

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 9/24/14 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: PW Supt. K. Prisby, FD Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PD Chief Robertson and several members of the department, H. Kearns, A. Kolodziej, Mr. & Mrs. Mostert, J. Kaczmarek, P. Frasier, J. Hale, J. Thompson, and M. Ervin,

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 9/10/14 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: **Intergovernmental Agreement.** Mayor Brown presented the Agreement between the Village and Cook County Dept. of Public Health for health inspections of local businesses. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the document. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: The *Memorial* for John M. Prater will be this Saturday at St. Anne's Church, Hazel Crest at 2 PM.

Administrator:

- 1) **Discussion on 911 Dispatch.** Fire Chief Vallow voiced his comments on moving the dispatch service from Lynwood to E-Con. He cited several concerns. Police Chief Robertson added to Chief Vallow's comments by saying Lynwood provides prisoner housing, firearms range, and other services that would not be available with E-Con. Our contract with Lynwood expires in April; it should be renegotiated. He strongly opposed the move. Administrator Lazuka noted there are options we have regarding privatizing and we should think about it.
- 2) Deferred at this time
- 6) **PD Presentation:** Chief Robertson displayed the *1st Place Award in the Traffic Safety Challenge for Small Communities*. He thanked Officer LaPorte and officers involved in this 'Challenge'.

ILEAS Award. A Certificate of Completion of ILEAS preparedness program was received by the EHCPD. The ILEAS program is patterned after MABAS' program for 1st responders.

- 2) **Enterprise Zone participation.** SSMMA has invited East Hazel Crest to enter into their Enterprise Zone. Currently we're in an E.Z. with several south suburban communities. After much discussion Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to accept SSMMA's Invitation into their Enterprise Zone. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

PD Renovation Contract. Members voted to approve the recommendations of BAI Architects **to accept renovation costs in the amount of \$242,320.27.** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to accept the recommendation of Architect Jim Clumpner to award the contract to Construction Solutions, \$157,723.00 and Valor Technology, \$16,350.00 in addition to furniture purchase and architects fees. Roll Call: Trustee Johnson nay, Trustees Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye. Mtn. carried.

- 3) **Discussion on Aunt Martha's.** Members had questions and concerns about renting space in the 1904 building to this group. Has any input been received from our other tenants? Adm. Lazuka said she has had no contact with Aunt Martha's since the initial inquiry. It was suggested that a representative from this group be present at one of our regular meetings.
- 4) **Approval to fund Memorial service.** Much discussion on what is appropriate to spend on this type of event. The Board should have a POLICY on funding 'celebrations' whether they be for employee longevity or to honor the deceased for their services. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made motions to approve funds not to exceed \$500.00 for the John M. Prater Memorial. Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Smith, and Ortiz voted aye; Trustee Ewan voted nay. Motions carried.

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: 7:58 pm

CLOSE: There being no 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: 7:59 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte reminded residents to 'burn your lights'.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 9/24/14 in the amount of \$59,213.70. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Re-visit Business License Application of A-1 Collision, 1329 W. 171st. Bldg. Inspector Czjakowski noted several violations of CODE, particularly parking and storage. He recommended Code Enforcement and Fire Dept. inspection of the premises. Trustees Forte and Kearns made the **motions to deny the application**. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Bus. Lic. Application of S.M.A.R.T. Property Preservation, Inc. at 17105 Laflin. Property owners Mark & Nancy Mostert spoke to the issues of parking and encroachment of 'right of way'. After discussion, Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the Application. Roll Call: Trustee Johnson, nay; Trustees Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: No report by Trustee Johnson.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan noted there will be a Safety Committee Meeting immediately following the October 8th, regular meeting.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the EHCPD report of August activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Forte note she represented the Village at the dedication of the Maya Angelou Elementary School in Harvey.

Announcement: Cook County will be hosting a Salute to Veterans and our Troops at the Double Tree on October 16th, at 1 PM.

Executive Session: Trustees made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:16 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:41pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:42 pm

