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Mayor Soto announced that the Board Meeting this evening would be videotaped.

Meeting called to order at the Village of Hainesville Council Chambers by Mayor Linda Soto at 7:03 p.m.

Chief Frasier led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Clerk Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Linda Soto, Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski

Also present were: Chief Wallace Frasier, Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Deputy Clerk Roseann Stark, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Building Official Russ Kraly, Attorney Jim Rock and Public Works Superintendent Jeff Gately **Establishment of quorum**

Mayor Soto introduced the representatives from Village of Grayslake, Grayslake Police Department and Lake County Sheriffs Department.

**Agenda Approval** Trustee Duberstein motioned to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Derenoski. Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Walkington, Daley, Barrett, Duberstein, Tiffany and Derenoski All in favor, motion carried.

**Public comments** There was no public comment at this time. The Mayor stated that Public Comments will be allowed again after the presentations.

**Mayors Announcements** Mayor Linda Soto stated that the Newsletter that just went out with the utility bills asked that residents take down their Christmas decorations. She reported that the Police Department did write out warning citations today to the homeowners who still have decorations up.

**Police Chief Announcements** Chief Wallace Frasier stated that the Mayor covered what he wanted to report. **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Grayslake Police Department** Mayor Rhett Taylor thanked the Board for considering Grayslake in helping to decide where to obtain police services.

Mayor Taylor stated that Grayslake brings many things to Hainesville such as already being neighbors, many children go to the same school, use same library, same fire protection district and park district. He stated that the two communities have a lot in common. This would expand and strength our ties. Mayor Taylor stated that he, along with his staff and police chief, will stay after the meeting to answer any questions. The Mayor introduced Chief Larry Herzog, who has been the Grayslake Police Chief since 1998.

Chief Herzog stated that the mission statement for the Grayslake Police Department is "To make people safe and to make people feel safe". The Chief went over the accreditation of their department. He also stated that the Department has a high level of citizen satisfaction based on returns of a survey that is performed every three years. The high level is achieved through the national standards of being a full service police department, command management team has a lot of experience and patrol division has a strong relationship with the community. Chief Herzog went over the community policing program and the different associations that Grayslake Police Department is affiliated with such as MCAT, LEAC ILEAS, NIPAS and LCMEG. The Chief went over what Hainesville could expect from the Grayslake Police Department. He stated that the delivery of police services would be the same for Hainesville as it is for Grayslake. The Chief stated that Hainesville would become their fifth beat. If a beat officer is away from the beat, then an adjacent beat officer covers. The Chief noted that the department is centrally located and actually some of Hainesville is closer to the department than many parts of Grayslake. He also went over some of the benefits Grayslake offers such as AED's in the squad cars, lower dispatch costs, potential for using the Hainesville equipment, lower insurance premiums for Hainesville and full lock up facilities. The Grayslake squad cars and uniforms would also have Hainesville printed on them.

Mayor Taylor stated that the Mayor and Trustees may tour the Grayslake Police Department. Mayor Soto thanked the Mayor and stated she would take him up on the offer.

**Lake County Sheriff** Chief of Operations Officer Dave Godlewski made the Lake County Sheriff's office presentation. He stated that the Lake County Sheriff's Office has 12 different divisions and over 450 employees. He discussed the screening procedures to become a Sheriff Officer. Officer Godlewski also talked about the police services they would provide the Village. Currently, there are a minimum of 2 district cars assigned to our district. The Sheriff's office also provides a dedicated community

services officer. Officer Godlewski also discussed their service proposal to the Village of Hainesville which includes one Deputy for 24 hour patrol coverage in 3 shifts. The Village would also be active in the selection process of our assigned deputy sheriff. The squad cars would have Hainesville printed on the rear windshield. Officer Godlewski also broke down the expense for the contract. He also stated that he would be available for questions after the meeting.

