

## August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:10 p.m.

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

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately, Building Official Russ Kraly, EMA Coordinator Mike Benko, Village Attorney Jim Rock and Village Engineer Greg Gruen

Absent: Trustee Barrett

### **Establishment of quorum**

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Barrett is not present, we are waiting on him. He has been away on vacation and wasn't sure if he would be back in time. We haven't gotten an updated report but it is fair to say he is enjoying his vacation.

### **Agenda Approval**

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

### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

### **Public comments:**

Mayor Soto recognized Paul Rateike who had his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday. The Mayor stated that she is proud and happy that she appointed him the Plumbing Inspector for the Village in 1999, a job he still holds. Birthday cake was served.

There was no Public Comments.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the August 2011 Bills Payable for \$166,259.40

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

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

**Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:**

**Mayor**

Mayor Linda Soto reported that the adult mosquito spray will be done on Thursday evening again.

Mayor Soto stated that the movie Green Fire was shown at the last meeting and was disappointed that more people didn't attend. It will be shown again at the University Center at CLC in September. She will let everyone know the date. A Representative from the University Center will be attending a future Board meeting to talk about the services they provide.

At the next Board meeting there will be two short films. One is a presentation by Jim DeNomie on the restoration transition of Cranberry Lake. The second is a power point of Ted Mueller's recent trip on the Chicago Honor Flight. Popcorn will be served.

Mayor Soto also stated that she has been on vacation and will be out the rest of the week. She recently brought her oldest son to college.

**Clerk**

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler stated that she has been busy with Hainesville Fest and posting minutes on the website. She will not be emailing the minutes to the Trustees as she has done in the past, the minutes that she has are all on the website, and she is waiting for a few sets of committee meeting minutes.

**Treasurer**

Trustee Daley stated that the audit took place this week. If all goes well the results of the audit will be presented at the second meeting in September.

**EMA Coordinator**

EMA Coordinator Mike Benko stated that school will be opening soon so everyone should be careful. He will be calling the school to say hello and see if they have their preparedness plan in order.

Mayor Soto commended Mike stating it was nice to receive an email from Mike regarding the storm that was on its way on Sunday which she did get caught in.

### **Building Official**

Building Official Russ Kraly stated that you have his monthly report and the two pages that list recently issued tags and follow ups.

Mayor Soto stated that Russ has been out aggressively observing things that are being overlooked by homeowners. He has been issuing warning tags which are yellow and he has also red tagged a few homeowners. The Village will be aggressive because there have been a lot of violations with people not taking care of their properties. The Village is sympathetic to the hard times but some of these things are inexcusable.

Trustee Kriese commented that he and his wife were cleaning up the front entrance on Big Horn and a resident stopped by and was complaining about the weeds. He asked if the Village has looked into a mass contract with, for example, Tru Green for a discount. Mayor Soto stated that is normally done through the Associations. There is an ordinance that if weeds or grass exceeds 8 inches they will have to mow or be fined. The Village can also mow and lien the property but that is only done in drastic measures. There are residents who do not believe in putting down weed control and the Village cannot force them to.

Village Attorney Jim Rock agreed with the Mayor. He stated that is best left to individuals and not through the Village. Groups of neighbors can get together to get a better deal.

Trustee Kriese asked if it would be a conflict of interest if he wanted to do this. Jim Rock stated it is not a conflict of interest if he lets it be known he is doing it as a resident not as a Trustee.

Trustee Duberstein stated that the back of the State Farm property is a mess. Russ Kraly stated he has spoken to the owner and it should be taken care of this week. Trustee Duberstein also stated that the property along Route 134 needs to be weeded. Mayor Soto stated that when she is back from vacation she and Jeff will meet about this.

### **Public Works Superintendent**

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately stated that he has been field mowing. They cut the east side of Cranberry Lake and did what he could on the west side towards the well house. They just finished the fence line along Washington Street; the trees were cut down that were growing up against the fence. He also reported that during the last storm the Village fared better. There was a little street flooding which has been rectified.

### **Village Attorney**

Attorney Jim Rock reported that he developed the ordinance on the agenda authorizing the Village to borrow funds from the IEPA for the extension of the Route 120 watermain. He has also been working with property owners on the

Route 120 easement for the purpose of the watermain extension. He has also been working on CenCom issues.

### **Village Engineer**

Village Engineer Greg Gruen reported that the bid package for the crack filling program has been completed. This includes Union Square, Deer Point and also Fairlawn and Pineview areas. As part of expending MFT funds a resolution has to be passed which is on the agenda for tonight for \$50,000. The bids should be available for the September Board meeting. The bids will be due on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Greg also stated that the Village is out to bid on the Route 120 watermain extension and the North Street watermain extension. Those bids are due on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Finance** – Trustee Daley covered his report under the Treasurer’s Report.

**Public Works** – Trustee Walkington stated that he spoke with Greg and Jeff regarding getting bids to seal and stripe the parking lot.

Trustee Daley asked if the connecting lot to the Public Works building will be blacktopped. Jeff Gately suggested blacktopping next spring so the gravel settles over the winter.

