

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 3/26/14 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: Mrs. S. Kaim, Kris Szlembarski & family, Lt. Grant & Lt. Wm. Mills, Preston Jackson, R. Wasek, S. Hogancamp, Brandon Stasiak, and several residents.

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 2/26/14 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) *GIS presentation* (removed from agenda)
- 2) *FD Presentation*. Chief Wm. Vallow made a presentation to the 1st Responders to the 1/2/14 medical call for PW's employee A. Ewan. Al had a massive heart attack while spreading salt at the Metra station. Chief Vallow proceeded to make presentation of dress jacket and hat to Krzystof Szlembarski. [it's tradition in the EHC VFD to make this presentation upon firemen attending Firefighter II status].
- 3) *Extension of contract with Wm. Mahar* as lobbyist in Springfield for the EHC TIF District. Expenses are shared with the Village of Homewood. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the extension of the contract. Roll Call: Trustees Johnson, Ewan, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye; Trustee Smith voted nay. Motion carried.
- 4) *Village Weapon POLICY*. Members were given copies of the WEAPON POLICY at the 2/26 meeting to review. Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adopt the WEAPON POLICY. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 5) *Personnel Policy changes to disallow medical marijuana on the job*. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to add Sec. 2.3.2 to the Personnel Policy. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: No report.

Mayor Brown said Homewood Disposal has sent out bills for yard waste containers. He urged residents not to pay the bill as yard waste is now included in our contract for services.

Administrator:

- 1) *PD renovation*. Adm. Lazuka reported the bid package for the renovation of the Police Department should be ready by mid May.

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- 2) *Bolzano's property proposed development.* A copy of the Design Concept was displayed. The development will be removed from the property from the Flood Plain and the old building will be demolished. Brief discussion. Trustees Johnson and Forte made the motions to approve the Design Concept. All trustees were in favor. *Mtn. carried.* Adm. Lazuka said two (2) businesses have expressed interest in the location.
- 3) *PW Vehicle repairs.* The repairs to the Public Works vehicle damaged in the 2/1/14 accident will be close to \$10,000.

Lt. Wm. Mills has requested permission to solicit for Misericordia on Fri. and Saturday – April 25th & 26th. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. *Mtn. carried.*

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.* 7:16 pm

M. Ervin inquired when Public Works will pick up the branches from recent storms. She was informed the work will be done as soon as snow removal equipment is removed from the trucks. Regular branch pick up is done on the 1st Monday of the months between May and November.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. *Mtn. carried.* Time: 7:18 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: No report by Trustee Forte.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 3/12/14 & 3/26/14 in the amount of \$122,414.64. All trustees were in favor. *Mtn. carried.*

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan. She noted the Safety Committee Meeting will be held immediately after the 4/9/14 Mtg.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz Fire Dept. reports for Jan. & Feb. and the Feb. PD Report. These reports will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Kearns inquired about getting the use of a street sweeper for 171st Street. PW Director Maltrotto noted 171st Street between Dixie & Park is under the jurisdiction of the Village of Hazel Crest. He will contact HC and make a request to have the street cleaned.

Announcement: Fire Chief Vallows said the FD has new doors on the north side of the building.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,