

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 6/25/08 - 8 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Forte, Ewan, Smith were present; Trustee Johnson arrived at 8:04 pm; Trustees Kearns and Ortiz were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** PD Chief Robertson, FD Chief Vallow, PW Supervisor Maltrotto, Fred Kolodziej, Mr. & Mrs. Prestley, Mrs. & Mrs. Headley, Mrs. Kuerston, Maria Perez & daughter, and Mary Ervin.

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

**MINUTES:** Trustees Smith and Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 6/11/08 as presented. Trustees Forte, Ewan. Smith and Mayor Brown voted aye. Motions carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Brown had nothing to report.

**CLERK:** Notification has been received from the IL. Municipal League on the Annual conference to be held at the Chicago Hilton September 25-28<sup>th</sup>. Members will be informed of daily sessions in the IML REVIEW.

Clerk Minnis reported on her attendance to the IRMA quarterly executive board meeting held this morning in Westbrook. There was good news and bad news. She delivered the latter first. East Hazel Crest claim payments made from the loss fund exceed the member contribution made to IRMA loss fund for the past three years. Claims analysis reveals that three large workers compensation claims have resulted in the majority of the Village's adverse loss experience. These adverse claims experience stems from police workers compensation claims. The village's claim frequency is 10 versus the IRMA target of 5. If the village's claim experience continues in 2008, the Village may be added to the IRMA "Watchlist". The Village will be received an IRMA Advisory Letter.

Good News!. IRMA sent a letter along with a Commendation for the East Hazel Crest Fire Department for an accident free year. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the Volunteer Fire Department received an award for accident free year. Mayor Brown presented the Certificate of Commendation to Fire Chief Vallow as Board members and those in attendance gave their approval.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 1) Construction news. See Engineer's report.
- 2) Ball playing in public/common areas. A resident complained of young people playing ball and trespassing on her property late into the evening. She also noted foul language used. After discussion, it was decided the resident should be advised to call the Police Department and let them resolve the problem.
- 3) Brakes for Dump truck. The big dump truck is in need of a brake job. The estimated cost is \$1,700. The expenditure will be split between PW and the Parking Lot funds. Trustees Johnson and Forte made the motions to approve the expenditure. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns. Carried.
- 4) Red Speed/Red Flex was again discussed. After discussion it was decided the Police Chief should get more information for board members.
- 5) Tahoe repairs. Chief Robertson said one of the new squad cars is on the street and the other one should be street ready soon. Three (3) bids have been solicited:

Lansing Auto:	\$4,219.00
Team Three:	\$4,616.00
Homewood Auto Body:	\$5,276.00

Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to approve the Lansing Auto proposal in the amount of \$4,219.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtns. Carried.

- 6) 1904 Building needs a new roof. Only two bids have been obtained:

Lindholm Roofing	\$480,000.00
Gluth Roofing	\$180,647.00

Trustees Smith and Forte made the motions to accept the Gluth Roofing proposal. Roll Call: all trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.
- 7) Tires needed for the mini dump truck. It will cost \$1,200.00 to replace the tires. The expenditure will be split between the Water & Sewer Funds. Trustees Forte and Johnson made the motions to approve the \$1,200.00 expenditures. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtns. carried.
- 8) Leaky pump in 1904 Bldg. boiler room. The 2<sup>nd</sup> pump must be replaced at a cost of \$1,900.00. Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to approve the new pump. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtns. carried.

**ENGINEER:** In the absence of Engineer Dolan, Mayor Brown read the report of the 6/17 bid opening on the 2008 MFT Project. Three bids were submitted:

Alpha Construction	\$95,884.00
Gallagher Asphalt Corp.	102,383.30

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Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to approve the **Alpha** Construction Company **bid in the amount of \$95,884.00**. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtns. carried.

PW's Supervisor Maltrotto noted 171<sup>st</sup> Street is scheduled to be opened on 7/1; with occasional lane closures. Lighting has been completed.

The remaining items to be completed are:

- .Sandblasting of the east bridge
- .Detention pond and storm water pump station
- .Access drives to railroad yard
- .Handrails for the sidewalks
- .Pavement marking for 171<sup>st</sup> St & Park Avenue
- .Restoration

-All construction on the commuter Parking lot at 171<sup>st</sup> Street has been completed with the exception of landscaping.

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:34 pm

**CLOSE:** There being no input from those present, Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. Time: 8:35 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** In the absence of Trustee Kearns, Mayor Brown asked for approval to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 6/25/08 in the amount of \$44,147.51. Trustees Forte and Smith made the motions to approve payment of all bills on the claims sheets dtd. 6/25/08. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Streets:** Trustee Forte complimented PD officers for the courteous manner in making Traffic stops. Trustee Ewan suggested new employees should come to a board meeting so that members would become acquainted with them.

**Signs/Buildings:** Trustee Johnson noted Public Storage (PSI) has finally gotten their property along Lathrop Avenue mowed.

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan had nothing to report.

**Water/Sewers:** Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz was absent.

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Fire Chief Vallow reported a successful ‘Fill the Boot’ campaign. He noted they also received two (2) tickets to the Sox/Cubs game. In the past few years the EHCVFD has placed 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the collection for Muscular Dystrophy.

**OLD BUSINESS: Landscaping on 172<sup>nd</sup> Street.** Rory has taken pictures of other areas along 1-294/1-80 as well as the area in East Hazel Crest. Seeing is believing - a picture is worth a 1,000 words. Administrator Lazuka and Rory will be meeting with ISTHA regarding the poor landscaping south of the tollroad along 172<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Trustee Johnson inquired about the Village’s *Comprehensive Plan*. Administrator Lazuka scheduled a meeting for Board members to discuss the ‘plan’ on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 pm (proceeding the regular meeting at 8 pm).

A request has been made by a member of the EHCPD to rent the Taylor House. The officer’s house sold and he has to move out. In the meantime he’d like to **rent the Taylor House**. After a brief discussion, it was consensus of members present to authorize the administrator to negotiate the rental of the house.

At the 6/11/08 regular meeting, Board members authorized the administrator to solicit proposals to out-source mowing of grass on the west side of town. PW Supervisor said it requires 43 man hours per week at a cost of \$653.00 to mow right of way and parking lot grassy areas. Two bids have been received:

Lawn Maintenance	\$747.50 a week
Area Prop. Maint. Serv.	\$485.00 a week

The bid price would be from now thru October. Adm. Lazuka estimated it will cost \$11,000. This would be payable thru the Enterprise Account. Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to accept the proposal of Area Property Maint. Services at a cost of \$485.00 a week. Roll Call – all trustees present voted aye. Mtns. carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns. carried. Time: 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis  
Village Clerk