

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees -Wed., 12/10/14 at 7:03 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: Fire Chief & Mrs. Vallow, PW Supt. Ken Prisby, PD Chief Robertson, Kyla Brown & friend and several 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 Johnson made the motions to approve the minutes of the 11/12/14 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **ORDINANCE 14-11; APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT & WELFARE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE.** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to Adopt Ordinance 14-11- a three (3) year Agreement commencing May 1st, 2014. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **ORDINANCE 14-12; LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.** Ord. 14-12 will increase the tax levy by 4.9%. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ord. 14-12. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **PROCLAMATION.** Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve Mayor Brown's proclamation declaring December, 2014 as **'Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month in East Hazel Crest.** All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **1st Midwest Bank Agreement.** Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to authorize the execution of the Agreement. All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 5) **RESOLUTION 14-05.** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to authorize the adoption of the ***Cook County Multi Jurisdictional Haz Mat Plan.*** All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 6) **RESOLUTION 14-06.** Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to authorize the execution of the **Agreement with Union 727 for health & dental for full time employees.** All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 7) Removed from agenda
- 8) **ORDINANCE 14-13 – ABATEMENT ORDINANCE.** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 14-13, abating the taxes on the \$550,000 bonds. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 9) **12/24/14 Meeting cancelled.** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to cancel the 12/24/14 meeting (Christmas Eve). All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: Filing period for the 4/7/15 Consolidated Election begins Monday, 12/15/14 at 8am and will close at 5 PM on Monday, 12/22/14. There are three (3) full term trustee positions available.

Administrator:

- 1) **Comcast phone Agreements.** Adm. Lazuka spoke of the improved phone systems for all four (4) departments. Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to authorize execution of the Agreements. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **RPQ – 174th & Halsted.** This prequalifies engineering bids re: 174th & Halsted for Phase II Engineering. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the RPQ. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. 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: 7:15 pm

Kyla Brown of 279 Lynn Ln., Chicago Heights spoke of her concerns in the policing of the Commuter Parking Lot. Mayor Brown said the Village is in the process of implementing a new system of payment for the commuters. Chief Robertson spoke to the issue of current procedure in policing the parking lots.

CLOSE: There being no other 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: 7:20 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte reminded residents to light up their property.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 11/26 & 12/10 in the amounts of

\$104,374.26 & \$53,406.90 for a total of \$157,781.16. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report but inquired about the parking of cars on the vacant Bank/office building parking lot at 175th & Halsted. Mayor Brown said the Village of Homewood has permitted Shaver Chevrolet to use the lot for temporary storage of excess vehicles. The bank building is on the market to be sold.

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

Old Business:

Trustee Kearns inquired of the wrecking of the building at 171st & Ashland. 12/18/14 is the date set for completion of the demolition. Squatters in the building at 172nd & Ashland will be given an eviction notice. Com Ed will not remove the electric meter at this site as long as the electric bill is being paid.

New Business: none

Announcement: PD Chief Robertson spoke of a fire in which 6 families have been displaced from a building on 174th St. The Police and Fire Departments will be accepting money, clothing and toy donations at the Public Safety Building until 12/17/14.

Fire Chief Vallow said *Santa's Coming to Town* on Sunday Dec. 21st.

Executive Session: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, salaries, & litigation. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:36 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:16 pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

