

February 10th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:04 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, Daley, and Hein

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately, Village Attorney Jim Rock, Village Engineer Greg Gruen, Chief Perlini and Jeff Myra

Absent: Treasurer Kelly Hensley and Trustee Derenoski who was under the weather.

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

Clarke Integrated Aquatic Management Presentation on Fountains

George Balis and Jennifer Biancalana of Clarke did a presentation of the two proposals provided to Jeff Gately. One regarding weed and algae control services and the other for aeration services. Clarke specializes in two different service areas; mosquito control and aquatic services. The Village needs more powerful fountains because at this time all the fountains are the same size; some are too small and some are too big and for the shallow water the motor housing is too long. Clarke fountains are longer lasting units, come with warranties and are high quality aerating fountains. Their fountains come with a large intake screen to prevent clogging. If it should clog it would automatically shut off. Ms. Biancalana further explained how the fountains work.

Mayor Soto explained that vendors in Hainesville sell fountains and that is where the Village bought them and tried to maintain them. When the fountains work they make a big difference and when they don't they are difficult and time consuming to maintain. The Mayor also said the residents like the fountains and recommends continuing with them; also it enhances mosquito control.

The Mayor stated that the Lisk pond has duckweed and Clarke mentioned that they can make it go away. Ms. Biancalana explained that they use a product called Clipper, an EPA registered herbicide that is phenomenal against duckweed and water meal. Once the duckweed shows up Clipper gets sprayed on it. It will kill it off in 5 to 7 days. The duckweed will come back but if it is not washed in from somewhere else it could be gone in time.

Ms. Biancalana also described another herbicide called Reward. The Mayor stated that people do fish in some of the ponds. They do not flag the ponds when they put in herbicide but if there are specific ponds that residents fish out of, Clarke would make a note and not use Reward.

Hainesville will be serviced typically on the same day every other week. Mosquito spraying is a separate crew and service.

George Balis explained the mosquito treatments of the ponds and storm drains. The mosquitos are tested for West Nile Virus. The mosquito control is done in conjunction with neighboring communities. Mayor Soto has been instrumental in getting that program together.

Trustee Hein asked if the 5-horse power motors are quiet. Ms. Biancalana stated that the residents will not hear the motor only the water splashing.

Trustee Barrett asked if the Village will have to refurbish the power around the ponds. Ms. Biancalana stated that the electrician has been out to do a complete site inspection of all the ponds. Everything that is in place is excellent. There is 240 volts of power running to every pond. All that the electrician will be required to do is install the new control panels. They will be installed in the same location of the existing outlet. They might have to trench a PVC sleeve from the control panel to the pond. The panels will be buried and attached to a post. The fountain is an invisible installation using duckbill anchors and a stainless steel mooring cable. The control panels are locked.

Public comments:

Mr. Ted Mueller, 318 Katherine Dr., Hainesville, IL 60030 – has noticed that in spite of the notices that trash cans are appearing everywhere in front of the garages. The Mayor stated that the storm and high piles of snow makes it difficult to store garbage cans. Mr. Mueller stated that the garbage cans were appearing before the storm. The Chief has sent the CSO out but will send them out again. Mayor Soto urged residents to shovel sidewalks. There are kids around the neighborhoods that would shovel sidewalks for money. She has gotten calls about people not shoveling around the bus stops. The Mayor stated that if there is a major storm event team up with neighbors that have children at the same bus stop and either take turns or do it together and shovel. Trustee Duberstein also reminded residents that they are not liable if sidewalks are shoveled. Mr. Mueller stated that his issue is the trash cans not the sidewalks. Mayor Soto stated that her and the Chief is duly noted.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the January 27th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the January 2015 Financial Statements
3. A Motion to Approve the February 2015 Bills Payable for \$89,778.18

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

Village Engineer

Village Engineer Greg Gruen reported that he is waiting for direction from the Board regarding the 2015 Motor Fuel Tax pavement management plan. He recommended \$99,000 for the patching program for the next construction season followed with 2016 resurfacing of Sanctuary and Settlement subdivisions which would be about \$368,000.

As far as Washington Street is concerned, Lake County DOT has let out the underpass near Haryan Way and the phase 2 portion has been delayed due to right-of-way issues. They hope to start it next summer. For the Washington Street project the Village has a force main that interferes with construction and has to pay the cost for the relocation which is estimated at \$144,000. Trustee Daley stated that the money is set aside. This will most likely take place this summer. Jeff Gately put \$75,000 in the budget for this year's road plan and they are looking at \$99,000 to patch the roads.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Jim Rock prepared the ordinance under business which creates a Class "H" liquor license which will authorize tasting and sampling in businesses that already hold a Class "B" or "D" license.

Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately reported that the Village fared well during the snow storm. The Village pick-up truck caught on fire while Jeff was plowing next door. Jeff was the only one in the vehicle and got out safely. The incident was recorded with our camera system. Jeff has been in contact with the insurance company and the vehicle was totaled. Jeff stated that the truck was 10 years old and it was in his budget to purchase a new one. He has been working with Raymond Chevrolet in Antioch. Mayor Soto added that this was the second time the truck caught on fire although the first was a smaller fire. The Fire Department stated that this is not uncommon with vehicles that plow. The video shows Jeff in the truck unaware that of the fire underneath.

