

November 8th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:02 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, 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 and Treasurer Kelly Hensley

Mayor Soto stated that she received an email from Trustee Barrett that he would be running about 30 minutes late due to sport and work commitments.

Establishment of quorum

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

Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the October 25th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the October 2011 Financials
3. A Motion to Approve the November 2011 Bills Payable for \$69,351.66

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

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

Village Engineer Greg Gruen reported that regarding the Motor Fuel Tax, the Village finished the crack filling project last week. They are reconciling quantities with the contractor. At this time the Village will be slightly under what the bid quantity was.

Public Works will be discussing the road resurfacing with the MFT dollars for next year at their committee meeting tomorrow night.

Greg Gruen stated that the Pineview apartments have hooked up two out of the three buildings. When this is completed it will be another \$5,000 annually that the Village will receive in water rates.

Also with regard to the Route 120 watermain project the IEPA has requested a few more items. We have given them everything they need and hopes to hear from them shortly.

Greg Gruen spoke with County Engineer Mike Burke regarding the bike path. There have been some delays, however, it is moving forward. The asphalt plants close on November 30th and the bike path will be completed by then.

Trustee Derenoski asked if it was normal to put sod down before the pavement is put down. Mayor Soto stated that Rafael, who is the LCDOT Supervisor of the project, spoke with her on a number of issues. She questioned him regarding the sod. Rafael stated that because of the time crunch and the fees that the contractor would have to pay daily if they go past the completion deadline so they decided to lay the sod and leave an extra foot on either side for the asphalt work. Then they would patch that one foot area on each side. The Mayor stated that the Village will see if the one foot area of sod takes, otherwise Lake County will have to correct it; not the Village.

Trustee Walkington stated that the project is causing water to accumulate at the corner of Hainesville Road where it is just sitting. Trustee Daley said there was water there yesterday. Greg will look into this matter.

Trustee Derenoski asked if we could withhold a portion of the payment until we see the sod next year and if it comes in. Mayor Soto will go to LCDOT immediately so the contractor, awarded by LCDOT, is held liable if the sod does not take. If LCDOT doesn't hold the contractor liable, then the Village will hold LCDOT liable. Mayor Soto will contact Paula Trigg at LCDOT.

Trustee Daley asked if a barrier will be up on the traffic side of the bike path. Greg Gruen thought a guard rail was going up. He will look at the plans and report back to the Board.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Jim Rock reported that he is working on some documents for the IEPA loan. Some legal opinions that they requested such as the Village followed all the statutory procedures and the publications for the bid documents.

He drafted correspondence in response to Russo Power Equipment for the proposal they submitted to the Village regarding a sales tax agreement.

Jim stated he completed the first draft of the Alternative Wind Energy Ordinance. This Ordinance will amend the Village's zoning code so there will need to be a Public Hearing prior to formal adoption.

Mayor Soto asked if there will also be a Public Hearing on the Tax Levy. Jim Rock stated that because the Board is not increasing the property tax levy at a level that would require a truth in taxation hearing, there is no requirement to hold a hearing. Mayor Soto stated that the zoning hearing can then be held before the December meeting.

Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately reported that he is preparing for the winter season. Dave Schultz is feeling much better and the trucks are ready to go and there is salt in the salt bin. Extra help will be coming in the next couple of weeks. Jeff also stated that by the middle of this month flags should be on fire hydrants.

Jeff explained the Boom sprayer which was just purchased and installed. It is a 200 gallon sprayer which will pre-treat the streets. This will reduce the amount of salt used on the streets. This will be experimental this season. Jeff will be meeting with the Public Works Superintendent in Lincolnshire because they are using GeoMelt which is salt brine with beet juice. The company has offered municipalities a free tank-full to try. Jeff also stated that traffic accidents during a light snow were down about 30% to 35% once they started pre-treating. Mayor Soto stated that the Village is just experimenting with this and this product does not hurt the plants. Trustee Kriese asked if the cost is more than regular salt. Jeff explained that there might be more of an expense this year because the Village purchased the unit to apply it which was \$3,200. The price will depend on how many gallons used and how much can be stored, however, the price is cheaper than salt. This does not eliminate the need for salt; the GeoMelt would be applied before a snowstorm.

In addition Jeff reported that there were a lot of riders for the Halloween hayride. The feedback from residents was that the hayride had become a tradition, they come every year. Three containers of food were donated to the Avon Food Pantry from the hayride.

Building Official

Building Official Russ Kraly stated that he distributed his report and that all the violations have been cleaned up except for one item which will get completed this weekend.

