

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 2/13/08 - 8 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees: Forte, Kearns, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present; Trustee Johnson was absent.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Public Works Supervisor Maltrotto, FD Chief Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, several Volunteer Firemen, and numerous EHC residents.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: After the invocation, 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 regular meeting held on 1/23/08 as presented.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: Mayor Brown proceeded to recognize volunteer firemen and Public Works employees for the extraordinary efforts and the manner in which they assisted in minimizing the damages in the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce offices on January 19th & 20th. Their dedicated services were greatly appreciated by the Board. Mayor Brown called forward the volunteers and employees and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation and a letter of Commendation. Fire Chief Vallow was presented with a plaque 'for outstanding volunteer performance and lasting contribution' for the EHCVFD.

Presentations were made to: Thomas Anderson, Juan Garcia, Andrew Kielbasinski, Grant Mills, Kevin Vallow, Wm. Mills, Marvin Harkins, Fire Chief Vallow, Matt Koppers, Jason Orel, Al Prestley, and Rory Maltrotto. [*everyone was invited to stay for refreshments after the meeting*].

RESOLUTION 07-06. This is a Resolution to Cook County for 2008 Project Year for **Single Family Rehabilitation** in the amount of \$100,000.00. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Resolution. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

RESOLUTION 07-07. This is a Resolution to Cook County for 2008 Project Year for **Capital Improvements** [*for purchase of playground equipment*] in the amount of \$150,000.00. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the Resolution. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

RESOLUTION 07-08. This is a Resolution to Cook County for 2008 Project Year for **Capital Improvements** (for a new Community Building) in the amount of \$835,000.00.

Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the Resolution. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

ADDENDUM TO MSI CONTRACT. This will extend the current software agreement in the Police Department for collection services. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Addendum to the contract. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

CLERK: A note was read from Mrs. Pittman requesting a waiver of village sticker requirement on behalf of her son. Fred Pittman is currently serving in the military and his car is parked in the driveway at 17421 So. Loomis. After a brief discussion, Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to *waive village licensing fees for active duty military*. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

As a result of negotiations by Administrator Lazuka with CBS Outdoor the Village is earning money on advertising on the billboard over the \$27,000 annual lease fee. The Clerk noted receipt of a check in the amount of \$8,604.62.

As a result of the Village Board ceding the 2007 Volume Cap to the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, the village has received \$1,334.50.

There will be a CDBG Public Hearing Meeting in the 1904 Board Room on 2/21 at 6:30 PM.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction update:** nothing ‘happening’
- 2) **Fund Balance Maintenance Agreement** was briefly discussed. The fee for the renewal of the software maintenance agreement is \$6,000.00; Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve renewal of the contract. All trustees present voted aye on the Roll Call. Motions carried.
- 3) **Discussion on SALT purchase.** Because of the severity of local weather during the past month, salt supplies have been exhausted. Public Works Supervisor Maltrotto investigated and finally found a supply. It will cost approximately \$6,000 for 45 tons. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the expenditure. [part of the money will come from the 1904 Fund]. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

Heating Unit in PD. Today it was discovered the heat exchanger in the old Village Hall section of the Police Department isn’t working. It will cost \$2,855.00 to repair. A new unit would cost \$6,990.00. Higgins HVAC has a new unit and can install it tomorrow. Administrator Lazuka inquired if Forfeiture Funds could be used for this purchase. Chief Robertson will ‘look into it’. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the

motions to approve a new exchanger for the PD heating unit – not to exceed \$6,990.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

ENGINEER: M. Clumpner said she is working on the 2008 MFT Project.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:27 pm

Bremerton Woods resident M. Nelson inquired of the status of the vacant house at 17305 Forestway Drive. The property owner has it in court. They wanted to rehab the house. There is a question whether the house can be rehab'd. The Village wants architectural plans on structural integrity of the building. The last word we have is since the demolition permit has expired, the owner is going to Cook County for permit to demolish.

Question was asked if the Village *web site* bulletin could have the dates for removal of recyclables posted on it? Chief Robertson will look into it. Tomorrow is recyclable pick up day and then it's every other Thursday. Another question was why can't recyclables be picked up every week? Mayor Brown responded that Homewood Disposal distributed larger containers, on wheels. The contract states recyclables will be picked up every other week.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time 8:32 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the 2/13/08 Claims sheets in the amount of \$194,109.41. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte expressed concern about residents plowing snow from their driveways into the streets. She asked if there would be any branch pick up from the recent snow/rain storms. PW's Supervisor Maltrotto said his men have all they can do just to keep the streets clear of ice and snow. No branch pick up until Spring.

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson was absent.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan said there would be a Safety Committee meeting held directly after adjournment of this meeting.

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the monthly reports of both the Police and Fire Departments. These reports will be on file in the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS: The POD Ordinance will be discussed at a Committee Meeting to be held prior to the regular meeting on 2/23/08 at 7:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Forte asked Chief Robertson to change her e-mail address on the village's web page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.
Time: 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk