

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., June 10th, 2015 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present

Also present were: Fire Chief & Mrs. Wm. Vallow, PW Supt. Prisby, several village residents and Dennis Balassone of *Diamonds Jewelry & Pawn, Inc.*

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to approve the minutes of the 5/13/15 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

1) ORDINANCE 15-01; OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES –Chap. 13

Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 15-01.

Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) ORDINANCE 15-02; AMENDMENT TO CHAP. 13 – overweight Vehicles.

Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 15-02. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) ORDINANCE 15-03; PREVAILING WAGE RATES.

Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ord. 15-03. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith & Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Kearns voted nay. Mtn. carried.

4) RESOLUTION 15-01; MOTOR FUEL TAX.

Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve MFT expenditures for road & sidewalk repairs and tree removal. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: Inquiries have been of the Clerk about the proposed closing of Brown Derby Road and has the Village gone on record with either their approval or objection to the proposed action. Her response has been; there has been no request made of the Village and the Road is not in our jurisdiction. Discussion followed. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to send a letter to the Villages of Homewood and Thornton voicing an objection by East Hazel Crest to the proposed closing of Brown Derby Road. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Administrator:

- 1) **So. Sub. Housing Center** has sent in a request for the support with our annual contribution. Disc. followed. Adm. Lazuka will report back to trustees with information on how the Housing Center impacts/assists our residents.

- 2) **Tree Removal.** PW Supt. Prisby informed members of the need to remove the dead tree at the corner of 174th & Laflin. Proposals have been received from:
 - Smitty's Tree Service.....\$1300.00 + stump grinding
 - Stumps..... \$ 1800.00 + stump grinding
 - Midwest.....\$1300.00 -incomplete proposal
 - Briggs\$1600.00 + stump grinding

Adm. Lazuka recommended acceptance of Smitty's proposal because of previous service rendered by them to the Village. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to **approve Smitty's proposal for the tree removal in the amount of \$1300.00** Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

- 3) **APPROPRIATIONS.** A brief discussion led by Adm. Lazuka on the proposed Appropriations Ordinance. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to **adopt ORDINANCE 15-04, an Ordinance appropriating funds for the fiscal year 5/1/15 thru 4/30/16.** Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

- 4) Adm. Lazuka read a letter received by Police Chief Robertson from a motorist commending Officer James Conroy for his professionalism in a recent traffic stop.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:18 pm

A Bremerton Woods resident complained about a 'threatening dog at large' in her neighborhood. She said she has called PD and no action has been taken about the animal. This complaint will be forwarded to the Police Department. The resident thanked the board for cleaning the streets.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:20 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte thanked Fire Chief Vallow for the annual Pancake Breakfast held on 5/31/15. She will meet with FD Chief Vallow to discuss housekeeping issues in the Department.

There is an ongoing problem with coyotes in the village.

She noted the fine response to the Housing Center's plant distribution on June 6th, 2015.

Finance/License:

- 1) Trustees and Ortiz made the motions to **pay all bills** on the Claims sheets dated 5/27/15 and 6/10/15 **in the amount of \$173,402.32**. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 2) **Business License application of *Diamonds, Jewelry & Pawn, Inc.*** Mr. Dennis Dalassone answered several questions from Board members about the operation of the business. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the Business License Application. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read excerpts from the April, 2015 Report of PD activities. The report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) **Angie's Café License-** this application is ON HOLD.
- 2) **POI** – the Bus. Lic. Application from 'A New Way to Go DME Supply, Inc.' was approved on 3/25/15 but applicant has not come in to pay for the license.

New Business: The South Suburban Mayors & Mgrs. Golf Outing is Fri., July 17th.

Announcement: Fire Chief Vallow asked for approval to conduct the 'Chief's Boot Drive' on June 26 & 27th. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the 'Drive'. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Trustee Smith inquired about the status of the Day Care. Adm. Lazuka said the Day Care has had issues with funding and are behind the rent payments; but they're working on 'catching up'.

Mayor Brown said the Weglarz Group will purchase the old Motel on June 25 or 26th and then the building will be demolished. He said the buyer will pay \$1,000 for overnight security on the building. Brief discussion.

Governor Rauner will call a Special Session in July for BUDGET and four casinos.

Portillo's will be hiring on June 16th from 9am-6 pm at 17818 Halsted.

Executive Session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss: Personnel. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:42 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:04 pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,