

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of Trustees of the Village of East Hazel Crest..... Wednesday, 01/13/16 at 7 pm

Officials: Mayor Thomas A. Brown, Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present

Also present were: Fire Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW Supt. Prisby, PD Chief Robertson, J. Hale, J. Thompson, Fireman Sam Casella, Keesha & Paulette Karriem.

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to approve the minutes of the 12/2/15 Public Hrg.Mtg., and the 12/9/15 & 12/16/16 meetings. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

1)Mayor: **Report of the 10/23/15 Zoning Board Public Hearing Meeting on the request for a variance for the required parking spaces at 1425 W. 171st Street** was read by Mayor Brown. Trustees Ortiz & Forte made the motions to accept the ZBA's recommendation to approve the request. Much discussion. The applicant said she would have up to ten (10) clients – using only the 1st floor for the business. She said the second floor would be used for work space & offices. A resident spoke of observing a suburban vehicle backing out of the driveway into the west bound lanes of 171st St. – that was within 60-70 feet of the traffic lights at 171st & Ashland intersection. The applicant showed a video on her phone/camera to Board members showing a vehicle driving in and turning around to drive out of the driveway. More questions about the public safety issues. The motion could state 'no vehicles can back out of driveways'. Trustees Smith & Ortiz restated the motions to include the contingency. Roll Call: Trustees Ortiz, Forte voted aye; Trustees Kearns, Johnson & Ewan voted nay; Trustee Smith voted aye. 3 ayes – 3 nays. Motion died.

Mayor Brown said further discussion can be reconsidered at the next regular meeting.

2) **INGRESS & EGRESS AGREEMENT.** Mayor Brown explained the *Agreement* in detail regarding the ingress & egress at intersection of 174th & Halsted Streets. Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve the AGREEMENT. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

3) **AGENCY OF RECORD.** The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau has been the 'Agency of Record' for many years on behalf of the motels in the village.

Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to approve the CSCVB as the Village's '*Agency of Record*'. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

4) **9-1-1 AGREEMENT.** The four (4) year contract for 9-1-1 services with the Village of Lynwood was discussed. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions for the continuation of the present Agreement. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

CLERK: no report

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **'Pop N By' Lease.** Deferred to Executive Session
- 2) **WATER RATES.** The City of Chicago has not issued an increase in water rates.
- 3) **Generator Maintenance Renewal** for the pumping and lift stations. The two (2) year contract for service has a \$1,903.00 fee for each visit. (the fee is the same as the past 2 yrs. contract). Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the renewal contract. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **COP ANNOUNCEMENT.** Chief Robertson said the State requires the *Emergency Operations Plan* must be reviewed every two (2) years. All department heads, command staff and elected officials must be involved. The meeting will be at the Oak Forest Hospital on Wed., 2/3/16 from 7-9 PM.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:32 pm

CLOSE: There being no input from those present, Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:33 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said she received an e-mail from the former Mayor of Harvey requesting more *Handicap Parking* spaces in the parking lot. There was a brief discussion on the HP designated spaces.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 12/23/15 & 1/13/16 in the total amount of \$154,469.04. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read excerpts from the December, 2015 report of the EHCPD activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Fire Chief Vallow introduced Fireman Sam Casella, EHCVFD Treasurer who read the annual report of the departments activities, expounding on responsibilities of department members and efforts to bring all members into compliance with the State Marshall's standards. Good job, Sam.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Mayor Brown said we need to appoint a resident to be member of the 9-1-1 Board. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to appoint Monica Elsey as our resident member of the 9-1-1 Board. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Announcement: none

Executive Session: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:55 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:16 pm.

POP N BY LEASE: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the lease for **POP N BY** at the Calumet Station. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,