

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 4/12/17 at 7:05 pm

Officials: Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

In the absence of Mayor Brown, Clerk Minnis made the roll call with Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present. Trustee Kearns arrived at 7:10 PM

Clerk Minnis asked for motions to appoint a Mayor ProTem to conduct this meeting. Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to appoint Trustee Ortiz Mayor Pro Tem. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Also present were: Fire Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Supt. King, Paula Newton, Fred Kolodziej, J. Thompson, J. Fimbianti, Joan Hale, Louie Dutka, Stephanie & Jacalyne Bailey.

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of silent prayer for guidance of this meeting and remembering Rory Maltrotto, retired Public Work Director who died last Friday, Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 3/22/17 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: 1) **Resolution 16-07; Compensated Officials participating in IMRF.** The Office of Mayor qualifies for participating in IMRF. Trustees Johnson & Forte made the motions to approve Resolution 16-07. All Trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) **RESOLUTION 16-08; Acceptance of Grant for Demolition.** Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to approve Resolution 16-08. All Trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Clerk's Report. Clerk Minnis spoke briefly of the 17 years Rory Maltrotto served as the Villlage's Public Work Director. A Memorial Service will be held at the Thornton American Legion Hall on April 29th, at 4 PM.

Administrator: Adm. Lazuka has received a request from Rep. Davis for permission to use the Commuter Parking Lot to conduct a **Community Shred Day** on Saturday, **July 22nd from 9 am until noon.** Trustees Johnson & Kearns made the motions to approve the request. Trustees Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Johnson and Kearns voted aye; Trustee Forte voted nay. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Kearns & 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

F. Kolodiej spoke of an abandoned car parked on the property at 17310 Fisk. PD Chief Vallow will look into this complaint.

Misses Bailey complained of the condition of their neighbor's swimming pool. The sides of the above-the-ground pool have caved in and it's not only unsightly but a hazard. The Village is in the process of having this condition removed.

P. Newton asked if the Village Newsletter is a 'legal document'. Has the Village received 'feed back' from the article in the NEWSLETTER about the responsibility of residents and homeowners to keep the ditches clean of debris? Could the village put an insert with the water bill? Several suggestions were made such as boldly marking the insert with "IMPORTANT" or "URGENT" Discussion followed on the standing water not only in the ditches but in the back yards of property on the east side of the Village.

L. Dutka complained of the unsightly condition of the property at the SW corner of 174th & Laflin – it's downgrading the entire Village. What's being done about the deplorable condition of the house at 174th & Loomis? Adm. Lazuka said it has taken six (6) months for the Village to get title to this property and action will be taken soon. Louis said the tollroad authority should be contacted to clean their ditches.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:25 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said something should be done about the noise from the Railroad yards. Mr. Dutka said the noise is worse between 9:30 pm and 6:30 am. He offered to circulate a petition (if that would help). He also said J. Burnett throws trash out on the roadway as he comes thru town on Tuesdays and Thursday. PD Chief Vallow will follow up.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 4/12/17 in the amount of \$44,564.55. 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.

Police/Fire: Trustee Smith read the report of EHCPD activities in March and the
These reports will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: Trustee Kearns spoke of American Post #1139 visit to the Veterans
Home in Manteno.

Fire Chief Wm. Vallow gave a 'heads up' on the EHCVFD's annual PANCAKE
BREAKFAST to be held on Sunday, May 21st.

Executive Session- none

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees
were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Morris
Village Clerk