

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 3/10/10, - 7 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL:** In the absence of Mayor Brown, Clerk Minnis called the meeting to order with Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz present. She asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem to conduct this meeting.

**APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM:** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to appoint Trustee Ortiz Mayor Pro Tem. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Fire Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW's Director Maltrotto, PD Sgt Mrjenovich, numerous members of the village and Robert Valesco of HUDSON ENERGY. (C. Cook and Brian Myers of HUDSON ENERGY arrived later)

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz gave a brief invocation and then lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

**MINUTES:** Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2/24/10 as presented. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:** No report.

**CLERK:** Item #2 under the Administrator's Report will be addressed at this time by Robert Valesco who proceeded to inform members of the cost saving services Hudson Energy could provide for the village.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

1) Since there has not been any construction during the winter, there are no construction updates to report.

Administrator Lazuka distributed copies of the proposals for upgrades to the Public Works Garage. PW's Director Maltrotto informed members that the only heating in the garage is one 14,000 BTU hanging unit. The building has only 100 AMP service - which is inadequate. His proposals are for HVAC units similar to those used in motels which provide heating and cooling. In order to conserve energy costs, he doesn't turn the heating unit on until December and turns it off again in March. Administrator Lazuka suggested upgrading the electric service first and plan on the upgrade to heating in next year's budget. Rory said the conduit is in place to the electrical upgrade.

Trustee Kearns said the property owner should clean the sidewalk, even if it is the result of snow residue. The mailboxes are officially the property of the US Postal Service – but the homeowner should take pride in maintaining the mail box for the USPS to deliver the mail.

**Signs/Buildings:** Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan has nothing to report – but she asked for a **Safety Committee Meeting to be held on 10/24/10 at 6:30 pm.**

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

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the January, 2010 report on EHCDFD activities and excerpts from the January, 2010 EHCPD newsletter. These reports are on file in the Clerk's Office.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Paint is chipping off the new water reservoir. Repairs will be made as weather permits.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fire Chief Vallow responded to questions about the CPR classes being conducted by the EHCDFD. The classes are well attended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. He noted there are more out of town participants than villagers. The goal of the program is to have a CPR certified person in every home in the village. The \$20.00 charge covers the cost of materials for the class.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:38 pm

The Adjudication Report distributed to members contained information on the Citations issued to the motels for violation of the 7-day stay. This matter was continued to next month.

Members questioned PW's Director Maltrotto if a home type furnace wouldn't serve better use in the garage and a suggestion to turn the heat on a month of two earlier to make better working environment for the employees.

**ENGINEER:** absent

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:18 pm

A Bremerton Woods resident inquired about the house fire two weeks ago at 17206 Hawthorne. She was informed a report was made on it at the last meeting. It has been boarded up and PD has been watching the house. Trustee Forte expressed concern about the trash on the properties at 17210 and 17202 Hawthorne. Property Maintenance Officer Mills has been 'on the job' notifying residents of any and all violations to the Minimum Property Maintenance Code.

**CLOSE:** Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:25 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to **pay all bills on the 3/10/10 Claims sheets in the amount of \$64,523.10.** All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

**The Home Occupation Permit Application of Jaime Aguirre d/b/a NEW TRIGGER MEDIA GROUP** at 1511 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> Street was presented. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the application. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Copies of the Business License Application of A-1 Auto Sales at 1329 W. 171<sup>st</sup> were re-distributed. Discussion followed. Members will review the application and site before the 3/24/10 meeting.

Members discussed several properties – residential and business – that need to be cleaned up .

**Streets:** Trustee Forte noted a lot of dirt on the sidewalks between Halsted Street and Loomis Avenue and several mailboxes tilted and some 'down'.