

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST HAZEL CREST, Wednesday, 11/12/08 - 8 PM**

**OFFICIALS:** Mayor Brown, Administrator Lazuka, and Clerk Minnis

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

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** PD Chief Robertson, FD Chief Vallow, REI Rep.M.Clumpner and several residents.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown 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 10/22/08 as presented. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR: ORDINANCE 08-07 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN IDENTIFY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to adopt Ordinance 08-07. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**RESOLUTION 08-06** – in support of the granting of a **gaming license** to operate a gaming facility in the **City of Calumet City**. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve Resolution 08-06. On the voice vote, Trustee Smith voted nay. Mtn. carried.

**COOK COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGREEMENT** for health inspections of food service businesses for the period 12/1/08 thru 11/30/09. Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the AGREEMENT. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION 08-07.** After a brief discussion, Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made motions to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and Resolution 08-07. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown announced receipt of Robinson Engineering's invitation to their Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, 12/6/08 from 1-4 p at Drury Lane Oakbrook.

**CLERK:** Copies of the IML Annual Conference Road Show registration forms were distributed to members. The one-day workshops will be held on 12/3 and 12/12. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the workshops end at 3 pm.

The Clerk reminded residents the sale of vehicle stickers at the discounted price will begin on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, After 12/31/08 the regular prices will apply.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 1) Construction updates: see Engineer's report
- 2) **Request to replace PD laptop.** After a brief discussion Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve Chief Robertson's request to purchase a Panasonic laptop at the cost of \$4,595.00. This disbursement will be made thru the Forfeited funds. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **Officer Mike Tuley to attend 80 hrs.** of transitional training in Springfield Dec. 8 thru 19<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$1,053.00. Up to 50% of this cost is reimburseable. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve. Mtn. carried.
- 4) Mayor Brown spoke of the **Red Light Running Camera System.** A study is being conducted by IDOT to determine need and location. (175<sup>th</sup> & Dixie Hwy. and 171<sup>st</sup> & Halsted are being considered). Mayor Brown will send a Letter of Concurrence to IDOT for RLR Camera System.
- 5) **Cook County SubRecipient Agreements.** Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to execute the CCSR Agreements for \$30,000 for park equipment. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 6) PW truck line item had been removed.
- 7) **IRMA cost increase.** The Liability Insurance for the Village will increase from \$84,000 to \$113,000. This resulted from our experience modifier.
- 8) **Replacement Breathalyzer.** The old one was purchased in 1996 and must be replaced. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to purchase a new Breathalyzer at the cost of \$5,795. This expenditure will be with DUI funds.. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 9) Trustees discussed the recommendation of the PD Adjudication Officer to appoint a substitute Hearing Officer (in case of emergency). Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to **appoint Michael Dyer as substitute Hearing Officer.** All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 10) **New tape recorder.** Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to purchase a new tape recorder for the Board at a cost of \$645.00. On the voice vote Trustee Kearns was the solitary nay vote. Motions carried.
- 11) **DECO Upgrade in the 1904 Bldg.** Adm. Lazuka deferred presentation to PW Director Maltrotto. The DCEO grant is much less than expected to upgrade the lighting and HVAC in the 1904 Bldg.. The aging HVAC and lighting in the building makes repairs difficult because parts cannot be obtained. As directed, Supt. Maltrotto solicited alternate independent bids for the scope of work to upgrade HVAC & lighting. Bid totals were significantly higher. After discussion it was the consensus of members to accept the proposal of Midwest Mechanical. The energy saving will be great. It will take significant lead time to order.

Discussion followed on seeking a payment plan. Trustee Kearns suggested taking this to committee for study.

The Committee Meeting will be held prior to the 12/10/08 regular meeting at 7:15 pm.

**12) FEMA Flood Plain Map.** The Robinson Engineering proposal to proceed with plans to have the BOLZANO'S property at 175<sup>th</sup> & Dixie removed from the FEMA Flood Plain Map at a cost of \$17,000. In the recent flood it was noted there wasn't a puddle at this location. The COM ED grant of \$5,000 will expire on 12/01/08. Discussion followed, Mayor Brown said it is the responsibility of private developers to fund these expenses.

**13) Purchase of New Kubota.** Prices for a new Kubota range from \$27,000 to \$29,000. A machine of this type is needed to snow blow the sidewalks and 171 & 175<sup>th</sup> Streets and at the METRA station (part of our contract with METRA). This machine is also used for mowing in the summer. Discussion followed on prices of a new one vs a used one. Mayor Brown urged members to purchase a new one. PW's Director Maltrotto said a new **John Deere would cost \$26,822.00**. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the purchase of the John Deere. All trustees voted aye. Motions carried. Payment options will be researched.

Members were informed of the need for training required by the Department of Homeland Security. The two (2) hour course will be conducted in this building on Sat. 11/15 from 9-11 am. It was noted Trustee Ewan and Clerk Minnis have already completed the course.

The Village sent a mailing to village residents informing them about FEMA money available for flood damages and of a Workshop to be held on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, in the 1906 Room of the Village Hall at 9:30 am-1 pm on how to prevent *Foreclosures*. The deadline for filing applications for FEMA assistance is 12/1/08.

**ENGINEER:** REI representative M. Clumpner read the following report:

Com Ed will bore the electrical service under the south sidewalk of 171<sup>st</sup> St. within the County ROW from the old Ashland Avenue alignment (just east of the eastern viaduct, just west of the restaurant, A Friends's Place, to the detention pond.

The stop light position was resolved – it was moved to the concrete pillar.

The railing is being fabricated.

East Haze Crest still has an open punch list with the County.

**OPEN TO VISITORS:** Trustees Smith and Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried. Time: 8:45 pm

A resident complained of a higher than usual water bill since his water meter was replaced. Mayor Brown explained meters slow down as they age. The village must have a water meter replacement program in place to comply with EPA regulations. Lake Michigan Water allocation reports document the purchase and sale of water. A large discrepancy between what is purchased and what is sold can affect our allocation. The resident asked to have the meter tested for accuracy. This will be arranged. A Bremerton resident asked questions about various Agenda line items that were acted upon before he arrived. [he arrived during Agenda item #11 discussion]. His questions were answered. Another resident complained about a 'minister' circulating a petition on village property during the Board Meeting. The President and Board of Trustees were in Executive Session and unaware of this taking place. The resident also made comments about the FEMA program.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from those present, Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to close this segment of the meeting. Time: 9:12 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 11/12/08 in the amount of \$178,970.33. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. [it was noted \$52,962.00 was FD equipment purchased thru a Grant and \$17,728.00 were lockers purchased for PD thru Forfeited Funds].

**Streets:** Trustee Forte reminded residents that 'open burning' is prohibited – this includes leaves. County and State laws prohibit open burning. A resident said her neighbor 'burns all the time'. She was told to call PD whenever she observes this violation.

**Signs/Buildings:** Trustee Johnson noted annual inspections have been made of all Billboards and signs in the village.

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

**Water/Sewers:** Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the October reports of FD & PD activities. These reports are on file in the Clerk's office.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fire Chief Vallow noted a cable went bad on one of the fire trucks. Alloy Sling Chains (ASC) gave them a new cable and chains at no charge. Thank you ASC – the village appreciates your generosity.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business to come before the Council, Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.  
Time: 9:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis  
Village Clerk