**Hainesville Police Department** Chief Frasier introduced himself. He stated that it is time for the Hainesville Police Department to move out of the start up mode that they have been in for the last 2 years and become a full time police department. He also stated that although they currently are full time it will be necessary to increase staffing to maintain 2 officers on every shift. He also discussed the necessary changes that would be needed such as health benefits, paid overtime, a 40 hour cap on comp time and a more professional evidence facility. Chief Frasier went over the items proposed for the new budget such as insurance, supplies and professional development. He also stated that the department would have to increase the size of the fleet by one squad car.

Russ Kraly, Village Building Official, discussed the police building options. He along with other Village officials went to look at spaces to lease and also looked at steel building options.

Chief Frasier discussed the Hainesville Police Department Budget. A big part of the budget is for salaries and benefits.

Mayor Soto noted that the entire police budget is over \$1,000,000 excluding building, utilities and alarm. With the lease, which is the least expensive the budget would be \$1,100,688. She stated that they did cut where they could, however, the main expense is in the salaries and benefits. The Mayor showed a bar graph with the three options. She stated that the Village would be spending half the Village budget just to run the police department and the other half would have to cover the remainder, public works, regular administrative, etc. The Mayor noted that these are figures that were handed to the Village on proposals but there is no hard line negotiations done yet and everything is negotiable. The Mayor stated that ideally she would like to keep the Hainesville Police Department and it is a tough decision, however, when the numbers are compared the Board will have to take some serious consideration. The State of Illinois is talking about taking more money away from the municipalities. Grants will also be drying up. Mayor Soto talked to Treasurer Hensley and with the cuts in revenue and new budget in 3 or 4 years the Village will definitely need to

dip into their savings to fund the police department.

Chief Frasier added that Hainesville Police Department is also members of some of the Lake County major associations. However, the department does not have an officer assigned to them instead they pay a monetary contribution to be members.

Trustees were given an opportunity to ask questions.

**Public Comments Julie Jester, Hainesville, IL 60030** – asked Lake County if there would be one deputy on duty at all times in addition to the officers that are already assigned to the district. Lake County Undersheriff Fagan stated that would be correct. They are dispatched from Libertyville.

**Ted Mueller, Hainesville, IL 60030** – he stated that he is the former Mayor that is responsible for re-establishing our own police department. He noted that when he was looking to start our own department they did contact both Grayslake and Sheriff's department. There is no question that if they are chosen they will do an excellent job for Hainesville, however, on the other hand Ted thinks that the Village Board, especially the finance people, ought to fine tune those numbers because the numbers from both Grayslake and the Sheriff's Department do not include special events and directing school traffic. Trustee Daley disagrees because both departments said they could provide those services. Ted amended his statement to special events. He feels that should be included in the budgets before the public gets a set of numbers at the next meeting where this will be voted on. Mayor Soto stated that our own department would have to schedule extra officers for special events also. Mayor Soto also added that there were some concerns about the budget Chief Heidecke originally put together; they did ask Chief Frasier to redo the budget. Ted stated that he is still going to fight to keep our present police department which is outstanding. Trustee Daley asked if he is in favor of a tax hike because if the village has to spend the reserves then they will have to go to the citizens for more money. Ted stated that was not discussed tonight.

**Doug Raul Williams, Hainesville, IL 60073** – he thanked the Board for a great process because it is not an easy task. Mr. Williams asked Grayslake that if they are not hiring new officers what the total budget is for Grayslake for the police department. Chief Herzog stated it is over \$4 million. He also asked how many officers would be in Hainesville from both Grayslake and Lake County. Both stated that we would not be without coverage. Mr. Williams also asked how would the Alleghany project work into the whole scenario. Chief Herzog stated that as that build out would occur they would

keep an eye to see if they need to increase their resources. However, most will be light industrial, commercial and a little residential, he didn't think their resources would be taxed as much as if it was all residential. Mayor Soto asked for the expected time frame for build out. Mayor Taylor stated 3 or 4 years.

**Jim DeNemie, Hainesville, IL 60073** – if Grayslake and Lake County Sheriff add another beat or district, there is a 20% increase in resources. Mr. DeNemie asked how much of a drain will that be on their resources and how will it effect the coverage in the community. Chief Herzog stated that their numbers would cut that percentage in half. He stated that looking at a three year study of police calls he thought that when Grayslake was busy Hainesville would be also, which would cause a problem with the police response. However, in the three years it never happened where they would have been overtaxed. He stated that if it did happen Grayslake would have the resources to handle it. He did not think that they would have to add resources.

**Chris Larson, Hainesville, IL 60030** – Chris is the Treasurer of the Union Square Condo Association. He asked Grayslake and the Sheriff's office if there were any options that existed for the transfer of any Hainesville staff to their department. The undersheriff stated that there is a transfer program for qualified full time police officers if they meet the criteria. Chief Herzog stated that they have a police commission that performs hiring and they do not have a lateral entry program. The officer would have to go through the same process as any candidate. The tests are run every two years. The undersheriff also stated that there is a part time marine patrol during the season. They are hiring 12 part time marine unit deputies. They stopped at 700 applications.

Mr. Larson stated that the Grayslake proposal mentions that any violation or traffic fines would be retained by Grayslake. Mr. Larson asked if that includes municipal ordinance fines. Chief Herzog stated that if a traffic ticket is issued then the officer has to go to court, therefore, the proposal states that Grayslake would provide the police service and all the officers would retain the current court date with the current prosecutor. He also stated that the police department is not a revenue collector they provide a police service. The money taken in pays for the prosecutor and overtime.

Mayor Soto added that this would be discussed when they negotiate the contract. However, she does not mind having to deal with not hiring a prosecutor. Trustee Duberstein stated that it is usually a wash on the statement. The Village does not make money.

Undersheriff Fagan stated that Lake County is not a home rule therefore when they contract with Villages they write under the Village's ordinances. Lake County Sheriff's Business Manager Kevin Lyons stated that the amount of revenue collected depends on whether it is prosecuted by the Village Prosecutor or the State's Attorney. That is handled by the Lake County Clerk's office. The Sheriff's office does not see any of the revenue. It is distributed from the Clerk's Office to the Village.

**Tim Murphy, Hainesville, IL 60030** – he asked Grayslake that if the numbers don't work and they can't patrol the fifth beat and they need to hire more officers where does the money come from? Chief Herzog stated first they would add personnel through overtime and reassignment. If they did have to hire, it would come out of the general fund.

**Barbara Jersey, Hainesville, IL 60073** – she commented to Trustee Daley that if he is saying that an option is to raise taxes she feels we undersell ourselves as a community if we cannot find some other ways to do some economic development. It is not all about taxes. Ms. Jersey also stated that Hainesville's needs are very modest. Our Village has dogs running in the neighborhoods and she feels Grayslake would understand those issues because they are right next door. However, Lake County Sheriff is so big that those small modest issues would not take a priority. Undersheriff Fagan stated that they deal with those issues everyday and all day. Barbara also asked him how accessible they would be to us. How fast is the reaction time? Fagan stated that the response time would be pretty quick.

**Lynn Tiffany, Hainesville, IL 60030** – she wanted to stress to the Board members that the most important thing to her is the safety for her family and kids. Taxes is money. You can't buy family. Safety is important. If taxes go up, so be it. She stated that taxes will go up regardless. She would like the Board to please consider safety when making their decision. Trustee Duberstein stated that the Board is not talking about having either our police department or no department. She assured Ms. Tiffany that regardless of which department is patrolling the Village she would be safe. Lynn stated that she understands that but it is nice to have our own police department.

