

April 10th, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:03 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, Barrett and Daley

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

Absent: Trustee Walkington and EMA Coordinator Mike Benko

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Walkington would be late because he was attending his grandson's ball game.

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Walkington

Motion carried.

Mayor Soto read the Press Release which was submitted by Mayor Rhett Taylor on Friday, April 6th. The release stated that Police Chief Matt McCutcheon was placed on paid administrative leave. Mayor Soto added that she has been in close contact with Mayor Taylor and Mike Ellis, Village Manager. She has been kept in the loop and she feels very secure and comfortable with the police services as they are being executed. Mayor Soto agrees in full that the department is very professional and well run. They have banded together during this trying time and are determined to do a better job than ever. As news comes up and press releases are made available, Hainesville residents will be informed in a timely manner.

Trustee Walkington entered the Council Chambers at 7:08 p.m.

At the last meeting during discussion of new signage plan regarding the Public Works building the topic of generators being cut out of the budget was raised. It was further stated that perhaps we shouldn't be spending money on a LED sign if these types of important cuts have been made. It was questioned whether these were still budgeted for and how many. At the last meeting she was caught off guard with both the Chair of Finance and Public Works

Superintendent being absent from the meeting. Mayor Soto stated that there is an appropriation and a budgeted line item for both generators. It was stated as a recommendation by the Finance Committee that the Village would not purchase those unless we received the grant. The Village has to appropriate and budget for the generators even if they anticipate doing this only through a grant. That being said, the items are in the budget and the board has the legal right to approve expenditure towards the generator/s if the grant is not achieved. If the Board determines that if the grant is not approved the Village Hall building would still get a generator so it can be used as a warming center or emergency operation center, the Board could vote to take that action because it is appropriated and budgeted and then cut back in other areas or see what the water tower project ends up costing.

Mayor Soto sent an email to the Board asking for feedback on the signage issue that was discussed at the last meeting. She reminded everyone that it was written down and discussed over a year ago that potentially a new sign would be purchased for this building and then move the existing sign to the Public Works Building. If the sentiment of the Board is that given the finances or other needs that is not money well spent at this time, the Mayor stated that is fine. She took action based on what was in writing and in the budget. The budget year is coming to a close and the sign was in the plan so she proceeded to follow the plan and get pricing for signage. Mayor Soto has heard back from a majority of the Trustees but not all. Most are in favor of not getting the new sign and instead to spend small amounts at this time for signage on the Public Works building and pursue the other work in the budget such as asphalt and minor landscaping.

Mayor Soto recognized Treasurer Kelly Hensley for working at the Village of Hainesville for 15 years. The Village is grateful for her service to the Village. Mayor Soto stated that Kelly has done much in the way of modernizing and increasing the efficiency of the Village. She presented Kelly with two gifts from the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Staff.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the March 27th, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the March 2012 Financials
3. A Motion to Approve the April 2012 Bills Payable for \$87,431.77

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Kriese, Duberstein, Barrett, Daley and Walkington
Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

Village Engineer

Village Engineer Greg Gruen reported that regarding the Motor Fuel Tax; he received approval from IDOT for the plans to resurface Misty Hill. He set a schedule with them to go out to bid in May and award the bid at the June Board Meeting. Construction would begin after July 4th.

Greg stated that regarding the IEPA loan program; the Route 120 watermain extension is underway. One of the augers under 120 is complete and they made the connection at the Prairieview School. He hopes to get it finished in the next 30 days.

Greg noted that concerning the school safety zone; the Village received the rejection letter regarding the reduced speed zone. The next step is to go to the LED flashing lights which identify that there is a school but no speed reduction. He stated that a letter will be sent this week to IDOT requesting the sign locations.

Greg reported that regarding the water tower painting there were some contractual issues with the inspection company for the interior of the tank. He stated that a second firm was procured who will get a remote operated robot to inspect the interior of the tank. The cost will be less than \$1,000 total and there are no contractual issues. He hopes that this project will be done this month.

Mayor Soto added that regarding the Route 120 school safety zone the Village will need to get it in writing from IDOT but she spoke with Mr. Stoner of IDOT and he gave verbal approval. She is not anticipating that the Village will not be allowed to do this but we need the written permission on file and IDOT to approve the placement.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Jim Rock reported that he worked on the contractual issues regarding the water tower. The cost of the project has gone down about half.

Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately stated that in 8½ years he's never had to cut grass in the month of March. He has already been out to mow and is in the process of mowing the larger fields along 134 and the Cranberry Lakes entrance to get the weeds done before they go to seed. This will help stop the weeds from growing in the entrances. He plans on going into the Spring/Summer schedule.

In addition, Jeff has been working with Greg on the water tower and watermain projects.

Building Official

Building Official Russ Kraly previously distributed his report. He went over the Village's sign ordinance. In section 1.03 Prohibited Signs and Prohibited Conditions under paragraph K it states that inflatable blimps, figurines or similar attention attracting devices are prohibited. Mayor Soto stated that Russ is addressing a Village business that is displaying a kick box man outside. Russ will go to the business owner and take him a copy of the ordinance.

