

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 5/12/10, - 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

ROLL CALL: Trustees Forte, Smith and Ortiz were present; Trustees Kearns, Johnson and Ewan were absent. (Trustee Kearns arrived at 7:08 pm).

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Several residents, PW Rory Maltrotto, EHC Sgt. Wasek and Paula Blakely of TOR Ministries.

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

MINUTES: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 4/28/10 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: Knights of Columbus have requested permission to conduct their annual *Tootsie Roll* solicitation on 9/17 & 9/18. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Several members of the Board will be out of town on 5/26. It was suggested that in light of the fact that there is nothing pressing on the Agenda, the next meeting could be cancelled. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to cancel the 5/26 meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 9th, 2010.

CLERK: The Clerk gave a brief update on the *2010 CENSUS*.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) Construction update:** The Calumet Station Coffee Shop is still waiting for MWRDGC approval for the water and sewer permit.
- 2) Fire Department request** to purchase five pagers was deferred.

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: 7:08

CLOSE: There being no input from those present, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:09 pm

ENGINEER: absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 5/12/10 in the amount of \$69,095.66. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte expressed concern about the amount of limbs down throughout town resulting from the recent rain storms.

Trustee Smith inquired of PW's Director Maltrotto if the practice of picking up limbs after a storm has changed. Rory said the limbs should be bundled and placed curbside. At some locations residents have co-mingled bushes and yard waste with the limbs. The scavenger will not accept them.

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson was absent.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan was absent

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz noted there are no reports from the Police & Fire Departments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Mayor Brown reported there has been no response to his letter to **A-1 Auto Sales** for licensing. Currently the businessman has a license for 'auto repair'. There are several issues that must be resolved.
- 2) **Trees of Righteousness Ministries.** Paula Blakely was present to respond to the Village's Letter of 5/4/10.
 - 1st item – They have corrected the Handicap parking stall to 16'+.
 - 2nd “ –There are nine (9) spaces in front of the building at 17105 Laflin. at no time do they expect more than 10-12 people to their meetings. Most people will be dropped off.
 - 3rd item- when the license is approved, TOR will have a licensed contractor put in the ADA required ramp.
 - 4th & 5th items –Parking in the rear of the building was discussed. Ms. Blakely gave Mayor Brown a copy of 'lease' from ISTHA granting permission for rental of the tollroad property. Mayor Brown said the lease expired on 6/30/2002. He requested an updated lease.
 - 6th & 7th items. Washrooms have grab bars and doorways are sufficient.

Old Business continued:

Trustee Smith inquired why TOR Ministries chose this location? Ms Blakely responded that it was accessible – easy to locate. He expressed concern for public safety because of the traffic on 171st Street. Ms. Blakely said they would have one of their staff in the parking lot to facilitate parking issues. Mayor Brown said the Board was concerned about safety.

Questions were asked about Girl Scout activities and where is TOR Ministries located?. How many Girl Scouts and how do they get there? Only 7 or 8 girls and they will be brought in, in the church vehicle, was the response. The church rents rooms at the Holiday Inn, across the tollroad.

Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the application, subject to inspection and compliance with Code. Roll Call: Trustees Johnson & Ewan were absent. All other trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

RE CYCLE CONTAINERS. Subject again came up about labeling the ‘brown dumpsters’. Homewood Disposal is looking into an alternate to plastic labeling that could peel off. Trustee Kearns said he could order labeling. More research will be needed.

ARBOR DAY, EAST HAZEL CREST – May 7th, 2010.

PW Supervisor Maltrotto and his men were assisted by five (5) representatives of COM ED, and members of the EHC American Legion Post 1139 in the planting of a Swamp Oak tree at the site of the future Community Building, 1208 W. 174th St. Clerk Minnis represented the Village Board at this occasion.

Trustee Smith inquired who is responsible for posting signs on the Bulletin Board at the Wm. N. Vallow Public Safety Building. Sgt. Wasek said the PD & FD were in charge of posting signs.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kearns said American Legion Post 1139 will be conducting the **POPPY DAY** sales on Thursday, 5/13 at the Calumet Station.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
Time: 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,