

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 3/14/07 8 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees: Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith & Ortiz were present

ALSO PRESENT WERE: PW Supervisor Maltrotto, PD Chief Robertson, FD Chief and Mrs. Wm. Vallow, and Justin Andrea

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: After a moment of silent prayer, everyone in attendance to this meeting pledged their allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2/28/07 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: no report by Mayor Brown.

CLERK: Members were reminded to give her their Statements of Economic Interests for submission to Cook County. The County Clerk's Office has advised her that because of the number of objections filed on nomination papers in the April Election, the 'punch' numbers will not be available until possibly this Friday.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction update.** 171st Street was closed to all vehicular and pedestrian Traffic on Monday and will remain closed until November.
- 2) **Light fixture replacement – 1904 Bldg..** There will be a substantial cost saving with the newer energy efficient lights. There are about 450 fixtures in the building. The contractor can get quantity price and replace 50 fixtures at a time. It can be done quarterly. This will cost \$100 - \$121 for each fixture; it would be a 1904 Fund expense. After discussion, members asked that additional proposals be obtained.
- 3) **Metro Recovery Service.** This 'body recovery' service will no longer try to collect their fee from the family but will bill the agency who called for their service. Discussion followed on whether or not the Village would pay for the service and then try to recover the \$250.00 expense from the 'family' of the deceased. Board members wanted prices from additional companies.

- 4) **PD cameras.** Chief Robertson noted attempts for two (2) years to get security camera for the Village. Locations were discussed. It was consensus that the cameras should be put on the Village Hall to scan the parking lot and Metra station. Three (3) companies have submitted proposals for the TSI lines and roof mount of the camera:

Triple R Electric	\$4,275.00
Meany Electrical Eng.	\$4,975.00
ESI	\$5,720.00

Cook County would pay for the camera, we would have to put in the pole. The expenses for T-I line (\$4275.00) would be paid with Forfeiture Fund money and the \$160.00 a month electric charge would be paid with State Drug Fund money. Cook County and SBC are ready to get on T-I line. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to award contract to Triple R Electric in the amount of \$4,275.00. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried. The security camera can be monitored in two squads.

- 5) **9-1-1 .** Administrator Lazuka, PD Chief Robertson and FD Chief Vallow met with the 9-1-1 Board to discuss annual fees. It had been proposed to raise our annual fee from \$35,000 to \$74,000 with 3% annual increase. But, the fee could be spread out over a four (4) year period: 1st year \$58,000, 2nd year \$73,900, 3rd year \$79,500 and the 4th year \$81,900. Members deferred action until 3/28/07 meeting.

Proposals for grass cutting machines. 3/28/07 agenda item.

Information on Building Permits/time to complete project was distributed.

Building Out of 1904 Building for Community Building use. The Administrator has obtained three (3) proposals to make the warehouse space in the 1904 building available for additional rentable office space. Rep. Davis is looking into funding assistance for a Community Center.

Status of 17305 Forestway. There was a fire that gutted the house and it was boarded up. Nothing has been done other than the board up since late January. After a brief discussion, the administrator was instructed to contact the Village Attorney to proceed with demolition

ENGINEER: Will Dolan will check on the status of the CMAQ application. Cook County construction on 171st Street between Ashland and Wood has Commenced. The contractor will be informed that construction vehicles cannot co-mingle with commuter parking along Park Avenue and the lot between Park and Wood.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:50 pm

Mr. Justin Andras of 1321 W. 172nd St. inquired about his application for a Home Occupation Permit. This subject is on the agenda under Finance/License.

There being no other input to this meeting, Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to CLOSE. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:51 pm

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the 3/14/07 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$58,117.51. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Trustee Kearns inquired of **Justin Andras** of the scope of his **home occupation**. Then he informed Mr. Andras that no storage of equipment, supplies can be stored at this address; no customers coming to the house and no signage of the business. Mr. Andras acknowledged this and was told he could pick up the permit at the Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Streets: No report

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance on PODS will be on the 3/28/07 AGENDA.

Questions were asked about the status of Bolzano's property. It's in foreclosure.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The EHC Volunteer Firemen will conduct a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday 4/29 at the fire house.

ADJOURN to Executive Session: Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 9:03 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 9:25 pm

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 9:26 pm

Respectfully submitted

Helen M. Minnis,
Village Clerk