

September 27th, 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.

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

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

Absent: Trustee Duberstein, Building Official Russ Kraly, Village Attorney Jim Rock and Village Engineer Greg Gruen

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Duberstein along with her husband is on a safari in Kenya.

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Barrett, Daley and Walkington

Absent: Trustee Duberstein

Motion carried.

Public comments:

Ted Mueller, 318 E. Katherine Drive, Hainesville, IL 60030 – requested that everyone use the microphone even when speaking to each other. Mayor Soto duly noted his comment.

Mayor Soto moved up the Facility Master Plan for the Round Lake Area Schools by Constance R. Collins, Ph.D. to make their presentation at this time.

Facility Master Plan for Round Lake Area Schools CUSD #116

Constance R. Collins, Ph.D., Superintendent of Round Lake District 116, introduced Board Members Doug Williams and Lori Berdenis, Business Manager Bill Johnston, Charlie Johnsos of Fanning Howey Architectural Firm.

Dr. Collins stated that the Round Lake School District is one of the few that is growing. Their facilities are in need of repair because of growth. They are sending some students to other area schools because of the lack of space. They have been looking into new accommodations with safety in mind. There are 29 students in each classroom. Charlie Johnsos presented a presentation on the plan for the school districts facilities.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer section. Trustee Daley asked about Energy Performance Contract and Life Safety Study Levy which they do have. Mayor Soto asked about the growth of the district. There are a number of reasons for the growth such as birthrates, death rates and vacancies.

Dr. Collins stated that before they go to referendum they will look for efficiencies in the budget for savings and grants.

Doug Williams stated that the district has formed their first finance committee. They will analyze the financial aspect such as debt retirement. He finds it difficult to bring up a referendum without first looking for savings or rent space in Grayslake that is losing population in the Woodland School District. A referendum isn't an issue because we are already over taxing everybody. We have to look at creative ways to handle the capacity until we can afford to do this without going into more debt.

Trustee Daley stated that he contacted the Lake County Assessor's Office and Avon Township and found that some of the property in our Village has a 50% drop in value. Everyone will take a hit with the budget next year. The equalizer will be applied to make it fair.

Doug Williams stated that Dr. Collins is looking for cost savings and there is debt that they are retiring; leasing space is a lot cheaper than building something that you might not need in ten years.

Ted Mueller commented that people watching on YouTube especially from the Round Lake School District were conspicuously absent from the presentation tonight.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the September 13th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the September 15th, 2011 Bid Opening Meeting Minutes for the Route 120 Watermain Extension & North Street/Hainesville Road Watermain Extension Project
3. A Motion to Approve the September 2011 Bills Payable for \$67,755.45

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Kriese.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Barrett, Daley and Walkington

Absent: Trustee Duberstein

Motion carried

Mayor- Announcements

Mayor Soto received a thank you from Cub Scout Pack 91 that did the outstanding 9/11 ceremony at Grayslake North High School.

Mayor Soto and Village Clerk Kathy Metzler attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference. The Village cut the budget so only two people were sent to the Conference this year and last

year the Village passed on it. There was a notable improvement in the workshops. The Mayor will pass out some of the handouts to the Committees.

The Bike Path should be 98% completed by second week of October.

Mayor Soto stated that this week she was on jury duty and was not at the Village Hall as much as she liked. The Mayor was impressed with the facilities in the jury assembly room.

Standing Committee - Announcements

Trustee Daley stated that the blue cards should be received from the Assessor's office by October 15th. He had an appraisal done on his home now and a year ago. The appraisal was lower this year by 20%.

Trustee Daley spoke with the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee Walkington regarding the Village reducing the attendance at the Board Meetings. The Treasurer will only be at the meetings when needed and the Deputy Clerk will attend if required. The Engineer and the Attorney will also attend less frequently but it will be up to the Mayor; which this will save money.

Trustee Daley, Treasurer Kelly Hensley and the Finance Committee will start looking at the Tax Levy. They may have something for the Board as early as October 11th.

Mayor Soto added that she failed to mention that Mollie Larson, Avon Township Clerk and member of the Friends of the Round Lake Area Library Board passed away a week ago. Her son Chris Larson lives in Union Square.

Business

Discussion on the Alternative Wind Energy Turbines

Trustee Kriese gave some recommendation for the Wind Energy Ordinance. The intent is to protect the public health, safety and community welfare without restricting the development of the wind energy systems. Trustee Kriese distributed an outline and asked for feedback from the Board before it goes to the Village Attorney. There are two ordinances that they looked at.

Trustee Barrett questioned the noise decibels. Trustee Kriese stated that the State set the standard at 45 decibels and 55 during the day.

Mayor Soto stated that this issue can be put on the October 11th agenda.

Discussion took place.

Audit Report Fiscal Year May 2010 – April 2011

Treasurer Hensley distributed the bound copies of the audit report. She went over the report of internal control. Some policies the Village needs to touch on have been listed again. The Finance Committee will be meeting to prioritize which ones to do. Kelly went over the Financial Highlights section of the audit. The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities. The Village's Governmental Fund reported a balance of approximately \$2.8 million. Of this amount \$2.5

million is available for spending at the Village's discretion. The Village also took on a debt of \$611,000 for the purchase of the Public Works building.

Treasurer Hensley also went over the Notes of the Financial Statements. The auditors did not discover any problems but did have made recommendations. Trustee Daley added that the recommendations are procedures but nothing serious.

Discussion took place regarding the audit and the audit contract.

Trustee Daley motioned to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year May 2010 – April 2011; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Barrett, Daley and Walkington

Absent: Trustee Duberstein

Motion carried

Annual Treasurers Report – Fiscal Year Ending April 2011

Treasurer Hensley explained the Annual Treasurers Report which is a legal requirement. It gives a snap shot of all the revenues, compensation summary and an expenditure summary. Once this is passed she will have this published in the newspaper and then she will file it with the clerks office.

Trustee Daley motioned to approve the Annual Treasurers Report; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Barrett, Daley and Walkington

Absent: Trustee Duberstein

Motion carried

Trustee Daley added that over the last three years the Village has maintained its solvency and not exceeded the budget. The Board wants to use the Village's money wisely.

Mayor Soto thanked Treasurer Hensley, the staff that helped assist with the audit and the Finance Committee for a job well done on the audit.

Trustee Walkington motioned to adjourn the September 27th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Daley.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The September 27th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk