

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 1/13/2010- 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees Kearns, Ewan and Smith were present; Trustees Forte, Johnson and Ortiz were absent.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Pw Supt. Maltrotto, FD Chief & Mrs. Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, and several EHC residents.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES: Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 12/16/09 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: PADS PROCLAMATION. Mayor Brown spoke of the efforts of South Suburban PADS in serving our area over the past 20 years. He declared January, 2010 as South Suburban PADS Awareness Month. Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the Proclamation. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

ORDINANCE 09-16; Crime Free Housing Ordinance. This ordinance amends the CFH Ordinance adopted in 2009 by adding paragraph 'f' to Section 10-5 of the Village Code. Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to adopt Ordinance 09-16. Roll Call: All trustees present and Mayor Brown voted aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 09-17 was taken off the Agenda. There should be a full board to act on the water rate increase.

ORDINANCE 09-18 – amends the Building Code. Mayor Brown explained the Building Officials Conf. of America (BOCA) is no longer in existence; therefore, the **International Minimum Property Maintenance Code and the Illinois State Plumbing Code** should be adopted. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 09-18. Roll Call: All trustees present and Mayor Brown voted aye. Motions carried.

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB). Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve SCCVB as the Village's official bureau of record. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

CLERK: A Christmas greeting was read from former Mayor Ralph E. Parkes. The Census Bureau is looking for workers to complete the 2010 CENSUS. There will be a meeting of the Complete Count Committee in the 'B' conference room in the 1904 Building on Monday, 1/19/10 at 7 pm.

The Clerk requested approval of registration and lodging to attend the IIMC annual conference. As in the past, she will use some of her vacation and pay travel and personal expenses. To offset the expenditure (not to exceed \$1,800) she has elected to withdraw from IMRF, thereby saving the village approximately \$4,500. Trustee Kearns said to postpone action on this request until the 1/27 meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction update:** construction is at a standstill. PW Maltrotto contacted a leak detection company to find a water leak. It was located on Ashland Avenue under the tollroad. Ashland Avenue Northbound traffic will be closed from 172nd St. to 171st St., Thurs. 1/14/10 until the repairs have been completed.
- 2) **PD Chief Robertson** has requested approval for the purchase of a ceiling mounted projector for the meeting room (1906) Cost is \$4,820.00. Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the request with use of FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE funds
Roll call: Trustees Ortiz, Forte and Johnson were absent; Trustee Kearns voted nay; Trustees Ewan and Smith voted aye. Motion defeated.
- 3) **RED SPEED AGREEMENT.** IDOT requires the Automated Traffic Signal at 171st & Halsted St. be upgraded. The Red Speed Agreement requires the expense to be shared by Red Speed and the Village. Our share will come out of the Village's fines collected by MSI over the next six (6) months. Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to approve the upgrade. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson & Ortiz were absent; Trustees Kearns, Ewan, Smith and Mayor Brown, voted aye. Motions carried.
- 4) **MSI Agreement for Web-based payment services.** Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the Agreement allowing payments of citations with use of credit cards. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 5) **PW Maltrotto has requested approval to purchase attachment for the Kubota.** There is a need to move snow from the parking lot after it has been plowed so that parking spaces are not reduced. 2 bids have been obtained: one for a 6' box @ \$1,671.00 and one for a 7' box @ \$1,752.00. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve purchasing the 7' box with the use of Parking Lot funds. Roll Call: All trustees present and Mayor Brown voted aye. Motions carried.
- 6) **FD Chief Vallow has requested approval of 450' hose at a cost of \$850.00.** Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: all trustees present and Mayor Brown voted aye. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:25 pm

Carol Cook made inquiry about the CFH Ordinance adopted tonight. Mayor Brown explained the amended ordinance would provide a reduced annual fee for registration.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to close this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:27 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 12/23/09 and 1/13/2010 in the amount of \$611,711.83. Several large expenditures were: \$115,884.00 to IRMA for liability insurance, \$190,752.71 to payoff the BW sewer bonds, and \$46,090.00 was payment of parking taxes from the Enterprise Fund to Corp. Fund. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte was absent.

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson was absent.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan said there will be a Safety Committee Meeting held on 1/27/09 at 6:30 pm – preceding the regular meeting.

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: In the absence of Trustee Ortiz, Mayor Brown read the report of the EHCVFD. The report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fire Chief Vallow commended PW's Maltrotto for the fine work on Santa's sleigh. Santa's visit on Dec. 20th was well received by the residents.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,