

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 5/14/08 - 8 PM**

**OFFICIALS:** Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

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

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Mrs. Orel & son Ron, M. Nelson, I. Harrison, Mrs. Kuerston, Mike Bruno of Bruno's Tuckpointing, M. Perez; Sgt. Wasek and PW Supervisor Maltrotto.

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

**MINUTES:** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 4/23/08 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns.carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:**

- 1) **Weglarz Plat of Sub Division.** Postponed until 5/28/08 meeting.
- 2) **Resolution 08-01.** This is for the 2008 MFT Road Project for the resurfacing of 172<sup>nd</sup> St. from Fisk to Center and from Throop to Laflin in the estimated amount of \$96,100. Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to adopt Resolution 08-01. All trustees present voted aye on the Roll Call. Mtns.carried.

**CLERK:** A brief report was made by the Clerk on her attendance to the annual Benefit Choice meeting held last Thursday at the IDOT building in Schaumburg. There will be a 6.1% increase in premiums over the 07/08 year. No increase in benefits. She noted a decrease in governmental units involved in the CMS Program. The contract for the 08/09 f/y must be signed by 5/31/08. This will be on the 5/28 Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 1) **Construction update:** see Engineer's report.
- 2) **Dress Code Policy** – Trustee Kearns asked to defer discussion until the 5/28 meeting.
- 3) **Transformation Grant.** PW Supervisor Maltrotto applied for a Grant thru Com Ed last August to fund a change to the Flood Plain Map. Rory is working with Reggie Greenwood of SSMMA to remove the Balzano's property from the map.

Mayor Brown said contact should be made with the owner of the property at 175<sup>th</sup> & Wood/Dixie Highway to contribute money toward the expense in removing the property from the Flood Plain Map.

- 4) **Emergency Operation Plan.** Fire Chief Vallow has received information from Cook County on the E.O.Plan. County said the plan would be in effect for 2 years and then will be changed again. Chief Vallow will work with Chief Robertson on the E.O. Plan to make it work.
- 5) **Tuition reimbursement.** Members discussed the request for reimbursement of tuition. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of members to deny the request as there is no money available in the budget.
- 6) **Request for Plumbing Inspector's attendance to Certification Workshop.** After discussion it was moved by Trustees Smith and Kearns to approve the \$250.00 expense for attendance to the Certification Workshop. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

Mayor Brown suggested the Plumbing Inspector's fee be increased from \$35.00 to \$45.00 on all permits for his services. This will pay for the Certification Workshop. Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the increase in plumbing inspection fees. Roll Call: Trustees Ortiz, Kearns, Johnson, Smith and Mayor Brown voted aye; Trustee Forte, nay. Motions carried.

- 7) **Seminar "Reading the Color of Smoke".** Chief Vallow is requesting approval for attendance at a 2-day seminar "Reading the Color of Smoke" in Northbrook 7/19 & 20<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$299.00. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: all trustees present vote aye. Motions carried.
- 8) **SWAP proposal.** P.W. & PD are proposing using the SWAP Program using persons mandated by the courts to do Community Service. There will be 10-20 persons to use around the Village. It would be one day a month ( 5/27, 6/16, 7/22 and 8/26).  
Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the program. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns. Carried. PW's is multi tasking their employees. All three departments will be used to make the program work.
- 9) **Audit Affirmation.** Discussion followed on the audit affirmation – with a mid level review. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve a not to exceed \$4,292.50 expenditure. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Smith and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Kearns, nay; Trustee Ewan was absent. Mtns.carried.

**ENGINEER:**

- 1) **Commuter Lot.** Curb & gutter is being poured for parking lot entrance

All underground work has been completed, lighting foundations and unit ducts installed. There is not schedule for pavement as of this date.

- 2) **171<sup>st</sup> Street.** Installation of underpass luminaires and grading for sidewalks has been done. Work for next month includes sidewalk construction, street lighting installation and concrete retaining wall re-facing.
- 3) **Ashland Avenue Sidewalk.** Sidewalk has been constructed with the exception of the handicap ramps. Contractor to finish the remaining driveways and handicap ramps this week. Restoration next week.

**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: 8:33 pm

R. Orel of 17212 Forestway expressed concern of why Bremerton Woods residents are not keeping up their property. Mayor Brown said our Code Enforcement Officer is sending letters to residents in violation of the Code.

M. Nelson of 17303 Forestway inquired of the status of the court action relative to 17305 Forestway Drive. She asked if residents could speak to the issue at court. Mayor Brown said the Village Attorney could ask the judge to allow residents to address the court. He encouraged those residents concerned to write letters to the judge.

Mrs. Kuerston of 17314 Forestway Drive addressed the Board at the 4/23 meeting about her concerns of the lack of property maintenance of her neighbor and of the business being conducted out of the residential property. (photos were given to the Board) Administrator Lazuka said she and Chief Robertson will be meeting with the residents on 5/15 to discuss the complaints.

M. Perez of 17226 Country Lane inquired of the amount of Section 8 housing in Bremerton. The federal program was to place people in areas where they can find employment. Diversity, Inc. has been working on the problem of HUD placing so much Section 8 in the South Suburbs.

Mike Bruno of Bruno Tuckpointing inquired of the problem with storm water at 175<sup>th</sup> & Loomis. After discussion, Mayor Brown suggested Mr. Bruno have his engineer submit a drawing to the Village Engineer to review.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from residents, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns carried. 8:56 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:**

- 1) Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the claims sheets dated 5/14/08 in the amount of \$ 91,402.97. All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.
- 2) Business License Application-Tagelsir Salik d/b/a CarTechAuto Rebuilders was presented. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the application. All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

**Streets:** Trustee Forte reported on her drive thru Bremerton Woods noting several properties that needed grass cut, the fence at Kiddie Park should be painted, and seeing a gigantic black cat roaming the street..

**Signs/Buildings:** Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan was absent.

**Water/Sewers:** Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the monthly reports of the EHCPD and EHCVFD.  
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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Lazuka addressed the complaint of feral cats in Bremerton Woods. Sgt. Mrjenovich has contacted Cook County Animal Control. They do not have jurisdiction except in unincorporated areas. An animal control company has been contacted. They charge \$450.00 for 15 days of service to trap wild cats/animals. After discussion, because of budget constraints, it was the consensus to take no action at this time.

Trustee Johnson inquired of contributions for PADS via the water bills. This means of funding for shelters for the homeless has been in place for many years.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Robertson has asked if he can use Cindy Robertson to fill in for Carol Bouquet when she's on vacation or leave at \$10.00 per hr. Village Adm. was instructed to call Temp Service to check prices of administrative assistant.

Letters of appreciation were received by the East Hazel Crest Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance in supplying firemen at recent calls by the Glenwood and Harvey Fire Departments.

Trustee Forte noted she chased 2 men on cycles away from dumpsters. She said residents should be alert to 'dumpster divers' and call the PD when they are sighted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Kearns will hold an OPEN HOUSE at 1222 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> Street on Sunday from 1-4 pm. He asked members to consider issuing a Home Warranty on the house for prospective buyers.

Adjourn to Executive Session. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss salaries. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns. Carried. 9:12 pm

Reconvene to Regular Session: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees present were in favor. Mtns. Carried. 9:49 pm

**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. Motions carried.  
Time: 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis  
Village Clerk