

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 7/14/10, - 7 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE: PW Supervisor Maltrotto, FD Lt. Kevin Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, J. Hale, J. Fimbianti and A. & E Pressley

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

MINUTES: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 6/23/10 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

MAYOR: ORDINANCE 10-01

1) Appropriations Ordinance for 2010/2011.

Mayor Brown briefly reviewed the Ordinance. It has a slight reduction over the 09/10 Appropriations Ordinance.

2) Salary increases: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve 3% raises for all employees. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Kearns voted nay; Trustee Johnson was absent. Motion carried.

CLERK: The 2010 Census has been completed; but there has been correspondence regarding the change to the village's boundary on 174th St. between Halsted and Lathrop. EHC officials will meet with Homewood officials to discuss Homewood's request for a change to their NE boundary.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) Construction update:** nothing's being done as the Unions are out on strike.
- 2) Request to attend FB workshop.** Adm. Lazuka & B. Ward are requesting approval to attend a 2-day workshop in Ann Harbor, MI on 9/23 & 9/24 for Accounting & Billing software upgrades and training. There is a \$300.00 charge for them for the workshop and the hotel will cost \$216.00. The expenses will be divided between four funds. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve expenses as requested. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.
- 3) DIVERSITY, INC. dues.** After a brief discussion in which Mayor Brown said this is a worthwhile program, a motion was made by Trustee Ortiz to approve the \$2,300 annual dues. Motion died for lack of a second.

- 4) **Changes in PD fine structure.** Discussion on raising fine fee structure. Mayor Brown instructed changes to the fine fee structure be sent to Attorney Marovich to draft Ordinance to be adopted at the 7/28/10 meeting.
- 5) **Record Information Services renewal.** After a brief discussion on the **\$959.00 renewal fee** for the service to look up names of persons in control of foreclosed properties, Trustees Smith and Ewan made the motions to approve the expense. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.
- 6) **Replace PD computers.** Chief Robertson has requested approval to replace three (3) computers at a cost of **\$824.28 each and a \$500.00 fee** for installation & set-up for them. This will be a expense from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.
- 6) **New tires for the John Deere.** PW Supervisor explained the need for foam filled tires for the John Deere during the grass cutting season. Regular tires will be used for snow plowing. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the \$1,368.00 purchase for the foam filled tires. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 7:25 pm

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. Time: 7:27

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve payment of all bills on Claims Sheets dated 7/14/10 in the amount of \$44,926.97. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Streets: No report by Trustee Forte

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson was absent.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan reported the Safety Committee met at 6:30 pm prior to the regular meeting to review four (4) injuries to employees.

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: No report by Trustee Ortiz .

OLD BUSINESS: Through the efforts of administration with information from the Record Information Services the village was able to have a private contractor clear several vacant properties of vegetation and debris. Trustee Ewan said it was a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 is the date for the 2nd Annual COPS NIGHT OUT. Chief Robertson said this is a cooperative effort of all departments giving the community an evening of fun and games. There will be food, games, dunk tank, SWAT & canine demonstrations, etc. The event starts at 7 pm.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1139 will have their annual Picnic at Izaak Walton Park -- West Grove on Saturday, July 24th starting at noon.

HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL. A new fence has been installed on Laflin, both sides of 174th Street between Laflin & Ashland will have street repairs and there will be new shrubs planted. A new deodorizing system has been installed at the facility.

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

Respectfully submitted,