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Duberstein asked about cyclone fencing. A concern came up regarding this type of fencing. The Village does not want to ban it but is looking into requiring this type of fencing to be colored in black, green or brown. The Mayor stated that the Village is looking into perhaps amending the fencing ordinance to include this issue and any other updates that may need to be addressed. This should be ready by the first May board meeting.

EMA Coordinator

EMA Coordinator Mike Benko was not present. Mayor Soto has a meeting with Mike Wednesday morning to schedule upcoming activities and exercises; some that will include the Board and staff.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kelly Hensley reported that the Appropriation Ordinance was filed with the Lake County Clerk's Office. She is working on preparing for the audit which is scheduled for the first week of June. She is also working on a special project for Trustee Daley.

Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler reported that she, the Mayor and Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark are working on Business License renewals and also the everyday work.

Mayor

Mayor Linda Soto stated that there is a large amount of garbage blowing. She asked residents to secure their garbage and to pick up garbage they see blowing around.

Mayor Soto added that she met with ComEd Rep Diane Emerson. The annual report will be delayed this year to accommodate their new grid info. There is a 10-year plan to modernize the grid program. A handout was given to the Trustees.

Mayor Soto stated that there have been coyote sightings in the area. Trustee Barrett was in contact with one and another Trustee had a question regarding coyotes. Coyotes are protected by the Illinois Wildlife. They normally leave people alone and help our area by eliminating rodents and rob geese of their eggs. Residents with small pets should take precautions. If an injured or rabid coyote is sighted, residents should call the police. There will be an article in the newsletter.

Mayor Soto has been hand delivering business license renewals and touching base with the business owners. As of yesterday they have all been delivered. She will be compiling a report with the feedback she has gotten from the owners.

Mayor Soto reported that there is a lot of redistricting going on in the area at the Lake County and Federal level. She met with this area's Congressman, which is Congressman Dold on Tuesday, April 3rd along with his assistant. Some of the issues talked about were unemployment and foreclosures. Mr. Dold and his assistant were positive about assisting the Village. They will work with Mr. Walsh this summer until our area officially becomes their

territory. Mayor Soto also approached him regarding the generator grant through FEMA and they will help us with the grant. Mayor Soto invited him to a future Board meeting and he may attend Hainesville Fest.

Mayor Soto stated that Trustee Derenoski celebrated a birthday on April 9th and Trustee Barrett's birthday is April 16th and Trustee Walkington's birthday is April 25th. The Mayor stated that there will be cake at the May Board meeting to cover birthdays and 15 year of service.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance – Trustee Daley explained that the project Treasurer Hensley is working on is a development of a report that will help Kelly and all the Trustees next year. The report will contain a line by line budget account number, the amount that was budgeted for that account and the contents of that account. Next year after the first round of budget development and cuts this report will be put together again. This report will be shared with the entire Board and Committee Chairmen. Before the budget is approved next year the Board will have it so they can see what everyone has requested and where it stands before the Board approves the budget. If this report had been available this year, the generator question would not have come up. There is no deadline for getting it created but Kelly is working on it. The Board will see it and if anyone has any tweaks it can be adjusted.

Public Works – Trustee Walkington reported that there will be a Committee meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Trustee Kriese stated that the March Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next Committee meeting is April 24th at 6:15 p.m.

Wetlands and Open Spaces – Trustee Duberstein stated that she is working on a calendar as to when things will get done. The native plants don't come up as quickly as the weeds so it will be awhile before the Committee gets around to refurbishing the entrances. Putting in new plants and moving some of the incompatible ones will be done in May and June.

Trustee Duberstein also noted that as the Village Representative to BEST she volunteered the Village Hall for a Free Citizenship Workshop on April 21st between 9:00 a.m. to noon. Flyers are available at the Village Hall.

The next Wetlands Committee meeting will be May 3rd.

Community Relations – Trustee Derenoski announced that the current total for sponsorship for Hainesville Fest 2012 is \$7,350.

The Committee is working on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new bike path. It will take place on May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with the SWALCO Electronic Recycling Event at the Public Works building. The Recycling event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Mayor Soto stated that this will be in the newsletter as well. There is a landfill ban as of January 2012 so this event will allow residents to bring in electronics.

Trustee Derenoski stated that he has used but doesn't endorse gazelle.com for old computers, cell phones and other electronics. The electronics get mailed to them and they will sell it for you after wiping out the memory and hard drives. They then send you a gift card from Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc. If it's not worth anything, you can still send it to them and they will responsibly recycle it as well.

Business

A Resolution for Construction on State Highway

Trustee Barrett motioned to approve the Resolution for Construction on State Highway; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Resolution #R12-4-64

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Trustee Walkington motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing probable litigation; Trustee Duberstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Daley motioned to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

There was nothing to vote on from Executive Session.

Trustee Daley motioned to adjourn the April 10th, 2012 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The April 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk