

## January 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Village Clerk Christina Reiser took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Gerry Daley, Trustees Richmond, Kriese, Duberstein, Koval and Williams

Also present were: Village Clerk Christina Reiser, Treasurer Kelly Hensley

### Establishment of quorum

#### Agenda Approval:

Trustee Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Kriese to approve the agenda. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, Kriese, Duberstein, Koval and Williams -5 Motion carried.

### Swearing-In of George Duberstein as Trustee by Clerk Christina Reiser

#### Remote Presentation of the Management Letter by Scott Termine with Forvis

Mr. Termine reviewed the Management Letter regarding the audit. There were no additional questions from the Board. He thanked the Mayor and the Board again for allowing them to complete the audit.

#### Public comments:

Resident Sorena Anderson asked if there was a place in the Village that could become a collection site for waste to be composted. Mayor Daley let her know there was no physical location for this. SWALCO information was shared with the resident as a possible solution to what she was looking for.

#### Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the December 2023 Financial Statements
3. Approval of the January 23, 2024 Bills Payable for \$205,384.31

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Georgeann Duberstein to approve the Consent Agenda. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried.

#### Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

##### Finance

Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated that with the final audit presentation complete, she can now finalize it. She is working on the Budget items and hopes to have a draft within a few weeks. The staff has been training on the new phone system and they are almost ready to go. The new server has been installed but the conversion has not happened yet.

##### Public Works

Tim Seiler's report is in the packet. Tim, Israel and Trustee Kriese met with the team from Robinson Engineering to review the Standard Operating Procedures they are creating for the wells. They discussed the changes that are needed, Greg Topf with Robinson will make those changes and supply us with a finalized copy. Mayor Daley also shared an incident that affected

one of our residents. Due to a blockage in one of the sewer lines, this resident experienced a backup that caused sewage to come up into the lower level of her home. Mayor Daley, the public works crew and our plumbers worked to help resolve the issue. This has happened in the past, and Mayor Daley is looking into a solution so that it does not happen again.

### **Great Age Club**

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein began by giving a presentation from the Annual Meeting of the Lake County Transportation Alliance. She also informed everyone that there will be a guest speaker from Oak Street Health at the February Great Age Club meeting.

### **SWALCO**

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein has set up the SWALCO Shredding and Recycling Event for July 20, 2024. She is also working on a Chemical Recycling Event for the Village.

### **Ad Hoc**

Trustee George Duberstein updated everyone on the Hainesville Emergency Operations Plan. He is hopeful that this will be finalized soon. He also shared that he is already working on this years Civil War Event to be held in October.

### **Clerk**

Nothing to report

### **Mayor**

The Mayor's Report is in the Packet. There was a discussion held on the development of the Public Works Park area. There was a consensus to continue the discussion of what that area can become, despite the concerns of the cost. The Board also felt that with the possible cost of this project, it would be best to go out to bid for it.

### **Business**

An ordinance Amending Refuse Collection Rates in the Village of Hainesville. The new rates will be \$22/month and \$19.80/month for seniors. Trustee Kriese moved, seconded by Trustee Koval  
**Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried. **Ord. 24-1-355**

### **A Resolution to Appoint an Alternate Director for SWALCO – George Duberstein**

Trustee Koval moved, seconded by Trustee Kriese **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -5 Motion carried. Abstain: Trustee George Duberstein. **R24-1-174**

**Approval of the Village of Hainesville Comprehensive Plan.** All approved edits have been included. Trustee Georgeann Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee George Duberstein. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried.

**A Motion to Approve a 12-month Electric Supplier Contract Not to Exceed Supplier Rate of \$0.06940 per KWH.** We use an energy broker to review electric supply services. Our current contract is ending in March. We are recommending the acceptance of a contract with Eligo Energy. This reduces electric supply and transmission services costs for the Villages two lift stations and wells.

Treasurer Hensley explained that the rate given was current as of the date of our packet. The Eligo Energy rate has now lowered to \$0.05780 and if the contract is approved, we will be locked at that rate. Trustee Georgeann Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee George Duberstein **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Kriese to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel 2(C)1. **Roll call vote:** All in Favor; motion carried

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Koval to enter back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:14 p.m. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried.

### **Business**

A Motion to Approve the Dave Schultz Consulting Contract for \$30/hour with a maximum of 10 hours per week. This would be effective upon signatures and would run no longer than October 31, 2024. Trustee Kriese moved, seconded by Trustee Koval **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Trustees Richmond, George Duberstein, Kriese, Georgeann Duberstein, Koval and Williams -6 Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Kriese moved, seconded by Trustee George Duberstein to adjourn the January 23, 2024 All in favor; motion carried.

The January 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Reiser  
Village Clerk

Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To: Mayor Daley and Board of Trustees  
From: Tim Seiler, Public Works Superintendent

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Listed below are items the Public Works Department is working on and/or completed since the last report:

In January,

- Mounted New tires on Tool Cat and Front of John Deere
- Tool Cat - in to McCann for 1000 hr. maintenance service
- John Deere and Chevy 2500 – Vehicle and plow maintenance
- Cheetah Mower - winter maintenance
- Put up Hydrant Flags and Plow Markers on Road Medians and at Public Works Facilities
- Picked garbage Rt 120 multiple times from Groot and Cleanup with Schultz
- Worked on Sidewalk Priority Replacement List and trip hazard list for summer '24
- Took down all Christmas light except Village Hall
- Tool Cat - Sweeper Bucket – replaced broom, edge, and maintenance
- 100 Gal Water Tank, Pump and Engine Maintenance
- Training on Snow Removal operations for Hainesville w/ Israel
- Lots of Snow Removal from the big winter storms and all other duties like hydrant clearing and school bus stops is still under way.

As it goes more of the same type of work is to follow in next month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,  
Tim Seiler

## Mayor's Report for January 23, 2024

- 1) Welcome to the New Year and the icy cold weather.
- 2) There has been some trouble with Well 1 within the past week. The well has two separate pumps and two separate motors (one motor per pump). The motor on pump one stopped working last week. Pump two has been dealing with a minor leak that starts and stops on its own for a couple of weeks. A repair had been scheduled for the leaky pump on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. That repair will now be delayed so that pump one's motor can be pulled and either repaired or replaced. Once that is done, the leaky pump will be pulled to be inspected and we'll decide whether it can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. I'll know more about potential costs after the analysis is complete.

Fortunately, in this cold weather, water usage is down and Well 3 can adequately supply the water needs of the Village. This is a real-world example of the Village's need for a third well.

- 3) It appears as if the potential of two new restaurants coming to town has disappeared. One because of financial challenges and the second one from not being able to secure staff. However, we have an individual looking into opening an antiques store and another individual investigating opening up an on-line auto parts shop.
- 4) Negotiations with Russo for the property parcel continue and now include the Northbrook Sports Club. It's convoluted but it still may work out.
- 5) We received numerous calls about Groot's service during the sub-zero weather. Yes, it was inconvenient to our residents, but Groot was trying to protect their workers from freezing temperatures and dangerous road conditions. They are out now as I type this (1/17 at 4 p.m.) collecting.
- 6) Dave Schultz and his crew of drivers, as well as our Public Works guys did a fine job of cleaning up the roads. As happens every year some mailboxes got knocked down by the heavy snow coming off the plows. As a practice, we provide the resident with a temporary freestanding mailbox for the winter and then replace it in the spring when we can dig.
- 7) I continue to meet with Jairo Rodriguez of Robinson as we wrap up some current projects and transition others to Gewalt. Mr. Rodriguez has been very helpful by providing information on current and past projects that will pass to Gewalt's hands.