for \$78,347.00

Trustee Tiffany requested item number one to be removed from the omnibus agenda.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda numbers 2 and 3 as presented; seconded by Trustee Daley.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Tiffany stated that in the February 8th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes he voted nay with regard to the purchase of 20 E. North St. It is not reflected as such in the minutes.

Mayor Soto stated that it will be corrected.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve the February 8th, 2011 minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Roll Call:

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

Mayors Announcements

Mayor Linda Soto acknowledged that the Public Works Department did a tremendous job during the blizzard. The vast majority of residents were happy with just a few incidents. Two fire hydrants are down and they will be repaired. There is adequate fire protection. Parts are on order and they will be repaired shortly.

Mayor Soto discussed the Census figures. The figure was lower than expected. She spoke with former Mayor Ted Mueller who was also concerned. He had made excellent notes during the last special census and had made some good conservative projections. His number was at 4,200. Mayor Soto stated that there are foreclosures, vacancies and abandonments in Lake County but the number went down from 4200 to 3587. This would mean there was growth of only 150. The Mayor stated that something is wrong. The Clerk and Mayor are in contact with the Census Bureau to see if there is any recourse. There is no definitive answer yet and it may be some time before they get one.

Mayor Soto also stated that her explanation would be that a lot of the growth that wasn't included in the Special Census is townhomes. It is harder to get participation from townhomes and track people down at home. For the record, the Mayor wanted residents to know that she is looking into this matter.

Mr. Mueller stated that when the Special Census was conducted it was a population of 3,444, Union Square was not fully occupied and Cranberry Lake North had not been completely built out. He agreed that there might be an issue with townhome participation.

Trustee Duberstein stated that during the Special Census there was an effort to contact people by hanging forms on doors for residents to contact the Census. Mayor Soto stated that might not have happened this time. Hainesville was praised for having a high return of 80%. The Mayor did not see the effort for follow-up this time. The Census Bureau may tell the Village to do a Special Census in two years and then the Village will have to weigh the cost.

Standing Committee Announcements

Trustee Derenoski stated that this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. the Village will be showing the movie ET: The Extra Terrestrial.

Trustee Barrett stated that Dave Schultz did a great job plowing; however, he received a lot of comments regarding CTY calls that were made but not one to inform the residents that the snow would be pushed back into people's yards. Mayor Soto stated that a CTY call was made regarding pushing the snow into front yards and also mentioned that a smaller plow truck would be coming around to clean up the driveways but everyone had to be patient. The other board members and residents in the audience were in agreement that they all received this CTY call.

Trustee Barrett asked if the Village got all their hours together so that Mr. Benko could go to FEMA and Lake County for some type of recovery considering Lake County was called a disaster area and roads were closed. Mayor Soto stated that the Public Works Superintendent put together the report and it was submitted and Mike Benko is aware of it.

Mayor Soto noted that she recently had a conversation with the Grayslake Police Commander. Any Village official must follow the rules as far as parking on the street overnight. If there is a reason for parking on the street you must make the appropriate call to do so. Chief Herzog and Commander McCutcheon have stated that the officers know who the officials are in the town and if you are parked on the street they will give an official the benefit of the doubt. However, there have been some occurrences where someone has repeatedly parked on the street. For the record, Mayor Soto has told the police department that if this continues they are to start writing those individuals tickets.

Trustee Daley distributed and explained the 2011-2012 Budget Round 4 Summary. He stated that if the Village does not set aside money for a reserve fund our total budget at this point would be at \$50,000 in the black, however he is recommending that we set aside 5%. If that is done then the Village is \$72,380 in the red. His recommendation to the Mayor and the Board is to cut another \$72,380 from the budget across the board. He would like to be contacted with any questions. He would like all projected reductions to Kelly Hensley by March 3, 2011.

Trustee Duberstein stated that the reserve could be 4% instead of 5%. Trustee Daley stated that is a possibility.

Treasurer Hensley stated that if the budget can be tweaked before the March meeting and presented then the hearing can be scheduled at the first April meeting and approve it that night.

Business

Hainesville Road Bike Path Agreement

Mayor Soto reported that she has received the intergovernmental agreement from the Lake County DOT for the construction of the bike path extension on Hainesville Road. Construction which should begin in early Spring.

Trustee Duberstein stated that she would like to see a signal at Tall Oak and Hainesville Road to allow pedestrian crossing. She is not sure if this should wait until the Path is done and then talk to Lake County. Mayor Soto stated that she did bring this issue up with Paula Trigg, head of Engineering for LCDOT. It is too late to be included in this project, however, she is willing to take a study and look at this issue once the path is completed. Further discussion of the crosswalk took place.

Trustee Tiffany asked if any money was still left over. Mayor Soto stated that there is about \$16,000 to \$18,000 left. Trustee Duberstein asked if it is in the budget. Mayor Soto noted that this project was budgeted and it will be built in the regular county right-of-way.

Trustee Daley motioned to approve the Hainesville Road Bike Path agreement; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Village of Hainesville Ordinance Establishing Closed Session Recording Procedures

Mayor Soto noted that Village attorneys recommended that with the recent work the Village Clerk has done on Executive Session minutes the Village establishes a closed session recording procedures ordinance.

Trustee Duberstein motioned to approve the Village of Hainesville Ordinance Establishing Closed Session Recording Procedures; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 11-2-143

Trustee Derenoski motioned to adjourn the February 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The February 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Stark
Deputy Clerk