

March 27th, 2012 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 Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett and Walkington

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley and Russ Kraly

Absent: Trustee Derenoski, Trustee Daley and Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately

Establishment of quorum

We are short two trustees. John Derenoski was called into work and Gerry Daley is out of town. Mayor Soto has been in touch with them and has some comments from them which will be brought up later in the meeting.

Agenda Approval:

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett and Walkington

Absent: Trustees Derenoski and Daley

Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Proposed Appropriation Ordinance for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013

Treasurer Kelly Hensley presented the Appropriation Ordinance, the budget and a memo outlining changes to the Appropriation Ordinance and the Budget. Kelly stated that she met with Jeff Gately and they decided to increase the gas expenditure for the public works truck. To offset this increase they reduced the maintenance service equipment in the Public Works Fund. There was also a \$300 increase in Accounting and Payroll Support for the year and reduced \$300 from Computer Support to wash the increase.

Kelly added that when she processed the quarterly reports she did not realize how much the unemployment rate went up so she recalculated the numbers. There is an additional \$6,000 between the Public Works Fund and the General Fund. She spoke with Trustee Daley regarding this matter and it was decided not to take away anything else but instead add to that. Kelly stated that there were no other changes and no other feedback from the Trustees or staff.

Trustee Duberstein asked why the unemployment amount went up by so much. Treasurer Hensley stated that it was due to the unemployment claims that happened with closing of the police department. It was a slow trickle effect.

Mayor Soto asked if there were any comments from the Board or Public regarding the Appropriation Ordinance or Budget. There were none and the Public Hearing was closed.

Public comments:

Ted Mueller, 318 E. Katherine Dr., Hainesville, IL 60030 – asked what happened to the island at the entrance of Deer Point Trails off of Route 120 and why did it happen and if there were any plans for the island because it looks awful. Mayor Soto stated that there was a serious car accident some months ago. The driver had either a seizure or heart attack and the accident involved about four different vehicles. The driver's vehicle was on the island. Both trees were hit and are now gone. The Mayor stated that the island will be redone this season. There is additional work that is scheduled to be done not on the island but by the pond.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the March 13th, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the March 2012 Bills Payable for \$72,048.71

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett, and Walkington

Absent: Trustees Derenoski and Daley

Motion carried.

Mayors Announcements

Mayor Linda Soto announced that on Saturday, March 24, 2012 Treasurer Kelly Hensley celebrated 15 years with the Village of Hainesville. At the first April board meeting the Village will formally acknowledge Kelly's 15 year anniversary.

Mayor Soto stated that she has been delivering Business License renewal forms and is two-thirds done and expects them all to be delivered by Friday. She likes to deliver the renewals which gives her a chance to talk to the business owners regarding any services or concerns they have or any issues they may have with the Police Department. There have been a few requests about drainage issues or water pooling in common areas maintained by the Village. There is an area by Stop and Save that always pools water and she will look into giving that corner a little personality with flowers or bushes. She received good feedback regarding the Police Department. There was some miscommunication between the Department and Stop and Save when Grayslake first came on. But now the relationship is working very well. Al Friello with Farmers Insurance was grateful that the Grayslake Police Department contacted

him on New Year's Eve because his building was left open by the janitor. Nothing was taken but he did come out and secure the area.

The Mayor reported that the Round Lake School District has an opening on their Board. This will be on the Village's website. Letters of interest need to be submitted by April 13th.

Mayor Soto stated that Russ Kraly's father has passed away. She expressed condolences.

Standing Committee Announcements

Village Clerk – Village Clerk Kathy Metzler stated she placed on the Diaz the Round Lake Area Newsletter which she received by email and was asked to forward it to the Trustees and Mayor. The Clerk stated that this is the first time a newsletter was emailed to her so she assumes it will be a monthly newsletter.

Mayor Soto explained the Blue Kids signs. The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is a campaign going on and Jeff will be posting the signs outside the building. Their website is bluekidslakecounty.org. It builds awareness of child abuse such as physical and psychological abuse. The Village will have more materials available at the Village Hall. Chief McCutcheon is also working on more materials through the Police Department on Child Abuse Awareness.

Trustee Duberstein reported that the Great Age Club is having a representative from P.A.C.E. at their April 3rd meeting at 2:00 p.m. Any seniors 62 or older or someone from their family is welcome to come. She also stated that the Village Garage Sale is scheduled for July 28th and 29th.

Business

Approval of the Estimate of Revenue for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013

Trustee Duberstein motioned to approve the Estimate of Revenue for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett and Walkington

Absent: Trustees Derenoski and Daley

Motion carried.

Approval of the Appropriation Ordinance for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the Appropriation Ordinance for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett and Walkington

Absent: Trustees Derenoski and Daley

Motion carried.

Ordinance 12-03-159

Approval of the Budget for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013

Trustee Kriese motioned to approve the Budget for May 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2013; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett and Walkington

Absent: Trustees Derenoski and Daley

Motion carried

Discussion and Purchase Approval of a LED Village Sign

Mayor Soto stated that she is not asking for the approval of the purchase of the sign at this meeting after all but it will be requested at the next board meeting. She did not receive the information from other vendors and she would like the other two trustees to be involved. She wanted to remind the public that the Board talked about doing this and it is in this year's budget which is coming to a close. In the budget was connecting the parking lots, minor landscaping and signage for the Public Works building. The current sign in front of the Village Hall would be moved to the center of the grass lot in front of the new Public Works Building and the placard would read "Public Works". A new sign would be purchased for the Village Hall building. The sign has an LED read for messages to better communicate with the residents and businesses. Mayor Soto described the signs further. She called Avon Township and Volo because they both have recently purchased an LED sign. Stewart Sign was reputable and the most responsive and willing to do the most artwork without having to give them a deposit. She would like an opinion as to the look of the sign. The price for a monument sign was about \$30,000 Stewart sign is priced at over \$14,000 for full color but single color is \$2,000 less. She stated that mainly it would be for text. For single color it is usually red or yellow. Stewart recommends red for single color. There are two LED signs in the village one at Walgreen's and the other at Russo's. Trustee Duberstein asked if later we could switch to two colors. Mayor Soto stated that could happen but she didn't know the cost or what it would involve. Trustee Barrett stated that the LED is the major portion of the cost of the sign you would have to take the sign apart and replace the LED boards.