Police Chief

Police Chief Perlini reported that all went well with the snow storm. There were only about 3 accidents on Route 120; the streets were great and passable. The Chief also stated that there still are problems with the electronic reports. He gave the Trustees highlights. They are waiting for Glenview to work the bugs out of it and he hopes to have the reports by next month.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kelly Hensley was not in attendance.

Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler stated she is working on the Candidate's Forum which will be held on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Postcards will be going out to all Hainesville residents. In the last week she has also had four inquiries regarding new businesses and one inquiry about taking over an existing business.

Kathy also reported that she is wrapping up the duplicate addresses issue with the forms which have now been turned over to Treasurer Hensley to process the checks. She has also had three FOIA's in the last week.

Mayor

Mayor Linda Soto complimented Dave Schultz, the snow plow contractor, and Jeff Gately; they did an excellent job on plowing. She received numerous compliments from residents and the police. She has also received complaints from residents about the high snow piles on the corners. The Village does assist senior citizens, as a courtesy, the end of their driveways and try to clear up the corners but residents need to work together to clear the sidewalk.

Mayor Soto reported that she attended the annual Council of Mayors at Lake County DOT where IDOT and the Illinois Tollway, PACE and Lake County go over the budgets of the upcoming year and projects that will occur. Upcoming changes are also reported.

The Mayor also attended the Legislative Breakfast at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center. She feels that their point got across from SWALCO and the membered municipalities of SWALCO regarding the legislative assistance with the electronic recycling crisis. She thinks it will be fixed this spring; more to come.

The Mayor met with the Chair of the Lake County Board Aaron Lawlor and Village Planner Al Maiden. The Chair is now meeting one on one with all municipalities on the Route 53/120 project that serve on the finance and land use committee. She was very satisfied with the meeting and applauds Aaron Lawlor.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance – Trustee Daley reported that they are on Phase 2 of the budget development. They are \$1.1 million expenditure requests over revenue. He met with the Treasurer and has talked to committee chairs and reduced the amount to \$700,000 and more will be cut. The Village has savings in the bank that we will be able to balance that out. He stated that they are on the cusp of tighter budgets than in the past years but not hurting.

Public Works – Trustee Kriese thanked Jeff Gately and Dave Schultz on the snowplowing. He stated that the committee will meet tomorrow at 6:30. Robinson’s report showed that the Village used 6.2 million gallons last month and the quality is great. He also had a report on the generator at well #3.

Greg Gruen left the Council Chambers at 7:57 p.m.

Public Safety – Trustee Kriese reported that the committee discussed access to the bike path on Washington during construction. There will be another committee meeting on the 24th. He reminded residents to shovel their fire hydrants and to keep their cars locked.

Wetlands and Open Spaces, Great Age – Trustee Duberstein reported that they are working on the 5-year plan for all their reclamation. The Great Age Club will meet on March 3rd and they will be seeing a classic movie to be announced. They will also be having a Senior Senior Prom in June. There will be live music, dancing and lunch. More details to follow.

Broadcast Media Manager – Trustee Derenoski was not in attendance.

Transportation – Trustee Barrett reported that he encountered accidents with the snow during his travels.

The Mayor added that there were ATV’s on the streets and in the wetlands. She received many calls as did dispatch. Several households were visited and warned that it is illegal and dangerous. The ATV’s are toys and need to be used appropriately and need to be taken to a recreational place. Cranberry Lake path is also not to be used.

Business

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.08 of the Village Code and Creating a Class “H” Liquor License Classification and Amending Dram Shop Requirements

Trustee Daley motioned to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.08 of the Village Code and Creating a Class "H" Liquor License Classification and Amending Dram Shop Requirements; seconded by Trustee Barrett.

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler explained that anyone serving alcohol has to be trained to serve alcohol; it goes over how to check identification. Mayor Soto added that clerk's ringing up alcohol sales must also be trained.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Derenoski

Motion carried.

Ordinance #15-2-201

Discussion of Governor Rauner's 2015 Legislative Agenda

Mayor Soto explained that she received an email from Dave Bennett at the Mayor's Caucus. She wanted the Board to keep in mind that regarding the budget as much planning that goes on, there are many unknowns going into this year. The Village will have to see what Springfield adopts as their budget. There is talk that money from different funds will be moved around. Hopefully this is a step in the right direction of trying to fix Illinois. We will lose money in certain areas that the Village thought it might receive money. Also, the Mayor stated that money might be put where the Village can take advantage of it for infrastructure projects. The Village will have to watch the budget on a regular basis and watch what is decided in Springfield and adjust accordingly.

The Mayor explained that there is talk of modernizing the sales tax to include services. Currently, the Village does not receive sales tax for services so that could increase the sales tax revenue.

There is also talk of restructuring the Motor Fuel Tax to appropriately invest in infrastructure. The Mayor explained that Motor Fuel Tax money has been shrinking because cars get better mileage. There are only certain things that money can be used for such as road resurfacing, snow plowing, etc. If they are only adding more categories to MFT it won't really help because the money is shrinking, or there may be a way to increase the money. The Mayor is anxious to see the outcome. Trustee Daley stated that the State may take more money so Treasurer Hensley has been conservative with the Estimate of Revenue so if we get hit we won't get hit to hard.

The Mayor stated that at the Legislative Breakfast most of the State Legislature from Lake County were in attendance but for most of the questions there were no answers. It will be an interesting year and the Mayor asked that everyone be more flexible even when the budget is adopted. Senator Melinda Bush would be happy to come to a future Board meeting.

Trustee Duberstein motioned to adjourn the February 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Daley.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The February 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk