

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 3/8/06 8 PM**

**OFFICIALS:** Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

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

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** PW Director Maltrotto, FD Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, Jeff Welch of Clear Channel Outdoor and Jack Genius.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** After a moment of silent prayer, everyone in attendance to the meeting pledged their Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES:** Trustees Ortiz and K. Johnson made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2/22/06 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:** An invitation for 4-6 people has been received from Tom Agema of Homewood Disposal for a '**roast**' of **Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.** on Saturday 3/18/06. Interested persons should make reservations with the clerk.

**ORDINANCE 05-10; Amended ALN Airport Intergovernmental Agreement.** After a brief discussion, Trustees Ortiz and K. Johnson made the motions to adopt Ordinance 05-10. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

**RESOLUTION 05-13 – Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau.** Trustees Ortiz and K. Johnson made the motions to approve CSCVB as the bureau of record for the Village of East Hazel Crest. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

Mayor Brown read a letter from ZBA Chairman Rosiak on the **2/7/06 Public Hearing Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the variance request of Clear Channel Outdoor for moving a billboard on the Public Storage property.** The request was to allow a variance from the required 5' set back from the building to 2 ½ foot. The ISTHA expansion necessitated the moving of the existing billboard. Trustees Ortiz and D. Johnson made the motions to accept the ZBA recommendation to approve the variance. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried. The Clerk will send a letter to Clear Channel of this decision. Mr. Jeffery Walsh was present.

**CLERK:** No report by Clerk Minnis

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

1) Construction updates:

- Center Avenue will experience 4 short closures on 3/13/06
- Dixie Highway was closed earlier today
- there will be a pre-con meeting on 3/23 with both contractors for the reservoir and the pump house.

2) **LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 1900 Bldg.**

Adm. Lazuka has met with the prospective leasee and discussed her business plan. The previous tenant has been notified to vacate the premises and remove their equipment by March 5<sup>th</sup>. B. Singleton is prepared to move in. She has been in the Day Care business for 25 yrs. She has agreed to \$5,000 a month rent for 3 years. In 2009 there will be an increase. Ms. Singleton is asking to be allowed to pay \$3,000 a month for six (6) months and then \$6,000 a month for the next twelve (12) months. After discussion, Trustees D. Johnson and Ewan made the motions for the approval of this arrangement and for the administrator to proceed with the leasing of the 1900 Building. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

The administrator will follow up with the Bank on their intention to recover their 'stuff'. In the meantime the bank will be responsible for storage fees for the items to be removed from 1900 Bldg. into our warehouse.

The father of the former tenants has asked if he could access the building to remove Equipment. Mayor Brown said only the former tenants – no one else – should access the building for removal of anything.

3) **Snow Plow Repairs.** Trustees Ortiz and D. Johnson made the motions to approve repairs to the snow plow (\$1,279.00 parts, \$117.00 labor). All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

3) **The Sanitary Sewer in front of 1116 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> St.** is collapsing. There are three (3) contractors capable of doing this work willing to bid on the repairs. The 325 lineal feet of sewer line is estimated to cost \$20,500.00. Members concurred to solicit proposals for the repairs.

4) **#1 boiler in the 1904 Building.** We have experienced an odor of gas and it was determined to be from the #1 boiler. The blower fan motor needs to be repaired at an estimated cost of \$1,110.00 (parts & labor). Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the repairs. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

- 5) **Water Tower.** A copy of the latest drawing of the water reservoir was shown to members. A memo from Engineer Nagel relative to the cost overruns on the water project bid proposals was received and Administrator Lazuka gave rebuttal to each item. Members were given copies to review.

The previously scheduled meeting with the TIF developers did not take place last week. They will be meeting next week. The largest parcel besides Weglarz' properties should be acquired soon.

**ENGINEER:** No report by Engineer Dolan.

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees D. Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:28 pm

Jack Genius introduced himself as a candidate running for Judge in the Cook County 2<sup>nd</sup> Subcircuit Democratic Primary Election on 3/21/06. He was an EHC Police Cadet in 1976,

**CLOSE;** There being no other input, Trustees Ortiz and D. Johnson made the motions to close this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:31 pm

**Finance/License:** In the absence of Trustee Kearns, Mayor Brown asked for motions to approve payment of all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 3/8/06 in the amount of \$58,192.45. Trustees Ortiz and K. Johnson made the motions. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

**Streets:** Trustee D. Johnson commended PW's Supervisor Maltrotto for the fine job of keeping the village streets clean and dry this year.

**Signs/Buildings:** No report by Trustee K. Johnson

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan said her committee would meet before the next regular meeting to review a recent accident involving a FD squad car.

**Water/Sewers:** Trustee Smith was absent.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the February, 2006 report of EHCVFD activities. The report will be on file in the Clerk's office. PW Supervisor Maltrotto has been conferring with the tollroad contractor to correct the drainage of Throop Street.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee D. Johnson inquired about the Bolzano's vacant property. A brief discussion was held on the vehicles in the parking lot – 12-15 per day. The Clerk noted she has sent a bill to Bolzano's for the parking tax due the village. This information will be forwarded to the Village Attorney.

Trustee Ewan inquired if the Administrator could contact ISTHA about extended use of the Community Building for events and elections.

Trustee K. Johnson inquired about the dumpster on site at 173<sup>rd</sup> & Lathrop. The property owner is seeking County permits to demolish the garage on the property.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Trustees Ortiz and K. Johnson made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss UNION negotiations. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:49 PM

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION:** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. 10:11 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and D. Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 10:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis,  
Village Clerk