

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 12/18/19 at 7 pm**

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

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

Guests: PD Chief Janich, FD Chief Vallow, PW Supt. King, C. Cook, J. Hale, J. Thompson, N. Canilli, Stan Sokolowski, L. Dutka, Mary Williams, J. Murry

Invocation & Pledge. Mayor gave the invocation followed by everyone in attendance pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 11/13/19 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor; Tr. Smith was absent, Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

**Mayor's Report:**

**ORDINANCE 19-06 ; LEVY ORDINANCE for f/y 2019/2020;**

Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve Ordinance 19-06 levying taxes for fiscal year May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.

**ORDINANCE 19-07; expanding** the number of gaming machines permitted in the village. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to expand the number of gaming machines from five to six. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown said that a recent study of Red Light cameras indicated there was a 36% decrease in accidents at 171<sup>st</sup> & Halsted.

**Clerk:** the Clerk reminded residents that village vehicle tags are reduced in price during the month of December.

**Administrator:**

- 1) **Approval of property contracts.** After a brief discussion on two (2) properties, Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve contracting with Re Max Realtors for the sale of the properties. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Tree trimming.** Members reviewed the photos of the trees to be trimmed. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve trimmings of the trees discussed. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **Request for Public Hearing.** Adm. Lazuka spoke of the need for a Public Hearing Meeting for a 5 year plan funded by the IEPA loan for

Water Dept. upgrades. After a brief discussion, Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to proceed with a Public Hearing Meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 4) **Abundant Bldg. rehab vs demo.** Members reviewed the costs of rehabbing vs demolition of the building at 175<sup>th</sup> & Center. The question was raised of why we are not getting a grant for the project. The answer is: grants are available for residential properties but are not available for commercial properties. No action was taken.

- 5) **STP funding** to resurface Center St.. Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to make the application for 100% funding to resurface Center St. to STP (Surface Transp. Program). Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn.carried.

- 6& 7& 11) **Upgrade PD Computer and Prk. Lot Cameras.** N. Camilli spoke of the upgrades needed for the PD server, maintenance and integrating of parking lot cameras. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve \$ PD server \$22,500.00, Parking lot cameras \$3,506.00 and SCADA system \$31,323.00 for a total of \$57,329.00 for the upgrades. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn.carried.

- 8) **Removal/Demo of Parking Lot Guard Shack.** Three bids have been received as follows:

Sutton Asphalt.....	\$1,400.00
Shamrock BlkTop	\$1,500.00
Holland Asphalt	\$3,400.00

After reviewing the contract, Trustees Johnson and Forte made the motions to accept the proposal of Sutton Asphalt in the amount of \$1,400.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn.carried.

- 9) **Replacement of heater in warehouse.** Three bids have been received for a new heater:

Automatic Mech.	\$3,485.00
West Side Mech.	\$2,675.00
Lansing HVAC	\$2,995.00

Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the Lansing Htg. proposal in the amount of \$2,995.00. Roll call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn.carried.

- 10) **Replacement of wiring for internet & relocation of server for Security as per cyber ins. recommendations.** After discussion, Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve Infinity Technologies proposal in the amount of \$6,341.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn.carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Time: 7:50 pm

Resident at 17216 Loomis inquired why the Board isn't constructing a new building for the Police Dept. instead of piecemeal things. L. Dutka spoke of his attendance to a meeting with CNN representative and other officials on his submission of a petition for a sound wall on Ashland. He didn't feel the RR was giving him satisfaction. M. Fernandez echoed those comments saying the RR doesn't have any concerns for East Hazel Crest residents. He said a tree fell down at 174<sup>th</sup> & Ashland and RR employees just moved the tree off the road – but didn't remove/dispose of the tree. A resident of the 173<sup>rd</sup> block of Lathrop complained of her neighbor encroaching on her property and asked if she could put up a fence. Mayor Brown instructed her to submit an application for a fence.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:17 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets:** Trustee Forte had nothing to report. She urged residents to 'burn your lights to deter crime'.

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve payment of all bills on the 12/02/19 and 12/13/19 lists of bills in the total amount of **\$112,202.08**. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.

**Application of Kingdom Come Apostolic & Prophetic Assembly**

The building at 17105 Laflin has been brought up to CODE.

Mary Williams said the building would be used to assist homeless persons and used for training; basically will be used as an office.

Trustees Forte and Johnson made the motions to approve the Business License. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.

**Signs/Maintenance/Construction:** Tr. Johnson had nothing to report.

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan reported the Safety Committee held a meeting just prior to this regular meeting.

**Water/Sewer:** Trustee Smith was absent.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Announcement:** "SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN.....Fire Chief Wm. Vallow said SANTA'S coming this Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Santa in his sleigh will leave from the fire house at 4:30pm and travel thru town. When he gets back to the fire house there will be cookies and beverages for all.

Tr. Kearns announced the American Legion Post 1139 will be collecting for the veterans at the Veterans Home in Manteno.

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Allen M. Winnis*  
Village Clerk