

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 6/09/10, - 7 PM**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Fire Chief & Mrs. Wm.Vallow, PW Director Maltrotto, Sgt. Wasek, and several residents.

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

**MINUTES:** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 5/12/10 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:**

1) **RESOLUTION 10-01 – 2010 MFT PROJECT.** Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adopt Resolution 10-01 approving the Motor Fuel Tax project for 2010-2011. (IRMA requirements for sidewalk replacement, water main road repairs on Ashland, road patch at 173<sup>rd</sup> & Center & 174<sup>th</sup> & Center, and for road salt]. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) **RESOLUTION 10-02.** Chester Szoltysik retired after 14 years in EHCPD. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the Resolution for Chet. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

3) **Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.** sent in a request for permission for their annual 'Tag Days'. The EHCVFD will have 'Fill the Boot' days on June 25<sup>th</sup> & June 26<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the request. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

3) **SS Family Shelter** request was removed from the agenda.

4) **2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to Agreement (Cook County).** Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Agreement with Cook County for recovery of engineering expenses in the 171<sup>st</sup> Street Project. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**CLERK.** Acknowledgements were received for the Village Board's expression of Sympathy in the recent passing of Joanne Paesel and Jack Thompson.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 1) **Construction update:** PW Director Maltrotto met with County Highway Personnel to discuss replacing the damaged barriers & railings under the viaducts, the landscaping that needs to be done, and the berm work near the retention pond. Discussion followed on the maintenance of the area. Inside the fenced-in pond area, County put in prairie grass – it does not require mowing.

MWRD permit should be forthcoming so the Coffee Shop can open at the Calumet Station.

- 2) **DIVERSITY, INC dues.** Trustee Kearns asked for discussion of the dues be sent to Committee.
- 3) **CMS HEALTH INSURANCE.** Union and Management agreed to change insurance carriers from the state plan to BC/BS. There will be approximately 10% savings. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to make the change effective 7-1-10. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Trustee Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **Reimbursement request.** Chief Robertson is requesting reimbursement for \$281.00 expenses for the retirement luncheon for Chester Szoltysik. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the expenses. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.
- 5)

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:12 pm

Fred Kolodziej of 1113 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St. commended the Fire and Police Departments for the quick response to a medical emergency at his home last week. He asked the board what could be done to make the homeowner at 1109 W. 173<sup>rd</sup> St. complete the work for which a Remodeling Permit was issued. It's an eyesore! The Min. Property Maintenance Code Officer will be advised to look into this matter. Failure to comply will result in a court order.

Members discussed the failure to complete the remodeling of the house at 1206 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St. The MPM Code Officer will be advised.

Several residents present told of home invasions. Discussion followed on the rash of home invasions on the east side of the village. PD distributed flyers advising residents to be alert to suspicious persons or activities in their neighborhood.

**CLOSE:** Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:21 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions pay all bills on the 5/26/10 and 6/9/10 claims sheets in the amount of \$111,486.87. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Home Occupation Permit application of LaKisha Latham of 17322 Laflin. [A copy of Sec. 22-141 of the CODE detailing regulations and restrictions for a Home Occupation will be included in the letter of approval to Ms. Latham.] All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

*Abundant Restaurant* has a food delivery vehicle. The Clerk had asked Trustee Kearns to visit the restaurant and notify the owner that the vehicle would have to be inspected and licensed by the Village. The business owner has also been advised that the yard waste behind the building should be removed. Follow up will be required to see that this is done.

**Streets:** Trustee Forte had nothing to report on streets. She expressed concern about residents leaving their empty trash cans in the parkway. There is a problem with cats in Bremerton Woods.

Administrator Lazuka informed members that a Bremerton Woods resident was so concerned about the tall grass at a foreclosed house and on a vacant lot that he cut the grass at those locations at no expense to the village.

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

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

**Water/Sewers:** Trustee Smith was absent.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There have no response from either Trees of Righteousness or A-1 Auto Sales.

Trustee Kearns expressed concern about the property maintenance on the foreclosed properties in the village. Adm. Lazuka said letters have been sent by the Min. Property Maintenance Code Officer. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter then the village can contract to have the property mowed and a lien will be filed on the property. [there are 35 properties in foreclosure].

**NEW BUSINESS:** ?'s were asked about PD replacement for Officer Szoltyzik. Interviews have been conducted. The successful candidate will have to attend Police Academy for training.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Forte reminded everyone that Comm. Murphy's offer of free tickets Brookfield Zoo on July 20<sup>th</sup>. She has asked Rep. Wm. Davis to arrange for a bus. She's waiting for a response.

Trustee Kearns thanked the Board and residents for their support in the American Legion Poppy Sales last month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and finance. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.  
Time: 7:42 pm.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION:** Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to reconvene to regular session. . All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.  
Time: 8:05 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.  
Time: 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,