**Chris Denapoli, Hainesville, IL 60073** – he stated that something didn't make much sense in the presentations. He added that when the Village had Round Lake Park, they were awful. He had called them multiple times for serious things but their response time was half hour to 45 minutes. He stated that everyone in the Village is enjoying having officers always

around. The presence that we've had for the last two years has been better than he has ever seen. He appreciates that and is willing to pay for it. Mr. Denapoli stated that these are our Village's officers; they are not rented. There is something to be said for our own watching us. Our police department has a quick response time. He'd rather pay for safety than anything else. He also commented that there has been a lot of focus on money but safety is also important. Mayor Soto responded that safety has always been a priority. Grayslake and Lake County Sheriff are very qualified. The Mayor brought up what a resident said at the Town Hall Meeting. This resident was for keeping the police department however she also got the safety from the other police department. The Mayor stated that she wants to guarantee public safety 24/7 as well as other things. Whatever option is chosen, the Mayor stated that the contract will be written well, that there will be recourse if something is not satisfactory and option to get concerns addressed. Trustee Daley added that he also is concerned with his family and resident safety. He has never felt unsafe with any of the departments the Village has had; that is his goal. He does, however, focus on money.

Mayor Soto noted that our Police Department would need to get more involved with the schools other than Prairie View because our Village has students that go to Round Lake schools as well as other Grayslake schools.

**David Criz, Hainesville, IL 60073** – he asked what each organization can do that the other ones cannot do. Undersheriff Fagan stated that they are both professional police departments that offer professional services so it is a matter of choice. The presentations speak for themselves. Chief Herzog stated that both Villages want the same thing and there is a lot of similarity.

Trustee Tiffany asked if any of our full-time officers could be hired by the departments. Chief Herzog stated that they would have to go through the process. However the age limit is 35. Undersheriff Fagan stated that they would have to submit an application and go through the same process. It would be like an entry level candidate. He also stated that they get a lot of calls from Chiefs who have to layoff officers. He cannot guarantee that they could take on a Hainesville Officer.

Trustee Walkington asked that if both entities don't have to hire any personnel then what are these officers doing now? Chief Herzog stated that there is flex time, which is unobligated time. During those hours the officers would stop in the neighborhood, shake hands, meet with kids at

the baseball diamonds, etc. The Chief stated that they have enough flex time to do that in Hainesville and Grayslake.

Undersheriff Fagan stated that they would hire an additional officer as a district officer but Hainesville would receive a seasoned officer. Hainesville would also get a say in the officer.

Trustee Barrett asked if the fifth beat is created is one officer assigned just to that beat. Where is the other officer coming from? Chief Herzog answered that currently they run with sufficient numbers of supervisors and officers where all of the four beats are currently filled plus a rove car. The rove car assignment would be assigned for the fifth beat. When the fifth beat car is busy, the adjacent beat cars take over just like any other suburban police agency. Mayor Soto added that is what happens now in Hainesville.

Trustee Daley asked Chief Frasier if he knows times when either because of comp time or officer illness where we are only down to one car per shift. Chief Frasier answered that does happen frequently. Hainesville depends on a intergovernmental agreement. Mayor Soto stated that this does not provide a car on patrol; it is only available if there is a call for service. Trustee Daley also asked that if there is a prisoner at CenCom and only one beat officer than that officer has to go to CenCom every half hour? Chief Frasier stated that the officer does have to do a well being check. Trustee Daley stated that CenCom is well patrolled but not the Village in that instance.

Mayor Soto stated that handouts from all three agencies were available in the back. No action will be taken at this meeting but they are striving to choose a direction as to whether to keep the Hainesville PD or going to negotiate contract services with one of the other agencies. She stated that they would like to make a decision at the April 13th Board Meeting. She also noted that all the Trustees have email addresses if anyone has any questions.

Trustee Tiffany asked if a CTY call would be sent for the April 13th meeting. The Mayor stated that there would be a CTY call sent.

Trustee Daley motioned to adjourn the March 30, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Derenoski. All in favor say aye, motion carried.

**The March 30, 2010 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC Village Clerk