

## August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:06 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 Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett, Daley and Walkington

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler and Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark

Absent: Trustee Derenoski, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, 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**

The Mayor stated that Trustee Derenoski was excused from the meeting tonight. He had a surprise visit from his parents today who are from New Jersey and they will be staying to enjoy Hainesville Fest.

### **Agenda Approval**

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

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

### **Public comments:**

**Amy Knutson-Strack, 156 Stillwater Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030** – questioned the Board regarding the Hainesville Road Bike Path Extension. In August, 2006 she was on the Bike Path Committee and five years later it is still not completed. Mayor Soto explained that the pre-construction meeting recently took place and they will be starting the work. The Mayor stated there is a snag with a Nicor gas line. LCDOT is heading this project and our Village Engineer is working with them. Amy Knutson-Strack noted that when she was working with LCDOT and Avon Township in 2006 and 2007 they were extraordinarily cooperative. It was her hope five years ago that, as on our website, as living in Hainesville that we would continue to have a long tradition of commitment to the “Quality of Life” of this Village which would include walking paths, bike paths and we don’t have one fully completed; what will we do with Route 120 or 134. The Mayor stated that those are state and county roads but we have LCDOT’s attention along Hainesville Road and

Washington. Route 120 and Route 134 are different because IDOT is hard to communicate with. Mayor Soto also stated that she will be meeting with Suzi Schmidt to address several issues such as Route 120 as far as traffic, bike paths and walking paths. Also, there is a need for an intersection improvement at Route 120 and Hainesville Road. The Mayor should have more to report after the meeting.

Trustee Daley added that the Board was frustrated with various roadblocks from the owner of the Walgreens property in trying to secure an easement. Our Public Works is mowing and plowing the bike path because the County can't do it due to limited resources. Amy stated that she doesn't know what happened between the Village and the County and IDOT because they had a positive relationship. Mayor Soto stated that the Village still has a positive relationship however the County and IDOT have had severe budget challenges and major cuts made.

Trustee Duberstein reiterated that the delay was not on the Village's part at all it was the land owner of Walgreen's. Amy stated that for the residents until it is fixed it still rests.

The Mayor is also asking for the speed limit to be studied and changed on Hainesville Road. The speed limit between Route 120 and Rollins goes from 40 to 30 to 35 and back to 30.

### **Omnibus Vote Agenda**

1. A Motion to Approve the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the April 2011 Bills Payable for \$59,429.55
3. A Motion to Approve the July 2011 Financials

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

#### **Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

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

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Linda Soto reported that Hainesville Fest is this Saturday. An event program was mailed with the Utility Bills as well as to the townhome residents and businesses.

Trustee Duberstein reminded everyone to bring lawn chairs to the afternoon concert.

Our long time Contractor Dave Schultz, who is head of the Village's snowplowing, was working in the Village on Friday and stepped into a bee's nest and got 47 bee stings. He is back in the hospital with some complications and the Village wishes him well.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Wetlands and Open Spaces** – Trustee Duberstein reported that the next Committee meeting will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

She also stated that she attended the BEST meeting and they are looking for community service sites. These teens would need supervision; they are first time offenders. There is also a farmer's market at Murphy School on Saturday. There is a new playground being built at the Sports Complex in Round Lake Beach on September 21, 22 and 23, which they need volunteers and then they will actually build it on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Duberstein also stated that there was a speaker from the Job Center of Lake County and the CLC office deals with unemployment issues but the Waukegan office deals with entry level, professional and technical positions. They will help with your resume and cover letter.

**Public Safety** – Trustee Kriese reported that the next Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. Enter through the back door.

Trustee Barrett presented the Village with a Nesco roaster from one of his customers. Mayor Soto asked for their address so a thank you can be sent. Trustee Barrett will provide the address. Mayor Soto asked if he would help with the cooking at the Fest, however, Trustee Barrett stated that he is unsure because his son has his first football game.

### **Business**

#### **Cranberry Lake Buckthorn Abatement Power Point – Presented by Jim DeNomie**

Mayor Soto introduced Jim DeNomie resident of Tall Oak Drive. Mr. DeNomie presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Cranberry Lake Buckthorn Abatement and restoration. He stated that most of the photos were taken in 2004 and 2006 prior to the abatement.

The Power Point was presented.

Dave Coulter of Native Restoration added comments about Cranberry Lake.

#### **Chicago Honor Flight Power Point for Ted Mueller – Presented by Mayor Linda Soto**

Mayor Soto explained that she and Ted Mueller have always worked together in government as Trustees. This summer Ted Mueller, former Mayor of

Hainesville, took part in the Chicago Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Ted served on the USS Plunkett during WW II. The Village sent a letter and a picture to greet him on the mail call on the way home on the plane ride.

Ted explained that the Honor Flight was started 7 years ago to get all WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial. It costs \$500 per veteran and they accept donations from everyone but the veterans.

The PowerPoint was presented.

Mayor Soto added that the Village will provide a link to a YouTube which shows the Veterans returning from Washington D.C. The Chicago Police and Fire Bagpipes perform together. Mayor Soto stated that the sound is phenomenal and the amount of people there to greet them is unbelievable. Mayor Soto also stated that Ted was the spryest and best looking veteran in the bunch. Ted thanked the Mayor for doing the PowerPoint.

Trustee Duberstein stated that the Great Age Club will be meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. They will have someone from the Lake County Forest Preserve to talk about the history of Fort Sheridan. The Club is open to any Hainesville resident who is 62 or better or anyone in their family.

Trustee Walkington motioned to adjourn the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Kriese.  
All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The August 23, 2011 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk