

February 23rd, 2021 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 Kathy Metzler took roll call. The following Officials were present: Mayor Gerry Daley, Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth

Also present were: Village Clerk Kathy Metzler, Treasurer Kelly Hensley, Rick Leber and Jairo Rodriguez of Robinson and Debbie Budyak of ILM

Establishment of quorum

Agenda Approval:

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Georgeann Duberstein to approve the agenda. **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

ILM Presentation of Accomplishments for Last 3 Years – Debbie Budyak

Ms. Budyak reported that there was an overgrowth of vegetation in the retention areas which then caused flooding. Four project areas were identified; Deer Lake Drive, Deerpoint Drive, Big Horn Drive and Deer Crossing, and Elk Court. They created channels in the retention areas (6,000 linear feet) to open up the flow and let the water move through unimpeded. They also performed minor jetting of some of the inflows and outflows to remove sediment build up. They did installs of stone riprap to prevent growth of woody vegetation. She explained what ILM has to offer. There was positive feedback from homeowners. She recommended every other year instead of every year maintenance. They like to give the area two to three years to see if there is a native seed bank that does come up otherwise, adding native seed would be an option.

For 2021 they are recommending a new channeling project for an area by the ball park and Hainesville Road. This will have significant access issues because of woody overgrowth. This area takes the overflow from Cranberry Lake. Only invasive vegetation will be removed.

Possible future projects include a wetland restoration project. This is a multi-year plan. Regarding the Big Horn/Deer Crossing Project, the wetland area in the middle is a large retention basin that is currently overgrown and capacity diminished. That needs to be addressed. She explained what the long-term project will look like. It is perhaps a 3-year approach with year 4 as maintenance. It would involve clearing out some invasive woody vegetation that is creating issues. The cost could be \$24,000 annual budget investment or less/more. They can be flexible. It is ideal for grant funding. The Mayor added that the Village budgeted for the Hainesville Road project in the upcoming budget.

Public comments:

No public comments.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 26th, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes for a Special Use Permit for a Proposed Front, Corner Side and Interior Side Yard Setback Variance
2. Approval of the January 26th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

3. Approval of the January 2021 Financial Statements
4. Approval of the February 23rd, 2021 Bills Payable for \$178,394.90

Trustee Derenoski moved, seconded by Trustee Kriese to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from Mayor and other Officers:

Finance

Trustee Derenoski stated that the third draft of the budget was distributed. He thanked everyone for taking a 3rd look at their budget requests and made cuts to make a balanced budget.

Public Works

Trustee Kriese met with Mike and spoke to the Mayor regarding the well updates.

Public Works Supervisor read his report:

Listed below are items the Public Works Department is working on and/or completed over the last few weeks.

- *Over the last four weeks we received about 35 inches of snow. We have spent the majority of our time on snow removal and snow relocation. With that amount of snow, we've had to haul the snow from the Hainesville path, intersections and cul-de-sacs to the Public Works lot. The reasoning for this operation is in the event we received more snow we simply don't have a place to put it. We've also started to dig out around our fire hydrants.*

The Mayor stated he received many calls from residents, both complimentary and complaining. One such call was from a senior on the end of driveway plow list who asked if the Village could not dump snow in his easement but dump it on a neighbor's easement because the neighbor's pile wasn't as big. A few mailboxes were knocked down which have been temporarily replaced and will be permanently replaced in the spring. There had been some difficulty with people moving their cars also. Dave and his crew and Mike and his crew have put in a lot of hours to keep streets very clean.

Community Events

Trustee George Duberstein noted that the October 2021 Civil War event has not been cancelled yet but will revisit again in late Spring/early Summer to make a decision. He is looking at a May timeframe for a shredding and recycling event. He is also working on an Emergency Operation Plan and is making progress.

Great Age Club

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein stated that the Great Age Club continue to have Zoom meetings. She passed some information along regarding the Covid vaccine.

a. Monarch Pledge

The Village has participated in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge for two years. This is an annual proclamation. It has information on ways to encourage the monarch butterfly to return. It is also expected that the Village does a minimum of 3 activities. She gave some examples.

Other

a. Update on Gambling

Trustee George Duberstein summarized the information he found regarding gambling. One thing was that liquor had to be consumed on site which eliminates the gas stations. The Mayor stated that barring any objections from the Board the Village should keep the current ordinance.

Clerk

There was no report.

Mayor

The Mayor has no report, however, he asked that #2 under Business be moved ahead.

Business

Discussion Whether or Not to Pursue the Building of an Additional Well or Wells. We now have another option to discuss. At the last Board meeting Steve Zehner and Jairo Rodriguez from Robinson did a presentation regarding a possible additional well. A new thought came up since the last meeting regarding this topic which is a stand-alone well rather than one well on each site. The Mayor stated that this came out to approximately \$1,050,000. It gives the Village three independent wells so if one well goes down the Village still has two. Jairo and Steve Zehner of Robinson both had agreed that this would make more sense. The Mayor is interested in security of the Village water system. He also recommended in taking a long-term loan for the project and explained his reasoning. Rick Leber also suggested pulling one of the well pumps out every seven to ten years to do routine maintenance. Discussion took place about adding an additional well. The Boysen Well, Hainesville's limestone fracture, finances, long term availability of water for future development, possible location of third well, redundancy and possible size of pipe were discussed. The Mayor stated that unless he hears to the contrary, he would like to pursue the development of an independent well.

