

February 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Linda Soto led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein, Barrett, Hein, Daley and George Duberstein

Also present were: Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Chief Perlini, and Terry Grom of Robinson Engineering

Absent: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Village Engineer Steve Zehner, Village Attorney Jim Rock, Deputy Chief Jeff Myhra

Establishment of quorum

Special Guest–Lake County Board Commissioner, Jeff Werfel, District 6

Jeff Werfel updated the Board on the Washington Street project which is going well. It is an inconvenience but once it is done it will make a huge difference in the traffic issues. Hainesville work that is being done will be the lift station, road widening and the bike path. The bike path will be temporarily closed for a week to put in sewer pipes under the horseshoe wetland area. He met with the LCDOT Project Manager. Once the road widening is underway the bike path will close for construction for much of the spring and summer. There is no way a temporary detour can be done because it is too dangerous.

Jeff Werfel also reported on the clear cutting in the wetland area. He has experienced this before in the Rollins Savanna area. The invasive species are removed during the winter season and it is pretty stark because residents are used to seeing the trees and they are a buffer. The Mayor as well as other Trustees have received complaints. Jeff Werfel has had extensive conversations with LCDOT Executive Director Paula Trigg and the project manager and wanted to reassure the Village that everyone will work together and that the Village will be involved in the native restoration of the area. He has pressed that point with LCDOT. Jeff wanted to make sure that LCDOT and its contractors moving forward will coordinate and talk with the Village of Hainesville. He made sure that the project manager understood. The contractor associated with restoring that area, Hey & Associates, have an initial recommendation for the plantings. Jeff asked that if they have documents to send them to Mayor Soto.

Jeff stated that he would communicate to the affected homeowners that it is very stark now but what it will be replaced with is going to effectively be a pretty good buffer, as it was before. Jeff asked that he be contacted if the Village is not getting the right kind of cooperation from the Lake County staff.

Mayor Soto stated that everyone has reached out to her and she feels that the Village is on the right track. She also wanted to make it clear that no one was at odds over this but it was a concern and that LCDOT has been responsive to recent inquiries. She stressed that this summer there will be controlled burns and herbiciding and then there will be seeding. The trees and plants will come in 2017.

For the record, she wanted everyone to understand that the trees and plants are the last thing to happen but she did not want it overlooked. She would like the Village to have a say in the native species that get planted. Jeff stated that he asked the staff to make sure that this will happen. Jeff noted that the bridge will be looked at and upgrades, improvements or maintenance will be done at that time. The bridge does get checked every other year.

Trustee Daley asked if any sketches of the end product for the horseshoe area are available. Jeff Werfel stated that there are no sketches but Hey & Associates do have initial recommendations as to what they would like to see in the area. The Mayor would first like a meeting and then have the sketches.

Jeff Werfel will also look into visibility and sign issues as well as the backups that occur on Washington Street.

A discussion also took place about what can be done at Route 83 and Route 120. Route 120 is a State highway and there is also the 53/120 project which will affect that intersection. Jeff stated that Grayslake has proposed some traffic changes to that area that could have an impact. At the state level, Route 83 running close to the train tracks has to change and that would have an impact. If there is money to make any improvements, it would be to move Route 83 further east so it is not so close to the tracks.

The Washington Street project is on schedule. This phase, from Hainesville Road to Haryan Way, should be done by the end of 2016. The completion date would be in 2017.

Agenda Approval:

Trustee George Duberstein motioned to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein, Barrett, Hein, Daley and George Duberstein

Motion carried.

Public comments:

There was no public comment.

Mayor Soto stated that there was a student from CLC in the audience. He is taking a State and Local Politics class.

Omnibus Vote Agenda

1. A Motion to Approve the January 26th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. A Motion to Approve the February 9th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. A Motion to Approve the February 2016 Bills Payable for \$58,370.65

Trustee Derenoski motioned to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee George Duberstein.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein, Barrett, Hein, Daley and George Duberstein

Motion carried.

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

Village Engineer Steve Zehner was not present.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Jim Rock was not present.

Public Works

Mayor Soto introduced the new Public Works Supervisor, Mike DePouw. Terry Grom has been helping with the training.

Mike reported that he received a warm welcome from the Mayor. He thanked Terry Grom for his help. He met with Tyler and they went over a typical week. He also met with Dave Schultz, who seems to be a great asset to the Village. There was a minor snow event with no issues. Mike has been organizing his desk and cleaning his work area. Mike also met with Dave Coulter of Native Restoration to discuss his role in the Village.

Mike is excited about the opportunity to lead the Public Works Department into the future and he thanked everyone.

Police Chief

Police Chief Perlini stated that since the apprehension of the car burglaries, there have been no new burglaries reported.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kelly Hensley thanked Roseann for help last week with the utility bills and phones. The staff members that were out ill have returned and are catching up. Kelly has been tweaking the budget with the Mayor and Trustee Daley. She continues working on utility billing training and Donna is doing well. She has also been working with new hire tasks for Mike. Also, a test run of emailing utility bills was done and the system was wonderful. They will start promoting it more with the next newsletter so more people can sign up.

Village Clerk

Village Clerk Kathy Metzler was not present.

Mayor

Mayor Linda Soto thanked Kelly and Roseann for adjusting their schedules last week. The Mayor also cancelled meetings to be at the Village to help cover. This is a good exercise because it is eye opening and makes the Village re-think how things can be done differently or be better prepared for these type of situations. The Utility Clerk is back and feeling better and the Village Clerk is doing better and will be back full time in a few days.

SWALCO has tentatively called an emergency meeting on March 3rd but is waiting to hear back from the members to see if they can get a quorum. This is regarding the electronic recycling issue. SWALCO subsidized the program twice for \$110,000 each time in hopes that legislation would be passed to help better support the electronic recycling program or find other vendors to offer programs to use the gathered electronics. SWALCO cut down to six collection sites. Grayslake is the closest municipality to offer it. Nothing encouraging has come from Springfield. SWALCO was trying to work a deal with a vendor at a no-cost program. That has not happened, this means that SWALCO would have to subsidize the program again. The Executive Board was not going to vote do that so they wanted to go to the full membership to ask them what to do. Mayor Soto is a member of the Executive Board of SWALCO and serves on the legislative committee as well and both times it was her opinion both times to not subsidize it and announce that it will be shut down to get the proper attention of Lake County residents, businesses and legislatures because electronic recycling is needed.

A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board will take place on March 8th at 6:30 p.m. to review, consider and entertaining public comment on proposed new uses within our zoning. Village Board Meeting will follow but no action on adopting anything that same night.

The Police Department gave warnings for holiday decorations which should have been taken down, garbage can issue and fence in disrepair due to the tornado and high winds. Fences need to be maintained. Weather is not an excuse; panels can be tied up until weather gets better but fence must be

presentable. The other option is to take it down. Perimeter fences can be taken down also. The Village has no legal bases to make a homeowner maintain a perimeter fence. The Village will work with people but there has to be communication.

Great Age Club & any other general announcements

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein reminded everyone that the Great Age Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Business

An Ordinance Amending Refuse and Yard Waste Collection Rates in the Village of Hainesville

This increase was dictated by the contract. There is an adjustment each year; last year the Village subsidized the senior and yard waste sticker rate.

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein motioned to approve an Ordinance Amending Refuse and Yard Waste Collection Rates in the Village of Hainesville; seconded by George Duberstein.

The rate will go from \$19 to \$19.20 a month for garbage collection, senior rate will go from \$17 to \$17.20 and yard waste stickers will be \$2.60. Advanced Disposal will send a letter shortly offering a one-time subscription and where yard waste stickers are available.

Trustee Barrett wondered why with fuel cost being down, Advanced is raising rates. He asked if that could be negotiated. The Mayor stated that there is no fuel clause in the contract and it can be put in future contracts. Trustee Derenoski noted that if the fuel goes back up we would need to pass the cost to residents then. The Mayor will speak with Walter Willis.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein, Barrett, Hein, Daley and George Duberstein

Motion carried.

Ordinance #16-2-216

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein motioned to adjourn the February 23rd, 2016 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Derenoski.

All in favor say aye, motion carried.

The February 23rd, 2016 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7: 19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Stark
Deputy Clerk