

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 12/13/23 at 7:05 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, and Wideman were present Tr. Ortiz was absent.

Also present were: , FD Dpt.Chief Grant Mills, PD Chief Janich, & PW B. King, P. Newton, Joan Hale & daughter Donna,, M. Fernandez, Kris & Kim Szlembarski, Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial, JoAnne Murry

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

Minutes: Trustees Kearns & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 11/08/23 regular meeting. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO VISITORS: Tr. Kearns & Wideman made the motions to OPEN this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Manny Fernandez had questions concerning the 'opening of the Casino' to which Mayor Brown responded on the status of the construction of the 'project'- "hopefully, they'll be opening in early 2024".

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Forte and Johnson made the motions to Close this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Mayor: 1) Mayor Brown presented **Ordinance 23-14**, An Ordinance Levying Taxes in the Village of East Hazel Crest. The tax rate is 4.5% of the 2022 tax rate. Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to adopt Ord. 23-14. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) Mayor Brown presented **Ordinance 23-15** amending the "Places to Eat in" tax. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to adopted Ord. 23-15. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) Mayor Brown presented **Ord. 23-16**; regarding the Il. Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Trustees Wideman and Johnson made the motions to adopt. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried

4) Mayor Brown presented **Ordinance 23-17**, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Gen. Obligation. Bonds of the Village of East Hazel Crest, Cook County, IL, for the purpose of financing capital improvements in and for the Village and to provide working

Reports of Village Officials:cont'd.:

Mayor's report cont'd.: capital for the Village, providing for the Levy and Collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Anthony Miceli of SPEER FINANCIAL responded to questions from those present. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to adopt Ordinance 23-17. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

5) Approval to select and underwrite from the 3 proposals received for the aforementioned Bond issuance. Trustees Wideman and Johnson made the motions to approve the SPEER FINANCIAL proposal. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

6) Mayor Brown presented RESOLUTION 23-06, a Resolution honoring long time resident Mary Leonas on her 100th Birthday on 12/16/23. Trustees Kearns and Wideman made the motions to adopt Resolution 23-06. All trustee present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

7) Mayor Brown presented RESOLUTION 23-07 extending the Moratorium for auto parts/sales business and the like through 11/8/24. Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve Resolution 23-07. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown displayed a Plaque honoring East Hazel Crest for their efforts in bringing the WINDCREST CASINO to East Hazel Crest.

CLRRK'S REPORT.

Clerk Minnis informed those present that 2024 Vehicle tags are on sale at the discounted price until December 31st, 2023.

Administrator's Report:

1) Consideration and approval to replace the HVAC unit at the Police Department. Of the three proposals received: Automatic, Lansing HVAC and West Side Mechanical, Trustees Johnson and Ewan made the motions to approve the proposal of WEST SIDE MECHANICAL in the account of \$14,125.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) Approval to accept the Grant awarded to EHCPD for the purchase of body cameras in the amount of \$7,630.90. Trustees Wideman and Johnson made the motions to accept the Grant. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 3) Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve renewing the Generator Maint. Agreement for generators located at 171st & Park Ave. and 1203 W. 172nd Street. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 4) Trustees Johnson and Ewan made the motions to approve entering into State of Illinois Contract for the purchase of salt to be used this winter at \$77.98 per ton. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 5) Trustees Kearns and Wideman made the motions to approve renewing the six (6) month Real Estate marketing contract with Re Max for the properties located at 1515 W. 172nd St., and 1315 W. 172nd St. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 6) Members considered using Homewood Disposal to sweep the streets in Bremerton Subdivision to remove leaves and debris from potentially impacting the storm sewer. One time cost at \$175.00 per hour with a 3 hour minimum. Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve Homewood Disposal sweeping the streets in Bremerton Woods at noted, all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES;

STREETS: No report by Tr. Forte.

FINANCE/LICENSE: Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve payment of all bills on the 12/13/23 CLAIMS SHEETS in the amount of \$123,404.35. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

SIGNS: No report by Tr. Kearns

HEALTH/SAFETY/PERSONNEL: No report by Tr. Ewan.

WATER & SEWER: No report by Tr. Wideman.

POLICE/FIRE: Tr. Ortiz was absent. Mayor Brown read the Oct., 2023 Report of EHCDF activities. This report will be placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tr. Forte gave a brief report from the Library Board.

-Tr. Kearns read a letter from St. John Newman parish thanking the American Legion Post 1139 for their collection of \$19,756.00 for the Dept. of Veteran Affairs..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EHCVPD Deputy Chief Mills reminded residents of the TOYS FOR TOTS Collection this Friday.

AND, then he spoke of "Santa Coming to Town" on Sunday, Dec. 17th, 2023.

He 'thanked' the Library Board and Mayor Brown for their contributions in this event.

EHCPD Chief Janich reported on the homicide at 924 W. 174th St. on 12/5/23. Murder charges have been approved for the investigation by the Cook County Police Investigative Team.

Trustees Wideman and Ewan made the motions to cancel the 12/27/23 meeting of the Village Board. All trustees present voted aye. Motions carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustees Wideman and Johnson made the motions to adjourn this meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Mtg. ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen. M. Minnis,
Village Clerk