

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 10/22/08 - 8 PM**

**OFFICIALS:** Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka

Mayor Brown called for a motion to appoint Patricia Lazuka as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the Clerk. Trustees Johnson and Forte made motions to approve the appointment. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

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

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** PD Chief Robertson, FD Chief Vallow, PW Supt. Maltrotto, M. Clumpner, and numerous residents

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** After Mayor Brown gave the invocation he lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

**MINUTES:** Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 10/8/08 as presented. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Brown presented Ordinance 08-06 for the Vacation of Loomis (ISTHA to 171). He noted that a public hearing was conducted just prior to this board meeting for public comment. There being no objections during the public hearing he asked for motions to approve. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motion to approve. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried

Mayor Brown also presented a resolution requesting that the Attorney General's office investigate the Road Salt Pricing. He explained the disparity in costs charged to various communities and the movement by the area COGS to secure an explanation of these disparities. Trustees Smith and Ewan made motions to approve the resolution. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced Fire Chief Vallow who explained the Grant (\$65,118.00) that the Fire Department received from FEMA to purchase new radios and turn out gear. Firefighter Orel demonstrated the new turnout gear that will be used to protect our men as they fight fires in our community and surrounding communities.

**CLERK:** Absent

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Construction updates.** Deferred to engineer's report.

**Kabota repairs:** Supt. Maltrotto explained the extent of the needed repairs to the piece of equipment used to cut grass in the summer and plow sidewalks in the winter. Repairs will cost approx. \$4500.00 to a machine that cost \$12,800.00 new when purchased about 10 years ago. After discussion Supt. Maltrotto was advised to seek prices for a new piece of equipment and return for further discussion.

1900 Building tax issue: To be discussed in exec. Session as it involves future lease negotiations

**ENGINEER:** Construction update. No punch list items have been completed. The hand rails have not been installed yet.

Culvert evaluation has been completed and total cost to complete this project would be \$21,000. Mayor Brown inquired if MFT funds could be used for this project and Supt. Maltrotto indicated that this would be an appropriate project for MFT funds, but noted that we may not have sufficient funds at this time.

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:24 pm

Mr. Russell inquired of an agenda item and Mayor Brown explained that this item would be discussed in exec. Session because it involves lease negotiations

Ms. Headley informed the board of her sightings of numerous raccoons in and around garbage storage.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from the audience, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Time: 8:30 pm

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 10/22/08 in the amount of \$23,706.56. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

**Streets:** Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

**Signs/Buildings:** No report by Trustee Johnson

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

**Water/Sewers:** No report.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz announced the Halloween party sponsored by the Fire Department will start at 1:00 pm on Sunday October 26, 2008. Fire Chief Vallow thanked the Library Board, American Legion and various businesses who sponsor this event each year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chief Robertson was asked to describe the training trailer used by the department to assist in training our officers. This is a piece of equipment used by 40 southland departments.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Forte encouraged voters to not only vote but to use the convenience of early voting.

Discussion regarding confusion between FEMA and Cook County supports during the past flooding disaster

Also, Adm. Lazuka informed residents and board of the meeting with a FEMA representative. FEMA reps will be in the area educating the public on accessing assistance from FEMA. Adm. Lazuka has the contact liaison's information if any resident would need to contact FEMA

Trustee Smith expressed his concern when he was informed by a resident and presented with a copy of what appeared to be a ticket for a function supporting "Mayor Elect Alonzo Brown". Trustee Smith felt this was misleading because no election took place and therefore no winner as the term "Mayor elect" would indicate. He felt this is misinforming the public.

Mayor Brown also warned the public of the identity theft and to be careful relaying personal information via the telephone.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: none**

**Adjourn to executive session; 8:45 pm**

**Return to regular session; 9:01 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.  
Time: 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lazuka  
Clerk Pro Tem