

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 4/24/19 at 7 pm**

Officials: Mayor Thomas A. Brown, Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Ewan, Smith & Ortiz. Tr. Johnson was absent.

Guests: Fire Chief Wm. Vallow, PW Brian King, P. Newton, J. Hale, J. Thompson  
Alex & Virginia Kolodziej, H. Kearns, L. Dutka & Friend, Ruby & Robin  
Williams.

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the  
4/10/19 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: 1) **PROCLAMATION:** Municipal Clerks week, May 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>,  
50 yrs. of MCI. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt the  
Proclamation. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) **Appoint Deputy Chief of Police:** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the  
motions to appoint Roy Janich as Deputy Chief of Police effective 5-1-19.  
Mayor Brown noted Roy was a former employee in the EHPD and  
recently retired as an employee in the Homewood PD. Roll Call: all  
trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) **Consideration of IEPA Loan.** Engineer Jim Czarnik was in  
attendance to the Committee Meeting that preceded this regular meeting to  
explain the options in funding improvements to our water system.  
Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to proceed with Option 1  
in the IEPA funding application. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye.  
Mtn. carried.

Clerk: No report. She reminded members of the deadline for filing their State-  
ments of Economic Interests with Cook County. There is a penalty if  
filed after 5/1/19.

Administrator:

1) **Discussion of POLICY for bldg. repairs.** Adm. Lazuka asked for a  
change to POLICY regarding the requirement of getting three (3) bids  
for making repairs. She asked for approval of allowing her judgment  
in making repairs under \$5,000 without seeking 3 bids. Trustees Ortiz  
and Smith made the motions to approve the Administrator's request.  
All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets: Trafficking.** Trustee Forte told of an incident near her home about 7 am two weeks ago where she observed a small child (11 yrs. old) in what appeared to be an 'abduction'. She notified the Police Dept. In the EHCPD report it was noted that an UBER driver had been dispatched to 175 & Loomis to pick up a customer. UBER drivers are not supposed to pick up persons under 18 yrs, of age. Discussion on making alarming statements on *Face Book*.

Tr. Forte asked if a note could be put in the Village's NEWSLETTER telling parents of their responsibility to monitor their children waiting for the school bus.

**Finance/License:**

Trustees Kearns & Smith made the motions to approve all bills on the 4/24/19 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$7,475.65. Roll Call: all trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Signs/Maintenance/Construction: no report**

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan said a SAFETY COMMITTEE will be scheduled at 6:30 pm prior to the 5/8/19 regular meeting.

**Water/Sewer:** No report by Trustee Smith.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the reports of the EHCVFD for the months of Jan., Feb. and March. These reports will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.  
Time: 7:18 pm

P. Newton inquired if school buses could pick up the children in front of their homes. Mayor Brown said that would have to be addressed by the School Administration.

L. Dutka asked about trailers parking on the grass. Mayor Brown said our Code prohibits parking of vehicles (cars, trucks or trailers) on other than paved surfaces. Mr. Dutka will submit a list of addresses where violations are occurring. He asked about the status of the old restaurant at 175<sup>th</sup> & Center. Mayor Brown responded there has recently been an inquiry about it.

Mayor Brown confronted Mr. Dutka about his allegations during the recent election that the entire board has stolen funds from the Village. The Mayor advised him that if one more person comes forward with that story, Mr. Dutka will be sued for defamation and that if Mr. Dutka has evidence of wrong doing then he needs to bring it forth or shut up. Mr. Dutka denied he ever accused the board. That means a number of residents are lying about his statement to them.

Robin Williams spoke on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Ruby Williams who lives at 17207 Loomis. A tree on her neighbor's property has a limb that extends over her roof causing damage to it. She asked if the Village could take care of it. Mrs. Williams was asked if she had contacted the neighbor about the problem. She had not. Mayor Brown said it's not the village's responsibility to come onto private property and trim trees, but he would have the Village send a letter to the resident at 17205 Loomis addressing the complaint.

**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: 7:25 pm

**Old Business:** one

**New Business:** none

**Announcement:** none

**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,