Mayor Soto stated that if there are any questions to email her. She stated that the Village would either do modem or wireless to communicate with sign which is \$1,500. The Village can install the sign which Stewart Sign ships out an installation kit when you order the sign so you can have it all ready before the sign is delivered. If something happened to the modem or wireless you are able to go to the sign and put in a flash drive to upload the message that way.

Trustee Kriese asked if the Village really needs the sign seeing that the Village will be short with the Budget next year. Even though it is appropriated he questioned the need because there is the website and newsletter and the same people show up to the meetings. He didn't think people will read it driving by. Mayor Soto stated that many residents don't read the newsletter because they bring it back with their water

bill. The intent of the sign was trying to flash the information because that is the world we live in. When she was out campaigning three years ago she had residents question why the sign wasn't put in when the Village Hall was built. It was discussed but decided against. A sign will have to be bought for the Public Works Building and that's how it came about. A \$40,000 budget was in place for connecting the parking lots, landscaping and the sign. So far the Village will come under the \$40,000. The full amount budgeted will not be spent. The connecting driveway needs to be asphalted.

Trustee Barrett asked if the Mayor looked at Jones Signs in Green Bay Wisconsin and they do signs like what you are looking at. Kevin agrees with Trustee Kriese because the Village is tight on cash and wouldn't the money be better used on \$10,000 worth of equipment for public works such as the generators. He would prefer to go with another sign like we have now out in front of the public works building. Trustee Kriese is doubtful about the Village getting the grant.

Mayor Soto thought that they were pursuing at least one generator but Trustee Barrett stated that is only if the grant went through. Trustee Kriese agreed that if there is no grant there will be no generators. Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated that this was discussed in the Finance Committee and she verified with Trustee Daley that in the new budget if the grant didn't go through there would be no generators. Trustee Duberstein stated she didn't agree with this. Mayor Soto stated that this is a valid point and it will need to be reviewed. The Village can look at other signage for the Public Works Building because it is a must. Trustee Barrett stated that a truck was parked there because the driver didn't know it was the Public Works Building and Mayor Soto agreed.

Mayor Soto stated that this was talked about last year but she will go back and look at the generator topic and look into the grant as well as other companies that are to send the Village information on the signs.

Trustee Walkington added that the Village will have a long wait for the generators if they are looking at the grant money. In twenty years he has only seen about two grants come through for the Village. Mayor Soto will follow up on the grant issue; it was her understanding that this grant was an easy one to get but the question was whether the Village would get both. Trustee Kriese stated that this is not the case. He found the website from last year and it is on an as need basis. First the Village has to go through the state to qualify and then they have to submit the application to the Federal Government. It might not happen because the Village is in Lake County and has reserves. Mayor Soto stated that she would like to talk to the Finance Chair about this issue.

Water Tower Paint Color Options – Discussion Only

Mayor Soto stated we have been talking about and approving that we will be painting the water tower which is needed. The topic came up as to changing the color of the tower because of the algae and dirt showing up on the white paint. Manhard prepared renderings of different colors. Some ideas are to paint the tower green and the logo in

beige or tan or the tower can be beige and the logo green. The Mayor encouraged everyone to look at the drawings.

Trustee Duberstein asked if there is a difference in price depending on the design. Mayor Soto stated that there is but she would like everyone to look at the colors first.

The Trustees looked at the drawings. Trustee Barrett brought up the issue of painting it a dark color. Mayor Soto stated that Manhard did not recommend painting any tower black but the size of the Village's tower and the amount of water that the green will not make that much difference in the temperature. The Mayor added that the more variation or paint lines the more it will cost. She asked the Trustees to focus on the green with the logo but don't do the strips.

The Mayor asked for the Trustee's thoughts on the drawings. Trustee Barrett liked the solid tan on the bottom far right. Trustee Walkington commented that the one that has green at the bottom of the bowl takes care of the problem area, the white with the green and the green logo, second one on the big picture . Mayor Soto stated that Terry Grom suggested that if the Village stays with the lighter color he would paint the bottom third of the bowl green or a dark color. Other Trustees also commented on the drawings.

Mayor Soto stated that it has been narrowed down to practicality and good looks. If anyone has any comments or suggestions on the LED sign or the water tower let her know.

Trustee Duberstein asked if the logo is on both sides and the Mayor stated yes and that it can be viewed from the main roads.

Treasurer Kelly Hensley commented that the last time the Village painted the water tower it had to be drained and water was temporarily stored in a tank at the Village Hall. She asked if this would be the same process. Trustee Walkington stated that it will only be drained if the inside needs to be painted, however, the tanks will still be needed to maintain pressure. This is all part of the cost.

Trustee Duberstein asked if it is a dull or shiny paint. The Mayor stated that paint has not been picked out yet.

Trustee Barrett motioned to adjourn the March 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.
All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The March 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