**Public Safety** – Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Barrett was not present nor did she or the Clerk get a message or a report from him. Mayor Soto stated that she wants to make some statements on Public Safety. She had an inquiry recently about the Public Safety Committee issues and has been concerned about it for some time. She reviewed the agenda and minutes from the April 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. At that meeting Village Attorney Jim Rock and the Mayor made it clear and covered what is stated in the code regarding Standing Committees, which includes Public Safety, and as to how often they should meet and other protocol. There have not been any Public Safety meetings this year, none have been set nor has our new Trustee that was assigned to the Committee been acknowledged. The Mayor has been disappointed and has tried to handle this behind the scenes but feels this has to be brought out in a public forum. The inquiry was in regards to the minutes and agenda on the website. There are no Public Safety minutes beyond 2009. The meeting dates that were scheduled for 2010 were cancelled and removed at the Mayor’s order by the Clerk because the posted meeting dates would come and no one would show up and there was no proper notice of cancellation given. The Mayor is concerned because the Public Safety Committee is to review and research future needs and/or changes in Public Safety issues. It is neither a police commission nor a patrol position; that is left to other agencies. There was a task assigned to Public Safety Committee

to research and get fold down stop signs for the traffic lights, which would have come in handy during the recent power outages particularly on the west end of town. Also, the Mayor stated that Mike Benko brought up the fact that school will be back in session. In the past the Public Safety Committee always made an effort to secure and post the Slow Down and Watch Your Speed signs on the speed limit signs through our town when it was school bus time.

Mayor Soto announced she feels it is appropriate to appoint a new Chairperson at this time, Trustee Walter Kriese. As was discussed in the past, this would take place if Public Safety meetings could not be planned and held in a timely manner. Mayor Soto gave Trustee Kriese his first assignment to track down the “Back to School, Slow Down” signs. Jeff Gately stated that he has a resource for the signs. Mayor Soto went through the school opening dates. She will check on the Round Lake schools because she has not received any information as to their start date.

**Wetlands and Open Spaces** – Trustee Duberstein stated that the Great Age Club just had a guest speaker on “How to Appeal your Unappealing Real Estate Taxes”. This meeting was videotaped and is on YouTube.

The Garage Sale was a huge success with 85 participants and 30 families who donated leftovers to the Salvation Army. She thanked Roseann for putting the ads in the paper and for copying the maps and addresses. She also thanked Jeff for putting out the signs. Trustee Duberstein stated that it was suggested that next year we use bigger signs.

Trustee Duberstein stated that she is a representative to BEST, Bringing Everyone’s Strengths Together. There will be a barbeque at the Lake County Fairgrounds on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to Dusk. It is run by the University of Illinois Extension Service. Proceeds go to the 4-H members in the community. There will be entertainment and food.

Trustee Duberstein stated that she and George were out weeding some entrances. She thanked Trustee Kriese and his wife for helping with the Big Horn entrance.

**Community Relations** – Trustee Derenoski reported that sponsorship for Hainesville Fest is up to \$8,900. He ordered the T-shirts with the sponsor’s names from ArtRageous. There will be a Committee Meeting this Thursday. Trustee Derenoski announced all the sponsors. He also reported that the ticket booth and the sale of the value bracelets will be in the gazebo. Mayor Soto stated that all sponsors will be recognized and that there are different levels of donations.

Mayor Soto thanked Trustee Derenoski for his hard work.

**Business**

**A Resolution Honoring Paul Rateike's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mayor Soto read the resolution honoring Paul Rateike on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve a Resolution Honoring Paul Rateike's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday; seconded by Trustee Daley.

Paul Rateike thanked the Mayor and the Board.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Resolution #R11-8-57

**LCDOT Update on the Bike**

At the last meeting a resident questioned when the bike path would be started. Mayor Soto stated that she spoke with LCDOT. They have gone out to bid and it has been awarded. There is a pre-construction meeting on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and Greg Gruen will be at the meeting. The Mayor added that construction should start shortly.

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Hainesville to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program**

Mayor Soto stated that this is how the Village will be doing the Watermain Improvement. This authorizes the Mayor to sign the loan.

Trustee Duberstein asked the interest rate. Village Engineer Greg Gruen stated that it is 2 ½%. She also asked what revenue would be used. Greg stated the monthly water bills will be used to pay off the loan. Greg Gruen went over the location of the project.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Hainesville to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program; seconded by Trustee Kriese.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Ordinance # 11-8-151

**A Resolution to Appropriate \$50,000 of MFT Funds for 2011 Crack Filling Project**

Trustee Daley motioned to approve a Resolution to Appropriate \$50,000 of MFT Funds for 2011 Crack Filling Project; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Resolution #11-8-58

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of executive session six month review of minutes; Trustee Duberstein seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Trustee Daley motioned to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**To Vote on once out from Executive Session:**

Trustee Daley motioned to approve and release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes as recommended by the Village Clerk's memo dated August 9, 2011; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Daley and Walkington

**Absent:** Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to adjourn the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Kriese.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The August 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk