

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 01/28/15 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present; Trustee Johnson arrived during the Roll Call on Ord. 14-15.

Also present were: Fire Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, PW Supt. Prisby, Mr. Barbarawi, Mr. Patel and associates re: Motel and several EHC residents.

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

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the minutes of the 1/14/15 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

1) **Ordinance 14-15; Video Gaming Terminal license.**

Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adopt Ord. 14-15. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Trustee Johnson arrived

2) **Misericordia request.** The annual **Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days** fundraising event will be Friday & Saturday, April 24th & 25th. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Use of Lincoln School. Mayor Brown asked members to get their ideas or suggestions to Adm. Lazuka.

Clerk: No report. As a point of information: Ann P. Prater died last week. Mrs. Prater was Village clerk for 12 years, Mayor for 8 years and Trustee for 4 years. Mrs. Prater was buried in Veterans Cemetery in GA. near her husband John. There is no information on the date for a memorial service here.

Administrator:

- 1) **WATER RATES.** Adm. Lazuka has worked the 'numbers' and the board should consider a substantial increase to the water rates. She projected 'out' five years -with the 1st & 2nd years having a 25% increase and years 3,4, & 5 getting a 15 % increase. Much discussion. Water rates will be on the 2/11/15 Agenda.

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: 7:20 pm.

Mr. Barbarawi, businessman in the 1300 Block of 171st St. spoke to the Board about his Business License Application for a Used Car Sales lot. Mayor Brown said he was unaware that Mr. Barbarawi had reapplied for a Business License. Previously, the application was for repairs, etc. and open storage of car parts. Mr. Barbarawi assured the Board that this application would be for Auto Sales only – no repair work. Mayor Brown said the application would be on the 2/11/15 Agenda.

Mr. Patel and two (2) associates expressed to the Board their interests in the Motel. Mayor Brown said a random inspection of several rooms has been made. There are a number of Code violations, including the presence of mold. The Bank wants a report that all violations will be corrected.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report; but she said something must be done about the coyote problem.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 1/28/15 in the amount of \$185,450.26. All trustees were in favor. 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 said Mayor Brown and several trustees viewed the reconstruction/remodeling of the Police Department.

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Forte said the 2015 issue of the *Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau* brochure and coupon books are available – listing numerous discounts and activities throughout the south suburbs.

Trustee Kearns noted the completion of demolition and restoration at 171st & Ashland. The contractor did a tremendous job.

Announcement: 2/4/15 Neighborhood Watch – Part-time officer Sam Hogancamp will present a ‘simulator’ program.

Executive Session: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel (hiring) and litigation. All trustees in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:35 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:05 pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,