

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 3/24/10, - 7 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** PW Director Maltrotto, EHCDFD Lt. Kevin Vallow and PD Chief Robertson. J. Hale, M. Ervin and R. Valesco of HUDSON.

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

**MINUTES:** Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 3/10/10 as presented. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:** Salvation Army requests to conduct their annual DONUT DAY and CHRISTMAS KETTLES campaigns were considered (May 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.) Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**CLERK:** The Clerk had nothing to report. There was some discussion on the CENSUS forms received in the last two weeks.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

1) **Construction update:** nothing to report.

2) **Sprinkler relocation in 1904 Bldg.** Quotations from two firms have been received to move the sprinkler heads in the 1906 & 1912 rooms.

-Mc Daniels of Valparaso, IN, \$3,725.00

-F.E. Moran of Griffith, IN. \$2,397.00

On the recommendation of Director Maltrotto, Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to approve the proposal of **F. W. Moran in the amount of \$2,397.00.** Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

3) **Mowing quotes.** Three bids were received for mowing on the West side of the Village:

American Lawn of South Holland \$850.00 a week

GT&L of East Hazel Crest \$435.00 a week

Area Properties, Homewood \$450.00 a week

On the recommendation of Director Maltrotto, Trustees Ewan and Smith made the motions to approve the proposal of **GT&L in the amount of \$435.00 a week.**

Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

- 4) **PW Heater.** Discussion the need for HVAC in the Public Works building at 17217 South Throop Street. It was decided to do the project in two (2) stages – the 1<sup>st</sup> would be the electrical upgrade. Proposals were received from:

-Triple R Electric	\$1,675.00
-Westside Mechanical	\$5,680.00

After discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve the proposal of **Triple R Electric in the amount of \$1,675.00.** Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Kearns voted nay. Motions carried.
  
- 5) **PD computer clean up.** Chief Robertson spoke of the need to dust & clean up cords of the hardware. The work would be done on Saturdays and he would assist ATSI . Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the work being done by **ATSI in the amount of \$600.00.** Questions were asked if Federal Asset Forfeiture funds could be used. No, was the answer, it would have to be out of the Corporate Fund. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.
  
- 6) **So. Sub. Chiefs' Assn. Conference. Chief Robertson and a Sgt. to attend the conference in Galena, Il. 4/29 to 5/2 at a cost of \$600.00 each.** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the \$1200.00 expenditure from the Federal Asset Forfeiture funds. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Kearns voted nay. Motions carried.
  
- 7) **PD Drivers Training Program (8 officers).** Four (4) officers @ \$325.00 each and four (4) officers @\$110.00 each. Federal Forfeiture Funds will be used. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the **\$1,740.00** expenditure. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.
  
- 8) **PD LEADS subscription renewal.** Federal Forfeiture Funds will be used. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the \$,1570.00 subscription renewal. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.
  
- 9) **Housing Coalition Bill.** The So. Sub. Housing Coalition will receive Federal Grant money if they can raise the required matching contribution. The minimum contribution would be \$500.00. Our participation in So.Sub. Housing Coalition would help to meet CDBG Requirements for EHC's Fair Housing Action Plan. This Action Plan is required to be eligible for Grant funds. Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to **approve a \$500.00 contribution to SSHC.** All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
  
- 10) **PD Five (5) year Strategic Plan.** Chief Robertson distributed copies of the EHCPD 5 year plan. After some discussion, Trustee Smith suggested the PD invite board members to the training session.

Administrator Lazuka distributed information of the Illinois Urban Forestry program. She suggested members consider participation in this program. This item will be on the 4/14/10 Agenda.

**ENGINEER:** absent

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:36 pm.

Robert Valesco of HUDSON inquired if members have given thought to his presentation at the 3/10 meeting for electric rate savings by his firm.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:38 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns & Trustees Ortiz made the motions to **pay all bills on the 3/25/10 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$64,266.28.** All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Home Occupation Permit Application of Lee Curry** of 1314 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St. was presented. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Business license application of **Trees of Righteous Int'l. Ministries, Inc.** to operate at 17105 So. Laflin was presented. Discussion followed. The property is zoned B-2. A more detailed description of the proposed business will have to be submitted so that a determination can be made if it fits within the current zoning classification. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to send the application with detailed description to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

**Streets:** No report by Trustee Forte

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

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan report the Safety Committee met at 6:30 pm [just prior to the regular mtg.] to discuss some accidents involving employees. She noted she attend the Crime Free Housing Meeting last week and the NIMS Mtg..held in the 1906 Room. last Saturday.

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

**Police/Fire:** No report by Trustee Ortiz .

**OLD BUSINESS: A-1 Auto Repair & Sales** at 1329 W.171<sup>st</sup> St. – Business license application. Since the close of the sale of the vacated Loomis Avenue there have been vehicles parked on more than ½ of the street. Vehicles parked in the rear of the property and beyond the property lines. The applicant should submit a ‘parking plan’ for vehicles to be sold (and stored for repair), Sales Tax information and a copy of their State Registration before action on the Business License Application.

**Village Yard Waste Pick Up.** Discussion followed on when to have a village wide Yard Waste Pick Up Day. It was the consensus to have it the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April on regular pick up day. A ‘flyer’ will be distributed throughout the village to notify residents.

**NEW BUSINESS: Texting & Cell phone usage** was discussed. The State has a cell phone Ban while driving – some municipalities have a texting ban. Chief Robertson said there would be an enforcement problem.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chief Robertson told of the indecision of our legislators in Springfield on the RED LIGHT issue. Some want it overturned. The way it is now, EHC complies with all the new requirements except for notification to the Secretary of State when the motorists has multiple violations. He will notify MSI of the need to comply.

Brief discussion of the recent garage break in on 173<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:55 pm

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION.** Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:18 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,