

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 10/10/07 - 8 PM

OFFICIALS: Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka

In the absence of Clerk Minnis, Mayor Brown asked for a motion to appoint Administrator Lazuka Clerk Pro Tem. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motion. All trustees present were in favor, motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan , Smith and Ortiz were present

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Public Works Supervisor Maltrotto, FD Chief Vallow, PD Chief Robertson, and numerous EHC residents.

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

MINUTES: Mayor Brown requested approval of the minutes of 9/26/07, Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Smith requested that a correction to the minutes be made to reflect that the Camera enforcement issue has been returned to committee for further discussion. Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

- MAYOR:**
1. After discussion and further clarification Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motion to approve the current year's MFT Program. Roll Call vote, all trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Bids were opened after sealed submission for the sale of the Lumina. Bids were \$600 and \$300 respectively. Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motion to reject the bids submitted. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
 3. Trustee Smith and Kearns made the motion to send two cars to the SSMMA Auction including the Lumina. Roll Call vote. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
 4. Trustee Smith and Ortiz made the motion to approve the filing of a Certificate of Full Reduction of Taxes for the 1904 property. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried. (This action retires the tax liability for the 1994 Bond issue for the 1904 building which was refinanced by the 2006 bond issue.)
 5. Fire Chief Vallow presented a Certificate of completion in Fire Fighting (Level II) to Andrew Kielbasinski. Fire Chief Vallow and

Firefighter Grant Mills presented a slide show depicting various fires and accidents in which EHC Fire Department supplied emergency assistance.

CLERK: Clerk Minnis was absent

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **Construction update:** The water main is in operation. There has been a delay in the delivery of the sanitary lift station. Cook County representatives have notified the contractor that 171st Street must be open for the winter. The sanitary force main is complete.
2. Administrator Lazuka explained the unfortunate short staffing of the Police Department due to injury and illness and requested the Board consider a partial vacation buy back. Those officers with multiple week vacation will be allowed to trade a portion of their vacation time for salary. Trustee Smith and Ortiz made the motion to allow vacation buy back. Roll Call vote. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
3. Administrator Lazuka present a request from Police Chief Robertson to enter into a contract for records destruction. The contract would be for 1 year and the document destruction would be available to all departments. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motion to approve the request. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried
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5. Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motion to purchase the date plaque for the water reservoir/pump station. Roll Call vote. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

ENGINEER: Mary Clumpner reported That the 171st Street project would be completed time.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time 8:20 pm

A.J. Brown questioned the protocol for the use of the municipal building. The response was referred to the committee meeting set for 10/24/07 at 7:30 pm. Denise Headley read and undated letter addressed to the Mayor. Manny Fernandez expressed his concern that semi-trucks were allowed to park in the center of 175th Street and on Laflin causing inconvenience to the residents. He also expressed concerns for the traffic that does not stop at stop signs, the speed of the local traffic and the loud music. He also asked for assistance in eliminating the paper that accumulates at Homewood Disposal and blows into his yard. PD will address his concerns. A.J. Brown announced the clean up of two properties on the east side of town. He requested to roll off dumpsters and was directed to Homewood Scavenger. Maria Perez inquired if the Village administration had contacted our legislators for assistance in funding. The answer was yes, many times and copies of correspondence will be made available to those who wish to see it. Tony Warren thanked the PD for its successful handling of a school issue for her. Mayor Brown

read a letter from the Village Attorney regarding the property on Forestway Drive. The property is to be demolished.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time 8:50

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/License: Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the 10/10/07 Claim sheets. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

Trustee Kearns proposed to send the issue of Ruby's House day care to committee. Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motion to send it to committee. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

Streets: Trustee Forte reported receiving complaints/requests for more street lights.

Committee Reports, continued:

Signs/Buildings: Trustee Johnson no report

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan no report

Water/Sewers: Trustee Smith no report

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz thanked the PD for the reports received.

OLD BUSINESS: It was the consensus of the Board to allow Halloween hours to end at 7 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chief Vallow announced that the Children's Halloween party would be October 28th at 1 pm. /

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time

Respectfully submitted,