

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 8/09/17 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present; Trustee Kearns was absent.

Also present were: PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Director Brian King, J. Hale, J. Thompson, P. Newton, R. Wideman, and Troy Thompson (**Hope Thru Music Foundation**).

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 7/12/17 regular meeting. Trustee Ewan noted on page 2 under 'Old Business': *the Village Wide Garage Sale* there should be no fee for participation. After discussion members agreed there would be no fee involved but registration with the village must be made. All trustees present voted aye to the 7/12/17 minutes as corrected. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: Resolution 17-04 was deferred until the 8/23/17 meeting.

Mayor Brown distributed copies of Judge Pantle's recent ruling against the City of Harvey noting millions of dollars were missing and another \$26 million was misspent from their Water Fund. There will be a hearing set for the end of the month to determine who will manage the Harvey Water System. Mayor Brown also distributed Mayor Kellogg's open letter to the residents of Harvey claiming 'false claims' by the newspapers and saying their Water Fund Account was compromised by electronic intrusion.

Clerk: No report.

Administrator:

- 1) WEB page. Adm. Lazuka said the Village is working to change our WEB site. She asked the Board to approve '.gov' to design a web site for the Village. There is a \$4,100 design fee for the 1st year and an annual hosting fee of \$1,500.00. After discussion, Trustees Smith and 9All trustees present voted aye (Trustee Kearns was absent). Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Bids for 1825 W. 171st**. The property has been appraised at \$18,000. 3 bids have been received; the highest bid was \$18,500.00.

Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to accept the \$18,500. 00 bid subject to a working agreement that the property is being sold 'as is' and must be brought up to CODE. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye (Trustee Kearns was absent). Mtn. carried.

- 3) **Discussion on regulating large parties.** Permit or registration? Police Chief Vallow said there are parking and wash room facility issues. Parking on both sides of the street is a safety issue. Discussion continued on whether the village can legislate how many people a resident can have at their party. Lots of questions. Perhaps we should 'shop' around (contact other municipalities to see how they handle this problem).
- 4) **Update on Tree Removal Program.** It has been determined there are two (2) additional trees that should be included in the Program at the cost of \$1,000.00. Trustees Jonnson & Ortiz made the motions to approve including the two additional trees bringing the total of trees being removed to 31. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye (Trustee Kearns was absent). Mtn. carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

Finance/License: In the absence of Trustee Kearns, Mayor Brown asked for motions to approve paying all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 7/27/17 and 8/9/17 in the amount of \$92,307.65. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the 7/27/17 & 8/9/17 Claims sheets in the amount of \$92,307.65. All trustees present (*Trustee Kearns was absent*) were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown acknowledged Troy Thompson who has submitted a Business License application for **Hope thru Music Foundation**, a non-profit business at 17105 South Laflin. Mr. Thompson said he would be open from Monday thru Sunday from 9-5 with 4-5 students at a time. There is limited parking at this location. After discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to approve the Business License application. All trustees present were in favor. (Trustee Kearns was absent). Mtn. carried

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson reported the annual Sign Inspections will be completed by Labor Day.

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

Water/Sewer: No report by Trustee Smith.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:42 pm

Paula Newton inquired if the Village has regulations about the level of 'noise' stemming when there are large parties. The answer is: No, the village does not regulate noise levels.

In response to questions relative to Village acquisition of property. Discussion. Mayor Brown explained some are No Cash Bid properties acquired by the Village thru the Sheriff's Annual Tax Bid program. After the property is acquired and the Village has obtained title/deed, the buildings are demolished, and the property is sold, thereby putting the property back on the tax rolls.

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 present (*Trustee Kearns was absent*) were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7: 56 pm

Old Business:

Trustee Ewan asked when the next NEWSLETTER would be coming out. Adm. Lazuka said it would be in October. Flyers will be distributed for the Sept. 8th & 9th **Village Wide Garage Sale**. Trustee Forte said she would advertise the Garage Sale on her radio program. She said her 'flyer' from 2016 could be updated and used for the 2017 Sale.

New Business: none

Announcement: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz & Johnson made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor (*Trustee Kearns was absent*). Mtn. carried. Time: 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Morris
Village Clerk