

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees -Wed., 09/10/14 at 7:04 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: FD Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW Supt. Prisby, FD Lt. Wm. Mills and several village residents.

Invocation & 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 8/27/14 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: **RESOLUTION 14-02.** Previously the Village Board approved the lease purchase of a new dump truck from Rush Truck Centers of Il., Inc. Resolution 14-02 is for the five (5) year lease Agreement and Payment Schedule. Trustees Ortis and Smith made the motions to approve Resolution 14-02. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: Members were reminded of the Illinois Municipal League Conference to be held in Chicago from Wed. 9/17 thru Sat. 9/20. Daily registration is available.

A **Memorial Service** will be held for former **Trustee John M. Prater** on Sat., 9/27/14 starting with a 2 PM Mass at St. Anne Church, 16800 S. Dixie Highway, Hazel Crest. Immediately following the mass, family, village residents, and friends are invited to a reception in SWEENEY HALL hosted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Administrator:

- 1) Rental of 1912 Space in the Municipal Building. Adm. Lazuka has met with representatives of 'Aunt Martha's' to operate a *Medical Clinic* with a staff of 4-5. This would be a treatment/service for homeless people. They expect to have a 'Grant' within forty five (45) days. Discussion followed on the rental fees (normally \$7-\$9 per SF). How would the Clinic impact the Police Department? Fire Chief Vallow questioned whether or not we're set-up to handle the impact of 'emergency calls' the Clinic might make. Aunt Martha's Clinic is also looking into staying open one (1) night a week.

Mayor Brown asked members to take time to reflect in what action to take at the next meeting. Adm. Lazuka was asked to get more information and check the Zoning. This may require a Public Hearing.

2) **Homewood Proposal/Evaluation of Harvey Water System.**

The Village of Homewood is concerned that the water payments made to Harvey are not being used to improving their water system. Because of a law suit currently in the court system, water payments are made to Harvey and sent to a Chicago Post Office Box. Mayor Brown said it's like putting the cart before the horse. Because it's in the hands of the court now, we should wait and see if a receiver will be appointed to take over Harvey's coffers.

3) Deferred until Chief Robertson is present to respond.

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: 7:27 pm.

CLOSE: There being no input from those present, Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:28 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte expressed her concern of the flooding of 175th Street at Loomis every time we have a heavy downpour. PW Supt. Prisby said "it's on the docket for HW PW's to review the flooding problem on 175th St."

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 9/10/14 in the amount of \$59,840.01. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

A-1 Collision Business License for truck rental. Currently the vehicle repair business is located at 1329 W. 171st St. With truck rental they will be occupying the building from 1325 to 1329. Questions were asked about where the rental trucks would be parked. Supt. Prisby will investigate the premises.

Adm. Lazuka said last month a Bus. License was approved for **HIS** at 1303 W.171 St. but the applicant has not complied by obtaining the license. Mayor Brown said a citation should be issued for each & every day the business is in operation without a license.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson reported he has completed inspection of all billboards and signs in the Village and turned the report in to the Clerk.

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

Water/Sewer: No report by Trustee Smith.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

Old Business: none

New Business: Mayor Brown informed members he has instructed the Administrator to Start **proceedings to demolish the Abundant Restaurant at 17429 So. Center.** The mortgage company is owned over \$160,000 and there is \$135,000 in past due taxes. The lender has indicated they will not stand in the way of demolition of the building.

Administrator Lazuka met with the receiver for **Super 8 Motel.** They inquired about a business license. Before a Business License can be issued the Village is asking for a complete inspection of the building.

Brief discussion of School District 152 ½ school buildings. Woodland and Ralph Bunche schools will be replaced by two new much larger buildings that are currently under construction. Lincoln School in East Hazel Crest, currently operating for pre-school and kindergarten will be vacated. 152 ½ is receptive to selling Lincoln School.

Discussion followed on demolition of properties:

- 1) A Friend's Place, 1511 W. 171st. Two (2) bids have been received.
- 2) Opatik at 1006 W. 173rd, - court order has been received for demolition.

The Carlson property at 1401 W. 174th St. will be cut by Uttermark. Code Enforcement Officer will take photos of the overgrown lot.

Announcement:

Fire Chief Vallow said Lt. Wm. Mills & MABAS 24 will be conducting a **Safety Seat Check** at the Canterbury Shopping Center on Sat., 9/13/14 from 10-2.

The MABAS Chief's Golf Outing last Friday was a success. The proceeds will be used to make an addition to the Rickoff Building on Ashland Avenue. Thanks for the support!

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,