

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees. - Wed., 01/10/24 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Wideman Ortiz, were present.

Also present: PD Chief Janich and Deputy Fire Chief Mills & PW Director King;
M. Fernandez, L. Dutka & Linda, Sue Hawkins, Joan Hale & daughter, Kris &
Kim Szlembarski, JoAnn Murry, and Paula Newton.

Minutes: Trustees Johnson & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the
12-13/23 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor.

Prayer & Pledge. After Mayor Brown gave the invocation, everyone present pledged
their Allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN to Visitors: Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of
the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

M. Fernandez noted many 'yards' need to be cleaned up. He asked "who is the
Code Enforcement Officer" and commented on how village streets are plowed.
Linda Dutka thanked Public Works and Police employees for their services. L.
Dutka spoke of the new house under construction at 174th & Loomis noting the
contractor didn't seal coat the foundation. He also inquired about the 'time line'
on the 'walking path' on 172nd St. Louie also mentioned the use of 'firearms' on
New Years Eve and asked about the Ordinance relative to immigrants (Mayor
Brown reported on this in his report). Sue Hawkins registered complaint relating
to the bar across the street from her. Trustees Johnson and Ortiz closed this
portion of meeting.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Brown said the target date for the CASINO Opening is August 26,
2024. They will schedule JOB FAIRS in March & April. 250 dealers will
be hired with starting salaries of \$60,000 a year.

- 1) Mayor Brown presented Ordinance 23-18. – an ordinance amending
the Municipal Code of EHC, Chapter 11, 'MOTOR VEHICLES &
TRAFFIC, Article IV to create new article VIII "Impoundment of
Buses". Trustees Johnson & Forte made the motions to adopt
Ordinance 23-18. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) Mayor Brown presented Resolution 23-09 designating Chicago
Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Agency as our Agency of
Record

Mayor's Report, cont'd."

Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motions to recognize the CSCVB as our Agency of Record. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) Mayor Brown explained the Public Benefit Fund – Wind Creek, East Hazel Crest and Homewood each contributing to that fund with East Hazel Crest and Homewood contributing ½ of gaming receipts for the first four years the casino is open. The fund will provide scholarships and charitable contributions for ^{those} in need. In addition to the General Manager of the casino, the Mayors of East Hazel Crest and Homewood who will be on the Board of Directors. Trustees Kearns and Wideman made the motions to authorize Mayor Brown to sign the Agreement. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

4) Mayor Brown read the Letter to the City of Harvey informing them East Hazel Crest will no longer be drawing water from the City of Harvey as of 12/29/23 and will remove two 6-inch water meters from the Harvey water vault on 171 St. Water was shut off inside and outside of the meter vault and meters removed. Closed flanges were installed and thrust rods were put in place to keep the pipes from shifting. Our contract with Harvey ended on 12/22/2023.,

Clerk's Report: No report

Administrator's Report:

- 1) **Approval of new heater for Fire Dept. bays.** Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to purchase the new heater from Lansing Heating & Air in the amount of \$4,995.00. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Adm/ gave Project updates:**
 - a) Center St. resurfacing & pedestrian accommodations,
 - b) Center St. Water Min & Meter Vault.
 - c) Lathrop Water Main (for Casino)
 - d) Lathrop Storm Sewer
 - e) 172nd St. Multi-Use Path – invest in Cook
 - f) MFT Roadway Patching
 - g) Casino Water main and Stormwater life station.

Streets: Tr. Forte noted some of our residents do not have current Vehicle Stickers.

Reports of Standing Committees:

FINANCE: Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to pay all bills on Claims Sheets: 11/27/23 in the amount of \$142,504.20; 12/26/23 in the amount of \$101,514.94 and the Claims Sheets dated 1/10/24 in the amount of \$186,296.09 for a total of \$430,315.23. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye; motions carried.

Signs, Maint, & Construction: No report by Trustee Kearns.

Health/ Safety/ Personnel; No report by Trustee Ewan

Water/ Sewers: No report by Tr. Wideman.

Police/Fire: Tr. Ortiz read the Dec., 2023 PD report and the Nov. & Dec, 2023 Fire Dept. reports. All three reports will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

Unfinished Business: Tr. Forte spoke of the signage on billboard^s throughout the Village. Mayor Brown said the Village has no control on the content of message on Billboards.

Tr. Kearns spoke of the burned-out car on the property of a house fire
What can we do to move this along.

New Business: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Fire Department HOLIDAY PARTY went smoothly.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:59 pm.

Reconvene to Regular Session: Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to Regular Session, all trustees were in favor. .Mtn. carried. Time: 8:22 pm

Adj. There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
Time: 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk