

October 14, 2014 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, Daley, and Walkington

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately, Village Attorney Jim Rock, Village Engineer Greg Gruen, Chief Perlini, Deputy Chief Jeff Myhra and Village Planner Al Maiden

Absent: Trustee Barrett

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.

Grayslake Fire District Referendum November 4th Ballot – John Christian

Grayslake Fire Chief John Christian presented a PowerPoint on the Grayslake Fire District Referendum that will be on the November 4th ballot. Hainesville is in two fire districts. Tax paid per resident in Grayslake is about \$171.14 if the referendum is successful the tax paid per resident overall will be about \$203 and the county average is just over \$217. This is a minimal increase but enough to continue to provide the services that they currently provide. If it is not approved this time they will have to try again in April. The Chief passed out the Grayslake Fire Protection District Referendum Fact Sheet which is attached to the minutes.

Mayor Soto asked if this does not pass where does it leave the district. Chief Christian stated that there will be tough decisions to make to manage to get by such as browning out a station that does not get a lot of calls during certain times of the day. They realize that overall taxes are high but it is needed. Since home values went down the amount going to the fire district went down also. This will be just for one year and adjust accordingly.

Mayor Soto was startled to find out that Fire Districts do not get any type of discounted or free utilities. Municipalities do on certain utilities.

Public comments:

Chris Larsen – 91 E. Haines Dr., Hainesville, IL 60030 – Avon Township Trustee and Union Square Treasurer. He gave a heartfelt thanks to Trustee Gary Walkington for his service to this Village. Gary stated it has been an honor.

Chris reported that the townhomes should be completed by November. If anyone has any questions or discuss anything that has been in the paper regarding the Assessor's Office or Township Chris would be happy to answer.

Mayor Soto stated we do quarterly birthday cakes for Officials and staff and in the fall we have one person who has a birthday, whom is our Clerk so we are celebrating her birthday. We also want to congratulate Trustee Duberstein on an award of recognition she will be receiving from the Illinois State Board of Education for "Those who Excel Program" for her creation and dedication to a tutoring program at Round Lake High School with volunteers. She will be attending a banquet to receive the award.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the September 23rd, 2014 Special Meeting of Village Board Sitting as Village's Zoning Board of Appeals to Consider a Special Use Request to Allow Lake County to Construct a Sanitary Lift Station with a Maximum 35 Foot Pole with Antenna Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the September 23rd, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the September Bills Payable for \$118,767.08
4. A Motion to Approve the July 2014 Financial Statements
5. A Motion to Approve the August 2014 Financial Statements

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

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 the Cranberry Lake Resurfacing project has begun. They are two weeks into the schedule. Storm sewer structures have been prepared, curb replacements have been completed, sidewalk ADA ramps with the bumps have been completed. The pavement milling has finished. They are looking at patching the end of the week. Final pavement will be the week of October 28th – 31st. Weather permitting it should be done before Halloween.

Greg stated that there is also work being done on White Tail, Lisk, Hunters Way and miscellaneous work on the East side of Hainesville Road.

Mayor Soto asked if the repaving process can start on Holiday Lane first because of the temporary parking lot. Greg stated that they will start on Route 134 and work towards Holiday Lane.

Trustee Duberstein stated that when other subdivisions had their roads repaired they totally rebuilt the roads so there was a crown and different from before. She thought this would happen with Cranberry Lake. Greg stated that they will be doing this but this is preliminary work. Heavy lifting remains such as patching, then another inch and half of asphalt so the center elevation of the road will be raised and by the curb so the water will shed off more efficiently.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Jim Rock reported that he drafted the annual Levy Ordinance for the Special Service Area which was reviewed and discussed in Finance will be brought to the Board for review and discussion at a future meeting. He also drafted a License Agreement with the Lake and McHenry County Specialized Response team that will be addressed under business.

Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately reported that he has been overseeing the Cranberry Lake project and it is going well. The tree planting list was faxed over and locates will be called in so the Ash trees can be replaced by the end of the month.

He also left a message with the representative from 360 Energy about the street lighting. The fixture the Village chose that was not part of the DCCA Grant will be approved for the DCCA Grant. It is a 55 watt fixture and not an 80 watt fixture as Jeff first thought. There will mean more funding available because of the watt change.

The SRT is excited about moving in next door. Both bays are ready and the office will be painted all by the end of the week.

Police Chief

Police Chief Perlini reported that they are ready for Halloween. There will be backup police officers and he and Jeff Myhra will be working. He thanked Jeff Gately for his help with filling the generator for the light tower on a daily basis, the temporary lights went on late last night.

The Chief does not have the normal monthly report out yet. They are working on the report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kelly Hensley has been busy with finishing the audit, Annual Treasurer's Report, Tax Levy and Utility Billing and training the new Utility Clerk.

Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler reported that Voter Registration closed on Tuesday, October 7th at 5:00 p.m. She has sheets for the grace period registration and they will be in the foyer. Three courtesy election petition packets have been picked up for the three Trustee seats for the April election. Working on my day to day job duties.

Mayor

Mayor Linda Soto stated that Trustee Walkington submitted his letter of resignation since he will no longer be residing in the Village limits. Gary has served the Village for 20 years as an Official. His knowledge of the Village, and its history is invaluable to the Mayor. Gary is very loved and will be missed. The Mayor is accepting letters of interest from residents who would like to be appointed to fill the remainder of Gary's term, until the spring election. She strongly urged anyone interested to pick up an election packet. There will be three seats on the April ballot. All letters of interest should be submitted to the Mayor no later than November 3rd. She would like to make an announcement at the November 11th Board Meeting which is Gary's last Board Meeting.

The Mayor thanked the Cranberry Lake resident's, particularly the Holiday Lane residents for their patience and cooperation. She thanked Jeff and the Police Chief for their help with the temporary parking lot. Construction is an inconvenience but will be worthwhile.

The Mayor stated that she will be attending a number of meetings between now and our next meeting and will report on them at the next meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance – Trustee Daley reported that the Village's Assessed Evaluation has dropped from 2008 to 2013 by 40%. The tax revenue has dropped by 27% but the Village is still doing fine. The Committee is researching software for finance and water billing. Kelly will be putting out the forms for the Budget.

In Finance Committee Meeting they decided the amount that will be requested in the Levy will be \$475,000. The Village expects to receive approximately \$460,000.

Trustee Daley thanked Kelly, Kathy and Roseann who have been carrying the load of four people.

Public Works – Trustee Walkington had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Trustee Kriese reported that Lake County assessed the safety issue on Hainesville Road and a meeting will be set up shortly to discuss alternate barriers.

Trustee Kriese asked residents to stay off the roads on October 26th for Trick or Treating.

Trustee Kriese added that the reason for the safety issue on Hainesville Road is that there have been two incidents where cars left the road; one hit the building and caused a fire and the other happened in August where the car left the road and came close to hitting another gas main. They are looking into alternatives to blocking cars that leave the road such as guard rails. Mayor Soto stated that they have talked to the Homeowner's Association about putting in trees to act as barriers.

Wetlands and Open Spaces, Great Age – Trustee Duberstein reported that there will be a business item for Wetland. She noted that the Great Age Club had their annual Progressive Dinner; 18 people attended. The November meeting will be the second Tuesday because the first Tuesday is the election. There will be a vintage movie.

Broadcast Media Manager – Trustee Derenoski reported that there was a hiccup with YouTube. When he uploaded the video, YouTube wanted to authenticate the video. They never informed Trustee Derenoski beforehand. He apologized for the delay but they are up.

Transportation – Trustee Barrett was not in attendance. Mayor Soto noted that the Rollins Road project is moving along.

Business

A Motion to Approve the License Agreement between the Village of Hainesville and Lake and McHenry Counties Fire Department's Special Response Team

Mayor Soto is excited about this project; it is an exemplary example of intergovernmental cooperation. A bay and a half in the Public Works Building will be leased out along with one

office. This is equipment that individual Fire Departments could not afford to buy and not need all that often. It is a specialized response team that services Lake and McHenry Fire Districts. This location is central to all the fire departments and their needs. The building with the drive thru bays and height of the bays is ideal.

Trustee Kriese motioned to approve the License Agreement between the Village of Hainesville and Lake and McHenry Counties Fire Department's Specialized Response Teams; seconded by Trustee Duberstein.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

A Motion to Ratify the Village Hall Pond Shore Restoration with Native Restorations not to exceed \$12,000

Trustee Derenoski motioned to ratify the Village Hall Pond Shore Restoration with Native Restorations not to exceed \$12,000; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Greg Gruen left the Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

Presentation and Motion to Approve the Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30th, 2014

Treasurer Kelly Hensley presented the audit report. Trustee Daley added that four years ago there was about \$3,000,000 spendable cash in the bank. They set a goal to spend that money down so the request for tax dollar didn't climb dramatically. In April it was down to about \$2,700,000 and at the end of this Fiscal Year the Village will be down to about \$1,900,000 and then we will try to maintain that level. The Village has been doing well. Mayor Soto thanked Trustee Daley and the Finance Committee, the entire Board, Treasurer and staff.

Trustee Daley motioned to approve the Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30th, 2014; seconded by Trustee Kriese.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

A Motion to Approve the Annual Treasurers Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30th, 2014

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve the Annual Treasurers Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30th, 2014; seconded by Trustee Walkington.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Barrett

Motion carried.

Hainesville Medical Cannabis Zoning Review Discussion

Village Planner Al Maiden distributed a zoning map with the setbacks that were discussed. He stated that the only area remaining that is not zoned Residential, where a Medical Cannabis Facility can be located, is to the west of the Village southwest of the railroad track and North of Route 120. That is zone ORD. The zoning map he distributed is updated but not official. The current zoning map has inconsistency with regard to property that is or is not in the railroad right of way. The Village will have to work with the attorney to change the map from a draft to an official zoning map.

The last item is a zoning ordinance to include the medical cannabis cultivation centers, dispensing organizations. These were taken from the state statute. It is only a special use. The Village Attorney and Al Maiden have briefly looked at this. Mr. Maiden stated that the Village will have to set a public hearing date to do a text amendment for the ordinance.

Mayor Soto clarified that it would go under ORD but it would be a special use.

Village Attorney Jim Rock stated that when the state adopted the statute authorizing medical cannabis they also included the authority for municipalities to regulate zoning for dispensaries and cultivation centers. Cultivation centers are not being discussed because based on the setback requirements and the statute there is nowhere in Hainesville where a center could be built. The only site in Lake County would be in Zion. The statute authorizes the municipalities to regulate zoning for dispensaries but does not authorize municipalities to prohibit a dispensary in the community. That is the reason for conversation at this point. At this time the statute only allows three dispensaries within Lake County. It is prudent for the Board to be prepared if this occurs.

Mayor Soto would like to have the Public Hearing in November or December. Al Maiden added that this does not change any zoning of any property in the Village now. If the Village did want to do this they would have to notify the property owner. The zoning map will be more readable. This will not affect the area available for a facility in the ORD space.

Heritage Tree Ordinance Discussion

Mayor Soto noted that there are some beautiful mature oaks on the South side of Route 120 in the Village that are not protected. Her intent is to preserve those trees but not make it restrictive for individual residential property owners. She presented a sample ordinance which is more restrictive than what she would like to consider. The diameter of a tree or DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) should be taken into account. Mayor asked the Trustees their thoughts.

Trustee Walkington felt that 10 inches is not big for the diameter.

Trustee Daley stated that the sample ordinance has 10 different trees that are protected and some that are eliminated. He has no qualms. He suggested 18 inches in diameter.

Trustee Duberstein stated that something is definitely needed. One of her neighbors cut down a beautiful fully mature tree in his yard for no reason and it is stacked for firewood. She suggested checking with Dave at Native Restoration for ideas on the size.

Trustee Daley didn't think the ordinance prohibited removal of a heritage tree but if one is taken down you would have to put a replacement. Mayor Soto stated that it would need a permit.

Trustee Kriese didn't agree with this, the owner bought this property with something in mind and if we enforce this it might change why he purchased this. It is his property he should be able to do what he wants.

Trustee Derenoski stated if he wanted to cut down a tree on his property, that is his right.

Discussion took place.

Attorney Jim Rock stated we aren't doing anything tonight, we are just providing some level of regulation, strict not strict, substitution, some level of regulation without taking property owners rights. We need a little more discussion with concepts. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately stated that some of the more mature trees trunks are rotten which can be dangerous. Mayor Soto stated that she is not aware of how many communities have this. More discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Trustee Derenoski motioned to adjourn the October 14th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Walkington.
All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The October 14th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk



Grayslake Fire Protection District

Referendum Fact Sheet

- Grayslake Fire Protection District has seen a 16.5% increase in emergency responses since 2009.
- In 2014, the Fire District will be approaching 4000 calls for service. Last year, 73% of ambulance responses required Advanced Life Support measures.
- **Residents currently do not receive a bill for an ambulance transport**, only insurance is billed. Current ambulance transport rates are between \$950.00-\$1,150.00 plus \$20.00 per mile.
- Fire District funding from tax revenue has decreased nine percent since 2009 yet costs to operate have skyrocketed!
- The Fire District has required deficit spending in their current budget to ensure services and current programs are not compromised
- The Fire District has provided manpower cost savings by augmenting daily staff with part time employees, contract employees and interns.
- The District emergency response vehicles are aging and some are past their useful lives. Strong apparatus and equipment is paramount to quick response times and saving lives.
- Community public education programs and fire prevention activities will be reduced and/or eliminated if the referendum does not pass.
- Continued loss in revenue may result in station closures within the 2015/2016 fiscal year.
- Response times throughout the District will increase as a result of station closures.
- Survivability decreases 10% for every minute of a delayed response.
- Response times of less than 5 minutes result in fewer deaths.
- Fires double in size every minute.
- The Fire District is currently operating with the third lowest tax paid per resident for comparable fire departments. If passed the additional cost to a homeowner of a \$100,000 home will be \$53.33 per year or \$4.44 per month.
- The Fire District is \$46.29 less than the average tax paid per resident in Lake County.
- The Fire District's current staffing model is 10-13 personnel per day. The District's staffing goal in 2008 was 14 per day.
- Fire District's Fire Prevention Bureau currently performs over 1300 inspections per year.
- The Fire District's average response time for emergent calls is currently under 6 minutes
- Fire District personnel attend hundreds of public education events throughout all of the communities we serve. This is vital to positive public education in reducing fires and injuries.
- The Fire District staff is committed to serving residents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!