

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 2/24/10, - 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE: PW Director Maltrotto, Police Chief Robertson & Sgt. Wasek.
(Carol Cook arrived at 7:38 pm)

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

MINUTES: Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2/10/10 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: no report

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:07

CLOSE: There being no one present in the audience, Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:08 pm

CLERK: Aside from saying the Complete Count Committee conducted a 'blitz' of the Village for the upcoming Census, she noted registration has been made for Trustees Forte and Kearns for the NIPSTA workshop to be held in the 1906 Room on March 20th from 9am until noon.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction update:** nothing to report.
- 2) **PD request.** PD Chief Robertson has requested approval to purchase three (3) portable hard drive for the cars at a cost of \$300.00. This will save much time in transferring the video taken in the squads whenever the revolving lights are activated. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the expenditure thru Federal Asset Forfeiture funds. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Adm. Lazuka noted \$10,682.09 was received in Red Light violations during the month of January.

- 3) **Property Maintenance issues.** There was much discussion on what to do about Minimum Property maintenance issues with the amount of foreclosures. The banks say it's not their responsibility until after they get title, which can take months and sometimes more. Adm. Lazuka noted there are 52 properties in various stages of foreclosure. She spoke of one such property that had a fire call early Monday morning. Discussion on how to obtain the names of owners of subsidized homes was lengthy.

ENGINEER: absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets in the amount of \$43,065.11. It was noted \$25,000 was a grant for the work done by Westside Mechanical. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte spoke of a resident at 173rd & Loomis driving over the corner culvert and driving onto his property. PD has already addressed the subject. She noted garbage cans being left on the right of way until Sunday and sometimes later and a resident that takes his pit bull walking without a leash. PD will look into these matters.

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan was absent.

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith was absent.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the January, 2010 report of the EHCVFD. This report is on file in the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Forte inquired if G. Mills will be covered by the Village's WC while installing the video equipment in the 1906 Room. No, was the answer.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kearns asked what will be done to repair the damaged fences along Wood St. The home owners are waiting for insurance company to settle the claims. The Min. Property Maint. Code Officer will be contacting the homeowners. Trustee Kearns asked for a listing of homeowners that the MPM Code Officer has sent letters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz & Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:47 pm