

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 4/28/10, - 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: numerous residents of the village, PW Supervisor Maltrotto, Fire Chief Wm. Vallow, and Police Chief Robertson.

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

MINUTES: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 4/14/10 as presented. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: RESOLUTION 09-06. Mayor Brown presented the Resolution ceding the authority of the unused allocation of the Bond Pool to the Il. Development Finance Authority for use by projects in the Chicagoland area. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve Resolution 09-06. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Brown read the Proclamation designating Friday, April 30th, 2010 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of East Hazel Crest. American Legion Post 1139 will be planting a tree donated by ComEd at the site designated for the Community Center. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Proclamation. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

CLERK: 2nd notices of the ETHICS statements were sent to officials. The Clerk noted she had contacted the Cook County Clerk and verified all statements sent have been received. Officials may disregard the 2nd notice they received.

The CENSUS Bureau has acknowledged over 65% of East Hazel Crest residents have returned their census forms.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) **Construction Updates.** Nothing to report on construction. CCDPH responded to PW's Director Maltrotto request to fill in behind the curb on EB 171st St. at Halsted St. MWRDGC permits have been received for execution - relative to the METRA project at the Calumet Station.
- 2) Administrator Lazuka said the 5 yr. proposal by *Lauderback & Amen* goes up 3% each year. She also noted Kelly is freezing the hourly rate for interim

audit preparation. Her work has resulted in a hourly decrease amounting to \$250.00 a year. Members were asked to **approve \$18,300 for the 2009/2010 Audit** (an increase of \$520.00 over the 08/09 audit). Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

3) Police Department requests to be made with Federal Asset Forfeiture \$:

- a) Chief Robertson is requesting approval to purchase additional *Crime Free Housing Manuals* at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- b) The Chief requested approval to send one (1) officer for *TASER* instruction/training on July 7th & 8th at a cost of \$375.00. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- c) A book case and three (3) file cabinets are needed in the department. Cost is \$2,205.98. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- d) Chief Robertson explained the need for two (2) digital cameras. Cost not to exceed \$175.00 each. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 4) Public Works Department request** for approval to make necessary repairs to the big International Dump truck. (removal & replacement of several 'leaves' in the springs, fuel tank, axle bearing, brake pads, etc. Cost: \$2,344.10. [it was noted, this outsourcing of labor was necessary because the employee who would have done this work is out on medical leave]. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

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: 7:26 pm

A resident stepped forward and spoke of the need to beautify the village. Something should be done about junk vehicles, vehicles without village tags, garbage put out in plastic bags instead of in containers as required by Code.

CLOSE: There being no other input by those present to this meeting, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:32 pm

ENGINEER: absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns made the motion to approve all bills on the Claims sheets dated 4/28/10 in the amount of \$34,622.52. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte agreed that the complaint about garbage being placed in other than approved containers is a problem.

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

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

Water/Sewers: no report by Trustee Smith .

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the March, 2010 report of FD activities. The report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Business License Applications of **Trees of Righteousness and A-1 Auto Sales** are still pending –waiting for response from the applicants to Mayor Brown's letters.

Trustee Ewan noted Lincoln School has placed new playground equipment on site and asked if the Grant money could be used to add to the School's equipment. Adm.Lazuka said it could not, as the Grant money had to be spent on the exact equipment specified in grant.

PW Supervisor Maltrotto noted BRAND SCAFFOLDING had two weeks to correct/repair the 'shoulders' damaged by their supplier's semi trucks. CCDPH will be issuing citations to them.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fire Chief Vallow made the Board aware of the recent IRMA inspection of village buildings. He said the State of Illinois has issued another unfunded mandate – that of OSHA COMPLIANCE – and it will be costly.

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. Motion. carried.
Time: 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk