

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 3/11/2015 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, Lt. Wm. Mills, PW K. Prisby, PD Chief Robertson, M. Ervin, J. Hale, R. Rada

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the 2/25/15 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **ORDINANCE 14-16; Add'l. Liquor License.** There being no objections to the issuance of an additional Liquor License at the Public Hearing Meeting held on 2/25/15 at 6:45 pm., Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-16. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **ORDINANCE 14-17; AMENDING SCHEDULE OF FINES & PENALTIES.** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-17. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **ORDINANCE 14-18; ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-18. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **ORDINANCE 14-19; AMENDING CHAPTER 8 – FIRE CODE TO ADD NEW SECTION 8-52.** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-19. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 5) **ORDINANCE 14-20; ADDING EXISTING HIGH RISE STRUCTURES MUST HAVE SPRINKLERS IN EVERY ROOM.** Trustees Johnson & Forte made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-20. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 6) **ORDINANCE 14-21; AMENDING HOTEL TAX CODE.** Trustees Johnson & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-21. Roll Call: Trustees Ewan, Ortiz, Forte and Johnson voted aye; Trustees Kearns & Smith voted nay. Mtn. carried.
- 7) **RESOLUTION 14-07; LGDF.** Mayor Brown informed members of the need to send a message to Governor Rauner of the negative impact of the recent change to the *Local Government Distribution Fund* will have on our municipality.

Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve Resolution 14-07. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

- 8) **SALVATION ARMY REQUESTS.** The Salvation Army has requested permission to solicit funds for *Donut Days* on May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and for *Red Kettle* campaign Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the requests. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**CLERK:** Members and those present were informed of the recent passing of Inez Anderson. Inez was Village Clerk for 5 years and Village Treasurer for several years.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 1) **PD TRAINING REQUESTS:**
- a) Chief Robertson requested approval to send Sherri Clark to *Emergitech Training Conference* April 27-30 in Columbus, Ohio. Conference, most meals & lodging is \$700.00. Add'l. meals on travel days should total \$46.00. Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
  - b) The annual ILEAS conference is April 26-28. Chief Robertson is requested approval to send Office Kyle Robinson. Total expense of conference and lodging will be \$200.00. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
  - c) Chief Robertson has requested approval to attend the South Suburban Chiefs Executive Development Conference in Galena on April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$495.00 all inclusive. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.  
All these expenditures will be from the Customs Account.
- 2) **ENERGY ANALYSIS.** Trustee Johnson reviewed the *VERIDIAN* proposal for supplying electricity for the village accounts. Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to accept the proposal from Veridian. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **INSTALLATION OF 'RESIDENT ONLY' PARKING SIGNS ON 175<sup>TH</sup> STREET.** Discussion followed on the parking of cars on the north side of 175<sup>th</sup> street – especially from Center to Loomis. This is only an 'issue' during January thru April – tax time. The building at 1313 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St. houses 'tax accountants'. Discussion. No action taken.

**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: 7:21pm

**CLOSE:** There being no input from those present, Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:22 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets:** Trustee Forte reported on her trip to Selma, AL. She urged residents to update their Library Cards. The up coming Consolidated Election on April 7<sup>th</sup> is for the election of three (3) trustees.

**Finance/License:**

1) Trustees Kearns and Smith made the **motions to pay** all bills on the Claims sheets dated 3/11/15 in the amount of **\$248,031.23** – of which \$118,269.00 is for the PD remodel project. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) Business **License Application of Ashnaf Malki for the sale of Used Cars at 1325 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street.** Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Application contingent upon receipt of the IDOR Sales Tax approval. Roll Call: Trustees Johnson, Ewan and Forte voted nay; Trustees Smith, Ortiz and Kearns voted aye. Mtn. failed.

**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 the report of PD activities during the month of February and the FD monthly report. These reports will be on file in the Clerk's office. A copy of the EHVFD Annual Report was distributed to members.

**Old Business:** Trustee Ewan asked Mayor Brown if there has been a response to his letter to Homewood Village President Hofeld about the issuance of a license to grow marijuana for recreational use. Mayor Brown said he talked on the telephone with Mayor Hofeld and there was discussion about the installation of cameras monitoring the location.

**New Business:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: none**

*Executive Session: none*

**Adjournment:** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,