EMA Coordinator

EMA Coordinator Mike Benko reported that a CTY call went out regarding the test tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Mike explained that the test is conducted by Homeland Security, FEMA, the FCC and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This test will be on the radio and TV. It is a National Public Alert and Warning System that enables the President of the United States to address the American Public during extreme emergencies.

Mike also stated that Halloween was wet but successful. EMA patrolled and passed out light sticks and necklaces.

Mike Benko made November Financial Preparedness month in the Village of Hainesville. We've talked about how to be ready with water, food etc. in case of an emergency, now think about what you would do as far as finances are concerned in case of an emergency.

Mayor Soto thanked Mike and Jeff for their work on Halloween.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kelly Hensley was not present. Trustee Daley stated that it is budget time again and forms will be going out. They will need to be returned by January 5th.

Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler stated that next week she will be emailing the Committee Chairpersons regarding meeting dates for next year. She will need to publish the ordinance in January. She would like the Chairpersons to review the meeting dates and let her know of any changes. This will be on the December 13th agenda for approval.

Mayor

Mayor Linda Soto stated that this is the first Halloween in which there was persistent rain. There were a lot of trick or treaters and people on the hayride. The Grayslake Police bike patrol was not out because of the rain. There were two unmarked squads out and checks were done on all registered sex offenders in Hainesville and Grayslake.

Village Veterinarian, Koryn Swearingen and her husband rode their horses around Deer Point on Halloween with permission from the Village and the Grayslake Police.

The Mayor distributed her report to the Trustees. She attended the SWALCO Board Meeting. The 2012 Meeting dates were set as well as the Legislative Policy. There is a new annual report which is available. She met with Jeff and Peter Adrian of SWALCO. There will be a one day electronic recycling event in the spring in the new Public Works Facility which will be convenient for our residents. Perhaps in the future this will become a more common event. No date has been set.

The Mayor serves on the Lake County Municipal League Legislative Committee. She explained the list of the priorities to communicate to the Legislatures.

Trustee Barrett entered the Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m.

The Mayor also reported that the special meeting of CenCom and the JETS Board has been tentatively set for November 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the Round Lake Fire House on Nippersink Road.

Reports of Standing Committees

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

Public Works – Trustee Walkington stated that there is a Public Works meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. There is a new draft of the Alternative Energy Ordinance they will go over. It should be ready for the January 11th meeting.

Trustee Daley asked if the road study is used as a guideline to see what roads will be repaired. Greg Gruen stated that is correct.

Public Safety – Trustee Kriese received a response to the existing bike path safety issues. Mike Burke is getting a contractor to adjust the culvert and to remove the rocks and then landscape which should be done in the next few weeks.

The flashing pedestrian crossing was not budgeted this year so it will be looked into again in the spring time. It will be put in the 2012 budget.

Trustee Kriese also reported that he will meet with Jeff regarding the back up generator. Jeff stated he was waiting for Eric to email him the quotes. Mayor Soto stated that she will call Eric.

Wetlands and Open Spaces – Trustee Duberstein reported that the entrances are prepared for the winter. The Committee would like to work on a long-range plan for Stormwater detention maintenance, beautification and landscaping. She hopes to have it presented at the January meeting.

Community Relations – Trustee Derenoski thanked everyone who made Halloween successful. The last Community Relations meeting was cancelled; however, there is a meeting on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. They will discuss the Holiday Mixer, the budget and Hainesville Fest. The Committee wants to start planning early for the Fest.

Discussion of Illinois House Bill 3793 and Senate Bill 2073 which Propose Local Revenue Reduction

Mayor Soto stated that she is hoping this does not go to the floor in Springfield. She explained that this bill alters the property tax cap law. Under this legislation a new tax cap would be established when the equalized assessed value in a taxing district is less than the EAV for that district in the previous levy year. The tax cap would reset at 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters in that taxing district. If this does go to the floor it would be difficult for legislatures to vote against it. Municipalities are concerned because it does not look at the big picture. It takes money from the municipalities and services and empowers them to have more money. The Mayor has sent letters to our Representatives and Senators to not entertain this bill and asked that residents do so also. More discussion took place regarding this Bill. The Mayor will be in close contact with the Trustees about this issue. It was decided that the letter the Mayor sent will be re-sent to the Representatives and Senators with the entire Board of Trustees' signatures added.

