

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 4/26/17 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 Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Dir. Brian King, J. Hale, J. Fimbianti, J. Thompson, Paula Newton, Wm. Mills

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 4/12/17 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) Mayor Brown read the **PROCLAMATION** declaring the week of May 7 thru the 13th as **Clerk's Week in East Hazel Crest**. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the Proclamation. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **MISERICORDIA** has requested permission for volunteers to solicit for their annual **Jelly Belly Drive on April 28th & 29th**, 2017. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 3) **GRANT FOR DEMOLITION**. Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to re-approve Resolution 16-08 with today's date. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Clerk's Report:

- 1) "Statements of Interest" must be filed with the Cook County Clerk by 5/1/17.

Administrator: 1) **APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT WITH E-CON:** There was a brief discussion. Both Fire Chief Wm. Vallow and PD Chief Ken Vallow concurred that it was the right move to go with E Con. E Con's fee is based on % of call volume, which is 4.8%. Discussion followed on the 'start up' costs, etc. Trustees Smith and Forte made the motions to **approve the Agreement with E-Con.**

Chief Ken Vallow is looking into 24/7 'prisoner housing' with South Holland Police Dept. Lynwood will continue to monitor cameras in our parking lots.

Roll Call: all trustees votes aye. Mtn. carried.

- 2) Two (2) full time police officers (Jeff Hall and Sean Kearns) have been hired. They will be present at the 5/10/17 meeting.
- 3) PD looked into the complaints about abandoned cars. The owners were contacted and the vehicles have been removed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:28 pm.

Paula Newton of 17221 Loomis asked if the Village will convey information – clearly- to residents and homeowners about their responsibility to keep the ditches clear of debris – to keep the storm water free flowing. This information will be in the next Newsletter and also in the next water billing. The responsibility for the culverts at intersections belongs to the Village. Adm. Lazuka has spoken to the Ill. Toll Highway Authority about their responsibility in keep their ditches clean cut and free of debris.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:50 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said it was ‘dark in town’. She urged residents to burn their outdoor lights. She also noted a resident that parks her car in the front yard. PD will check out this complaint.

Finance/License: 1) Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions **to pay all bills on the Claims sheets** dated 4/26/17 in the amount of **\$64,671.73**. Roll call: all trustees voted aye. 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 Ortiz had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Trustee Kearns asked for permission for American Legion Post #1139 to sell POPPIES on Thursdays & Fridays in the month of May. Board members agreed to approve this request.

Announcement: The South Suburban Mayors & Managers annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017.

The 'Swearing In' of newly elected officials will take place at the May 10th, 2017 regular meeting.

The next FEST meeting will be tomorrow at 9 AM in Conf. Room A

East Hazel Crest and Hazel Crest will jointly host the '*Cop on the Top*' fund raiser will be held at Dunkin Donuts on May 19th starting at 6 AM.

EHCPD will conduct a 'traffic check' on Friday evening on May 19th.

The EHCVFD will have their annual *Pancake Breakfast* on Sunday May 21st at the firehouse on Throop St.

A Memorial Service for Rory Maltrotto will be held at the Thornton American Legion Hall on April 29th from 4-8 pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Minnis
Village Clerk