

## **Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 5/14/14 at 7 pm**

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

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

Also present were: PW Supt. Maltrotto, Lt. Wm. Mills, Lt. Grant Mills, Firemen Szlembariski, Preston Jackson, and Anthony Arebalo; F. Thibideau, J. Thibideau, R. Wideman, J. Hale, J. Thompson and Wm. Carraway.

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes: Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the 4/23/14 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **Super 8 Motel Hearing.** There will be no Hearing on revocation of the Motel Business License as they have filed Chapter 7 – Liquidation.
- 2) **Report of the ZBA Public Hearing held on 4/29/14.** Chairman Rosiak reported a unanimous vote to approve the Variance request of Wm. Carraway for the dual residence at 1326 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St. After a brief discussion, Trustees Smith & Ewan made the motions **to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant the variance for the dual occupancy.** Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **ILEAS AGREEMENT.** The Police Department Agreement with the Il. Law Enforcement Agency is a *Mutual Aid Agreement*. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the ILEAS Agreement. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **COOK COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY AGREEMENT.** Mayor Brown briefly spoke of CCHS Agreement. Roll Call Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the Agreement. All trustees present voted in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 5) **Il. Housing Development Authority Agreement.** The Village has received a \$75,000 Grant from the IHDA for the demotion of vacant buildings.

Adm. Lazuka spoke of the homes that the Village has already demolished and of the two houses on this evening's Agenda. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to accept the Grant. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Mayor Brown moved item #4 from the Administrator's report** to discuss the LED lighting in the Traffic Signal Upgrade Agreement with IDOT. The improvements will be to the signals at 171<sup>st</sup> & Wood & at the METRA station at 174<sup>th</sup> & Wood Street. The Village portion of the **improvements will be \$2,127.50**. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the Traffic Signal Upgrade Agreement. All trustees present were in agreement. Mtn. carried.

**ORDINANCE 14-01. This amends Sec. 10-5 paragraph (f)** stating if the current registrant certified that the owner of the property has not changed since the previous registration the annual fee shall be reduced by one-third. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-01. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.** Mayor Brown presented Certificates of Completion of Fire Fighters courses to **Anthony Arebalo and Preston Jackson**. Anthony completed *Basic Firefighter Operations, Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Technical Reescue Awareness*. Preston completed *Firefighter Operations, Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Technical Rescue Awareness and Rope Operations*. Both men were given the dress jackets and caps by Lt. Grant Mills. Congratulation were extended to both men by the assembly.

Clerk:

**Reminder that this Sunday (May 18<sup>th</sup>) is the EHCVFD's annual fund raiser – PANCAKE BREAKFAST from 7 AM until 1 PM**

Administrator:

1) **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL.** The Village received a 1½% increase in health insurance premiums for employees.

2) **AUDITOR APPROVAL.** Adm. Lazuka asked for approval to renew the contract to retain Lauderbach & Amen as Auditors for village records. Their \$75.00 per hr. fee will be for 40-50 hours. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the **motions to approve retention of the auditors**. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

3) **ORDINANCE 14-01 CFS (Crime Free Housing)** see Mayor's Report.

4) **Traffic Signal Agreement** -see Mayor's Report.

5) **NHS (Nat'l. Housing Services)** are our tenants at 1920 -174<sup>th</sup> St. They have asked for approval to hold a 'flower give away' on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 8 AM til Noon. The event will showcase their Services. It was consensus of members to approve the event.

6) **DEMO OF TWO HOUSES.** The Village has received approval from Cook County for the demolition of two houses: 1315 & 1411 West 172<sup>nd</sup> Street. Bids were solicited. **The low bidder for the house at 1315 W.172<sup>nd</sup> was Holland Asphalt at \$15,600.** Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to accept the Holland Asphalt. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to accept the low bidder, **Bechstein Const. for 1411 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> St. @ \$15,900.** Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Administrator Lazuka said the cost for these projects will be covered in the IHDA Grant.

7) **Request for 'BOOT' drives.** Fire Chief Vallow has requested permission to conduct 'BOOT' drives at 175<sup>th</sup> & Dixie & 175<sup>th</sup> & Center on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, July 25, 26 and Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. *Mabas Fill the Boot Dates* are June 7 & 21, July 12 & Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time:7:24 pm

John Thibideau of 1209 W. 174<sup>th</sup> St. displayed a 'mock up' of his property and asked for members to permit him to build a fence in front of and along the east side of his house to allow him to let his dog out the front door and into the fenced enclosure. He also asked for approval to have a parking pad in front of his house. Mayor Brown said the parking pad request is a definite "No". As for the fence permit, the applicant will have to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Variance.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from those present, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time:7:26 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets:** Trustee Forte reminded residents that **May 16 & 17 are Neighborhood Clean Up Days in East Hazel Crest.** She urged residents to 'get out' and clean up the area around your property.

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 5/14/14 in the amount of \$108,263.29. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Signs/Maintenance/Construction:** Trustee Johnson was absent.

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

**Water/Sewer:** No report by Trustee Smith

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz has nothing to report – but reminded those present of The EHCVFD Pancake Breakfast this Sunday.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: none**

**Announcement:**

Trustee Kearns said members of American Legion Post 1139 will be soliciting funds for the veterans with the POPPY DAYS this Saturday.

**Mayor Brown congratulated Trustee Ortiz on the celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations Jesse & Lola!**

PW Supt Maltrotto said Com Ed. will not be donating a tree to the village this year for ARBOR DAY. Discussion followed. Trustees Kearns and Smith made motions to approve Rory purchasing an appropriate tree- not to exceed \$250.00. Planting will take place Memorial Day week-end .....May 24<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM.

Anthony Arebalo & Preston Jackson thanked the Board and residents for their support of the them and the Department.

Lt. Wm. Mills said MABAS has received a \$1,000 Grant and will be offering free child booster seats at Ingalls Hospital on Sat. 5/24 from 10 AM-2 PM

**Executive Session: none**

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,