Trustee Derenoski suggested a resolution opposing the Bill. Mayor Soto stated that if this does not reach the floor a resolution would not be needed, however, a resolution against taking funding from municipalities could be written.

Village Attorney Jim Rock added that if the letter will be sent from the Board it would make good sense to adopt a motion that the Board will be sending the letter.

Trustee Daley motioned that the Board send a similar letter that the Mayor sent previously which will be signed individually by each Board of Trustee; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

Trustee Derenoski asked if a Resolution can still be passed at the next meeting opposing any sort of action that would take away municipal funds from the municipalities. Village Attorney Jim Rock stated that the Board could do this but it would be ineffective. It is better to attack specific legislation.

Trustee Daley asked if this should be included in a newsletter. Mayor Soto stated that she may even do a CTY call, however, she will wait to see if it makes it to the floor. Jim Rock stated that they will be out of session after this week until January so it won't make much difference.

CenCom Update and Glenview Dispatch Fee Discussion

Mayor Soto announced that she and Attorney Jim Rock will be attending a special meeting of the CenCom Executive and JETS board. She expects to leave the meeting with some definitive answers. She has had meetings with the Police Chief, and both Fire Chiefs and they have come to some tentative conclusions. It does not look like at this time that the 911 calls can be re-routed directly to Glenview. At the Lake County level they would like to get everyone on the same CAD system. This is a desirable goal but won't happen overnight. Village Manager of Grayslake, Mike Ellis will have Brent Reynolds start to attend the meetings.

Mayor Soto also stated that Chief Maplethorpe acknowledged that it is feasible that the Village could now ask that a portion of the 911 surcharge to be used to pay for the dispatching done by Glenview. This would be paid through Grayslake

Mayor Soto expects to leave the special meeting with answers needed to negotiate whatever our ultimate dispatch fee agreement will be with Grayslake. She reminded the Board that since May we have not been paying anyone for dispatching. The money has been budgeted but there is no bill to CenCom other than 911 surcharge money. Grayslake agreed to float the Village on dispatching the first year. The Village felt that everything would be worked out with CenCom in order to enter into some type of agreement with dispatch fees that would somehow grow over the few years. Grayslake has been patiently waiting and paying an extra \$5,000 a month to Glenview to carry our dispatching but the Village has not been able to go to them with an answer. Jim Rock cautioned the Village not to get into an agreement making a financial commitment when we were not clear what our commitment was to CenCom such as; if certain events were to occur what would our financial obligation is. The Village needs to get the answers needed from CenCom of what is or is not owed to them. The Finance Committee will need to talk to Grayslake with the amount owed to them for dispatching from May to now and then what will be owed monthly through the rest of the year. Then the Village can negotiate what the agreement is for the following years.

The Mayor stated that one idea was to have the Grayslake Police use the Public Works facility for impounded cars and other equipment such as bike patrol equipment. They are currently using the Grayslake Public Works yard but it is not enclosed and the cars get vandalized. The police department would make sure that it is secure by putting in the fencing and other alterations. The Mayor stated that they would not be charged rent but some type of trade off towards the dispatch fee. The Mayor expects that after the Special Meeting she will be working on this which will be discussed at the December and January meeting and may carry over into the February meeting.

The Mayor stated that any Trustee or resident can attend the CenCom Special Meeting.

Trustee Walkington asked if CenCom has given any indication that they will have answers at the Special Meeting. Mayor Soto stated that Chief Maplethorpe has given some things some consideration however she does not know what the CenCom attorney will say. Both Chief Maplethorpe and Mayor McCue, chair of the JETS Board, stated that the Village is not being billed currently and there is nothing to be billed. Mayor Soto recommended that the Village maintain ownership in CenCom and pay rent at least for several years. This way if the Village wanted to revert back to CenCom it would still have ownership otherwise the Village would have to return as a customer. The Mayor stated currently we are not being charged rent, she is open to paying the rent but they must be willing to have the Village pay the rent. If Chief Maplethorpe states that the Board is willing to give the Village part of the 911 surcharge money back to help pay for the dispatch of Glenview, then almost that same amount of money would be put back to pay the rent.

The Mayor added that there was a discussion with Village Attorney Jim Rock about Hainesville possibly being in one fire district versus two. The Mayor spoke with both Fire Chiefs about this also. If there was a change it would have to go to referendum. The Village will not be exploring this further at this time.

Russ Kraly left the Council Chambers at 8:04 p.m.

Village Attorney Jim Rock stated that he also hopes the Special Meeting will provide some answers.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to adjourn the November 8th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.
All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The November 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk