

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 04/08/15 at 7 pm

Officials: Mayor Thomas A. Brown, Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, and Smith were present; Trustees Kearns and Ortiz were absent.

Also present were: FD Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW Supt. Prisby, PD Chief Robertson, Wm.Mills, Mr. Barbarwi, and several village residents.

Invocation & 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 3/25/15 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: As a 'Item of Interest' Mayor Brown told of his search on the internet on listing of all casinos & establishments in Illinois with gaming machines. East Hazel Crest has only one business with \$6,261,088.35 played. The Municipal's share was \$24,799.65. Brief discussion ff'd.

Clerk:

1) A request has come in from *MISERICORDIA* Heart of Mercy Center to solicit for funds for their Jelly Belly Candy Days event at 175th & Center on April 24th & 25th. Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve the request. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) The Clerk reported there will be a **Public Hearing Meeting on 4/ 22/15** at 6:45 pm in the 1906 Conference Room on the petition of **Signal 3 d/b/a Angie's Café** for a liquor license. Mayor Brown said he sent a letter to the applicant with several issues that must be addressed before the scheduled meeting.

3) **NHS** (Neighborhood Housing Services) sent in a request for use of some of the commuter parking lot for a 'plant giveaway' on Sat. 6/7/15 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Trustees Forte and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Administrator:

1) **Mowing Bids.** PW Supt. Prisby solicited bids from five companies for mowing. The village's current contractor was only one to respond. Administrator Lazuka recommended renewing the four (4) year contract with Uttermark at the same rate. Trustees Smith and Forte made the motions to accept the Administrator's recommendation

and approve the Uttermark contract. Disc. Followed. All trustees present were in favor (Trustees Kearns & Ortiz were absent). Mtn. carried.

- 2) **Parking Lot change order.** Administrator Lazuka informed members of the cost of changing the pay stations to solar as recommended by our Electrical Inspector. Chief Robertson also gave input to the reliability of the solar conversion (with battery backup). Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to approve the solar conversion at the cost of \$6,296.00. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) Fire Chief Vallow has requested permission to conduct a ‘boot drive’ for **MABAS** on April 16th -18th. The new MABAS facility under construction on Ashland (south of 175th Street) will house emergency equipment for the area. Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:14 pm

A resident inquired about Mayor Brown’s ‘wagering’ report. It’s unbelievable that one establishment in town could generate that much money.

Angenette Moore questioned the zoning for the property at 925 W. 171st Street. She would like to operate an auto dealership at this location. After a brief discussion, Mayor Brown advised her to submit a business license application and the Bldg. Dept. will inspect the building for compliance with Code.

Mr. Barbarawi asked the Board to reconsider his application for a used car lot and U-Haul facility at 1325 W. 171st St. Mayor Brown said we would need to see plans and the Building Department will inspect the building for CODE and ADA compliance.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report. She spoke briefly about the Consolidated Election noting the results for the Library Board. This was the lowest voter turnout in Village history.

A lot of residents do not have library cards. She asked if Library 'news' could be included in the Village's NEWSLETTER and on water bills.

Finance/License: In the absence of Trustee Kearns, Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 4/8/15 in the amount of \$27,202.58. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

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

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer: No report by Trustee Smith.

Police/Fire: In the absence of Trustee Ortiz, Trustee Smith read the EHCVFD report of activities during the month of March, 2015. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: Fire Chief Vallow said the department's annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 17th from 7 AM until 1 PM.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Ewan made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,