Discussion of Holiday Decoration Ordinance. Is this ordinance still a necessity for the Village? The Mayor stated that the Village ordinance states that 30 days after the holiday, decorations must be taken down. This year 109 warning tags were given out after January 31st, 70 took down the decoration and 24 still have decorations up. Four of the Trustees said ticket those because they were warned. Then the weather turned bad and the Mayor couldn't justify ticketing. The Mayor wrote a letter to the 24 people asking the decorations come down once weather gets better. He investigated other Village's ordinances to see whether they had any regarding decorations. The question before the Board now is whether to continue with this ordinance and leave the Mayor some discretion, change ordinance by changing date or get rid of the ordinance. The Board discussed the topic. It was decided to leave the ordinance as is.

Approval of a Resolution for Construction on State Highway for the Village of Hainesville.

This is an annual requirement from IDOT.

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Georgeann Duberstein, **Roll call vote:**

Ayes: Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried. **R-21-2-149**

Approval of the Dave Schultz Rental Agreement – This agreement extends Mr. Schultz's rental agreement for 1-year with annual automatic renewals unless terminated by either party under the process provided in the agreement.

Trustee Kriese moved, seconded by Trustee Derenoski, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

A Motion to Approve a 4-Year Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Sanitary Lift Station Operational Assistance Agreement from 5/1/21 to 4/30/25. Robinson Agreement for Year 1 rates \$3,445/month, Year 2 rates \$3,618/month, Year 3 \$3,799/month and Year 4 rates \$3,932. This is a negotiated agreement with Robinson for the caretaking of our entire water system.

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Derenoski, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

A Motion to Approve Water Billing Assistance – Robinson Agreement for Extension 1 1/1/21 – 4/30/21 \$1,591.00 per month and for Extension 2 5/1/21 – 4/30/22 \$1,650.00 per month. This is a 1-year extension of our water billing outsourcing.

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Derenoski, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

A Motion to Approve the Resolution for the Expenditure of MFT Funds for Road Work for \$150,000 for 5/1/21 to 4/30/22. This is a requirement that allows us to use MFT funds to accomplish our annual road program.

The Mayor stated this is the maximum amount that can be spent.

Trustee Georgeann Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee George Duberstein, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried. **R-21-2-150**

A Motion to Approve the Resolution for the Expenditure of MFT Funds for Road Work for \$121,526.85 for 5/1/21 to 4/30/22. This is a requirement that allows us to use MFT funds to accomplish our annual road program.

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Derenoski, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried. **R-21-2-151**

A Motion to Approve Audit Fees and GASB 83 Fees – BKD, LLC for year 2021 \$24,200, for year 2022 \$25,150, for year 2023 \$26,150 and for year 2021 \$3,000 for the implementation of the GASB 83

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Chynoweth, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

A Motion to Approve the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Proclamation.

Trustee George Duberstein moved, seconded by Trustee Derenoski, **Roll call vote: Ayes:** Trustees George Duberstein, Kriese, Koval, Derenoski, Georgeann Duberstein and Chynoweth. -6 Motion carried.

Budget Draft – Discussion Only. Please note the hard copies of the budget draft are in your mailboxes.

Trustee Derenoski stated that the budget went through three rounds of cuts. He then explained some items on the budget. Treasurer Kelly Hensley stated that next will be the appropriation hearing and then the passage. This will be either at the March or April meeting.

Trustee Derenoski moved, seconded by Trustee Kriese to adjourn the February 23rd, 2021 Regular Board Meeting All in favor; motion carried.

The February 23rd, 2021 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Metzler, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

Mayor's Report for February 23, 2021

1. I met with Brett Seibert of the gun club on 2/17 regarding a greatly altered concept plan for installing berms and adjusting their shooting areas. This plan is more school and neighbor friendly. They will be providing me with more detailed plans in the future and those will be submitted to the review process.
2. In late January, I met with the new General Contractor for the Firestone project. You may recall, that the project seemingly stalled over the last year. That stall was due to the original contractor not doing his job. A new contractor has been hired and the project is again moving forward.
3. We are in the early stages of paperwork to receive state approval to spend MFT funds for \$250,000 worth of road repaving and crack sealing next summer.
4. The proposed truck repair facility to be located on the west edge of town seems to be crawling forward. They are awaiting IDOT permission to have a driveway on Hwy. 120 and they are struggling with financing.
5. One of the "concerns" that our auditors have mentioned in the past is our lack of a written technology safety/emergency plan. Kelly and I are working with the auditors and CSI to find existing plans that can be modified to fit our needs.
6. Mike DePouw had, on the 16th, his 5-year anniversary with us. He's a good man and has done a great job for the Village.
7. Also, on the 16th, Jairo Rodriguez and I had our first monthly meeting to go over and update each other on the various ongoing Village projects. He has really thrown himself into the job of being our go to engineer. We are off to a good start.
8. With the large amount of snow, which I think our guys and Dave Schultz's team have done a great job with, a number of complaints have been sent my way. Most concern people who believe the snow plow drivers are purposely dumping excessive snow at the end of their driveways. Some complained that the drivers waited until the resident was done clearing their drive and then purposely dumped snow back into the drive. I can assure you that no such plot exists. I personally spoke to every complainant and most seemed to be more understanding of the situation after the call.