

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 4/14/10, - 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees: Trustee Forte was absent; Trustees Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Fire Chief Vallow, PW Director Maltrotto, Chief Robertson, Mary Sanfratello, Sgts. Wasek & Mrjenovich, Officers Novak & Bouquet of PD, Robert James, Jason Orel, Mr. & Mrs. Speller, F. Kolodziej & M. Ervin.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: After a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of former firefighter Jos. Freundt, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES: Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 3/24/10 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR:

- 1) **A.B.A.T.E.** Mayor Brown presented the PROCLAMATION, designating May, 2010 As **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH** in East Hazel Crest. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the Proclamation. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.
- 2) **RESOLUTION 09-05.** Mayor Brown presented Resolution 09-05 which is a 'hold harmless' agreement for any work performed along the State right of way. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Resolution 09-05. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **RESOLUTION 09-06.** Mayor Brown read a Resolution recognizing **Officer Mary Sanfratello** for 20 years of service to the Village as a police officer. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt the Resolution. Motions carried. Congratulations were extended by all with a standing ovation.
- 4) **Re-appointments to the ZBA.** Mayor Brown re-appointed Edward Rosiak, William Mills and Yolanda Banuelos to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the appointments. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 5) **Appointments to the ZBA.** Mayor Brown appointed the following persons to fill vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals: Monica Esley, David Daniels and Robert James. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the appointments. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

CLERK: *Statements of Economic Interests* are required to be submitted to the Cook County Clerk before May 1st. Members were encouraged to give them to the clerk to mail in to County.

The BUREAU of the CENSUS reported only 65% of the nation has returned the Census forms. Of the 15 South Suburban communities canvassed- 64% of our residents have responded to the Census.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction update.** In the absence of the Administrator, PW Supervisor Maltrotto reported IDOT will be resurfacing Dixie Highway from Governors Highway on the south to 159th Street on the North. Also, they will be working on Wood Street from 171st Street to Dixie Highway.

Rory has notified Cook County Dept. of Highways that the railing on 171st Street is coming apart. Several crash barriers have been damaged and should be replaced. CCDH have been notified of the need to clean the viaducts.

The METRA project at the Calumet Station is still waiting for the MWRDGC Permit. It should be forthcoming.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:10 pm

Mr. Speller spoke to the Board about the Welcoming Committee meetings. He distributed copies of 'NOTES' of the Committee's plans and ideas.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present to the meeting, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:15 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 4/14/10 in the amount of \$41,053.91. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte was absent.

Committee Reports, continued:

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

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

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read excerpts of the March, 2010 Police Report.
(copy on file in the Clerk's office)

OLD BUSINESS:

Trees of Righteousness Business License. Mayor Brown read the letter received in response to the Board's inquiries to the application. Members still have questions about parking issues and CODE compliance. The Clerk will ask the applicant for a 'parking plan'. Members will review B-2 classification of the property.

A-1 Auto Sales at 1329 W. 171st St. The applicant must have separate State license as a Re-builder and for Auto Sales. Mayor Brown will send a letter to the applicant.

NEW BUSINESS:

PW Supervisor Maltrotto met with Cook County Highway engineers relative to the shoulder damage on Ashland Avenue caused by semi trucks entering **BRAND SCAFFOLDING** property. BRAND was given two (2) weeks to make the necessary corrections/restoration. It was determined that four(4) signs should be placed on their fence prohibiting parking on the shoulder. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the PERMIT for the placement of the signs. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Kearns complimented the Fire Department on their services in the house fire at 17311 Loomis last Saturday.

Fire Chief Vallow invited everyone to attend their annual fund raiser – **a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 4/25 from 7 am until Noon.**

PW Supervisor reminded residents of the Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up to be done tomorrow, 4/15. Leaves & yard waste must be in paper bags or approved containers. No green tag is required.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
Time: 7:25 pm.