

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 2/10/10 - 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees: Forte, Kearns, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present at roll call; Trustee Johnson arrive during the Pledge to the Flag.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Chief & Mrs. Wm. Vallow, J. Thompson, H. Kearns, PD Chief Robertson, PW Supervisor Maltrotto, Tiffany Murkey and Bettenia Cole

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

MINUTES: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 1/13/10 as presented. Trustee Ewan said a correction should be made on pg. 2, paragraph 1, 'meeting of the Complete Count Committee will be held on Tuesday, 1/19/10 (not Monday). Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the minutes of 1/13/10 as corrected All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. (note the 1/27/10 meeting had been cancelled).

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: 1) ORDINANCE 09-17 –INCREASING WATER RATES. After a brief discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to adopt Ordinance 09-17 increasing water rates effective January 1st, 2010. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Smith voted nay. Motions carried.

2) RESOLUTION 09-04 – CDBG APPLICATION.

A Public Hearing Meeting was held at 6 pm preceding the regular meeting for public input on the 2010 CDBG Projects and a 2nd Public Hearing Meeting will be held on 2/15/10. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve Resolution 09-04 making application to Cook County for \$100,000.00 for Single Family Rehabilitation Building through the County of Cook HOME Program and for \$200,000.00 for Senior/Community Building. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Mayor Brown read a letter from Trustee Daniel Smith thanking the Board for their messages of sympathy in the recent death of his mother, Lorraine Smith.

CLERK:

1) NIPSTA – (Northeastern Il. Public Safety Training Academy) There will be an 'Incident Command System Overview for Elected Officials & Senior Staff on Saturday, 3/20/10 from 9 am until Noon in the 1906 Room of the EHC Municipal Building.

This training is NIMS compliant, but is not federally mandated. Members were encouraged to attend.

2) CENSUS CCC Meeting will be on Monday, 2/12/10 at 10 am in Conf. Rm.A. Members of CCC will pick up informational materials to distribute in a 'blitz' of the village during the weeks of 2/15 thru 2/28.

There will be 'kick off day' for the CENSUS at Lincoln Mall on Saturday 2/13/10 from Noon to 4 pm. Lots of entertainment. Residents were encouraged to attend.

- 3) Ms. Williams of School Dist. 152 ½ called in to the Clerk's office asking if the Village 'could do something about the moles at Lincoln School'. She was informed the problem is prevalent throughout the village. It's the property owners problem to deal with; there is nothing the 'village' could do about it.
- 4) Clerk's request to attend **IIMC conference**. As stated at the 1/13/10 meeting The Clerk uses her vacation time and pays for her own personal expenses including travel. She asked for Board approval to pay for lodging and registration only not to exceed \$1,800. [it was noted the Clerk withdrew from making IMRF contributions as she 'max'd out at 40 years; thereby saving the Village approximately \$4,500 a year. The Village's portion of retirement for employees went up from 9.20% to 10.13%] Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve registration and lodging for the Clerk to attend the IIMC Conference – not to exceed \$1,800.00. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Construction update: 1) nothing to report.

- 2) **Grant Mills proposal.** Chief Robertson submitted his proposal for installation of audio/visual equipment at the 1/13/10 meeting. His request was denied. Grant Mills submitted a proposal for installation of the same equipment in the amount of \$1,480.00 plus \$480.00 for labor. Discussion followed. The equipment would have the same warranty/guaranty as proposed by Chief Robertson. Fire Chief Vallow said Grant had installed a similar system in the Fire Department. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to **approve the A/V equipment by Grant Mills at a cost of \$1,960.00 (from Asset Forfeiture Funds)**. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Motions carried. [installation not to be done during work hours].

#3 and #8 were deleted from Agenda

- 4) **Administration Software Maintenance Agreement.** Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Maintenance Agreement for AP, AR, GL and PR software in the amount of \$5,079.00. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

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PD Software Subscription. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the \$2,450.00 update to PD software with Asset Forfeiture Funds. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

- 5) **FD request.** Fire Chief Vallow submitted a request to purchase 4 prs. Gloves @ \$85.00 each, name tags @ \$25.00 each, and face shields @ \$35.00 not to exceed \$1,000. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 6) **PD request** to attend II. Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Conference in Wheeling on April 19-24th. Conf. registration, lodging & meals will cost **\$1,300.00** to be paid with Asset Forfeiture Funds. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.
- 7) **PD request** attendance at II. Drug Enforcement Officers Conference April 7-9 in Peoria. Conference registration, lodging & meals expenses of **\$675.00** will be paid with Asset Forfeiture Funds. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Motions carried.
- 9) **PW Maintenance on generators.** In the past Marvin Harkins made the maintenance repairs on the generators; but he's out on sick leave. Maintenance must be done on the Pump House and Life Station generators. It will cost **\$948.00 for the Pump House generator and \$299.00 on the Lift Station generator.** Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve an outside contractor doing the work. The expenses will be paid with Water and Sewer funds. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 10) **Request to dispose of 9 yr. old Kubota.** PW's Supervisor Maltrotto is requesting approval to dispose of the old Kubota but keeping the attachments to sell at a later date. After some discussion, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtns. carried.
- 11) **Request to Purchase Park Equipment.** Cook County CDBG approved \$30,000 last year for purchase of park equipment. Purchase must be made by the end of the month. County requires three (3) bid proposals for the equipment. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to **approve expenditure of the grant plus additional up to \$1,000 to cover any costs associated with the purchase.** Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtns.carried.

ENGINEER: absent

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:34 pm

Tiffany Murkey and Bettenia Cole addressed the Board. They spoke of the Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" of Homewood Flossmoor Kickoff Celebration to be held on February 24th, 2010 from 7-8 pm at the Homewood Library.

CLOSE: There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 1/25/10 and 2/10/10 in the amount of \$102,198.44. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve the Home Occupation Permit Application of Malayna Warren at 17303 Hawthorne. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte complained that PW's plowed snow into her driveway and that of her neighbors. In general, PW's did a fine job of plowing the streets. Trustee Kearns inquired about the speed of the drivers as they plowed the streets. PW's Supervisor Maltrotto said the drivers have to maintain 20-25 mph in order to plow properly. He was asked if there is a 'salt problem' like last year. Rory responded he has sufficient supply. Trustees Forte asked if the Village could supply residents with a listing of services available from local businesses

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report. Questions were asked about ABUNDANT LIFE and A FRIEND'S PLACE. Don't know about the restaurant but A FRIENDS PLACE is in foreclosure.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan said there will be a SAFETY COMMITTEE Meeting on 2/24/10 at 6:30 pm immediately preceding the regular meeting.

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the January report of the EHCPD. (on file).

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Forte commended the Fire & Police Departments and Grant Mills for the fantastic assistance they rendered in a medical emergency at her home last month.

Trustee Kearns inquired if the Village can find out how much tax revenue the Lift Truck

Company contributed to the Village. How much tax money are we talking about? Mayor Brown said the specific company information is not available.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Police Chief Robertson noted Officer BaShon Boy'd father passed away recently.

-Fire Chief Vallow said the EHCVF Department conducts CPR classes every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. He said more attendees are from out of town . He said the goal of the Department is to have a certified CPR persons in every home in the Village.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
Time: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk