

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 11/12/14 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: FD Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW Supt. Prisby, Chief Robertson & Carol & Sherri of EHCPD, and numerous village residents.

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

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the minutes of the 10/22/14 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **Ordinance 14-07; Enterprise Zone.** After a brief discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Ord.14-07. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Intergovernmental Agreement.** There was discussion on the Agreement between the Village of East Hazel Crest and sixteen (16) South Suburban communities. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the AGREEMENT. All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **Extension of Intergovernmental Agreement between East Hazel Crest and the Village of Homewood to jointly develop the property along Halsted street.** Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the extension of the Agreement. All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **Report of Zoning Board on the 11/5/14 Public Hearing for change to Sec. 22-63 of the Municipal Code – Non-conforming Use.** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to accept the ZBA recommendation to clarify 'non-conforming use'. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 5) **Ordinance 14-08 – Change to Sec. 22-63 of the Municipal Code: Non Conforming Use.** Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-08. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 6) **Ordinance 14-09; Sale of excess property.** Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-09 to sell the Public Works 2000 Int'l. dump truck. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Adm. Lazuka said the Int'l. dealership said the truck is worth \$9,900. We have an offer of \$9,900. Trustees Forte and Smith made the motions to accept the \$9,900 offer. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

- 7) **Ordinance 14-10- Sale of Excess PD Property.** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve Ord.14-10 to sell excess property in the Police Dept. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 8) **Fire Department Presentation:** Mayor Brown and Fire Chief Vallow asked Firefighter Sam Casella to step up to the podium. Mayor Brown presented FF Sam Casella with Certificates of Completion in:
 - Firefighter Basic Operations,
 - Technical Rescue Awareness, and
 - Hazardous Materials – 1st ResponderAs customary, when a Firefighter completes this training, the Chief presents him with the Dept. jacket and cap. Congratulations Sam!

Clerk: Members were reminded of three (3) important items that will be on the December 10th Agenda:

- 1) Ord. ratifying the Union Bargaining Agreement
- 2) Resolution approving Union Participation Program
- 3) 2014-2015 Levy Ordinance

An invitation from Robinson Engineering to attend their annual Holiday Party at Drury Lane in OakBrook on 12-60-14 from 1-4 pm.

Administrator:

- 1) Adm. Lazuka asked members to discuss the increases to be implement in the 2014-2015 Levy Ordinance. Members discussed 2%, 4% and 4.9%. If the increase is 5% or more, there will have to be a Public Hearing Meeting. After much discussion, it was the consensus of members to have the Administrator calculate costs for insurance and salary increase and move forward with a Public Hearing if insurance and salary increases could not be covered with 4.9% increase. The Board would also give serious consideration to cost cuts.
- 2) Parking Lot presentation. Chief Robertson proceeded with a power point presentation of proposal to modernize the commuter parking lot. Trustees Johnson & Smith asked the Chief for a copy of the presentation and for feedback from other towns relative to their experience with this program. Discussion followed on whether or not we should increase our parking fees. It was the consensus of members for Chief Robertson & Adm. Lazuka to continue collecting information on the program. This will be put before the Board for final consideration on 12/10/14.

- 3) **PD Cameras.** Chief Robertson asked members for approval to 'pass' on our portion of the 911 GRANT of \$9,250 for one (1) camera. The 2nd camera would cost the village \$9,250. He asked for approval for one system with two (2) cameras for \$3,590.00. This money would come out of the Asst. Forfeiture Fund. Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Trustees Kearns inquired of the status of the PD construction project. The asbestos has been removed and the filing room is ½ done. The project should be completed in December.

- 4) **Request from Public Works.** Supt. Prisby is seeking approval to purchase a power washer – not to exceed \$400.00 Trustees Johnson and Forte made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:03 pm.

A resident inquired about the status of a casino in town. There is no activity to report. A senior citizen complained about the faint street light at 173rd & Fisk. PD will contact Com Ed.

CLOSE: There being no other 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: 8:12 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said some Bremerton Woods residents have been blowing their leaves into the street.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 11/12/14 in the amount of \$70,950.53. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

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

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

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz reported on the Fire Department activities in October. The report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: none

Executive Session: Trustees made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and litigation. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:20 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:47 pm.

Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to **cancel the November 26th and December 24th meetings.** All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Adjournment: Trustees Johnson & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,