

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 1/11/2017 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: FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Dir. Brian King, J. Hale, J. Fimbianti and J. Thompson..

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 & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 12/14/16 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) Ord. 6-13 deferred
- 2) **RESOLUTION 16-05; Water Study.** Eight suburban communities have been meeting to study the feasibility of obtaining Lake Michigan water from another source (other than through the City of Chicago). Eight of the communities have already approved the 'study' coming on board with \$10,000 each. After a brief discussion, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the expenditure and signing the Agreement for the Study. All trustees present were in favor, Mtn. carried,.
- 3) **Ed Paesal's Retirement Donation.** There are forty two (42) communities involved in the dinner/reception. Cost \$200-\$500. It was the consensus of members to participate .

Clerk: The 'Official Ballots' have been sent to the County Clerk for the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election for both the Village and the Library Districts. The Village Ballot contains the names of the Unity Party: President Thomas A. Brown, Clerk Helen M. Minnis, and Trustees Jesus Ortiz, Daniel Smith and Maureen Forte. The Library District has the names of: Zoe Ewan, Joan Hale and Maureen Forte.

Administrator:

- 1)Adm. Lazuka read the 'commendation letter' from Acting Special Agent James M. Gibbons of the US Dept. of Homeland Security to Officer Mary Sanfratello for her assistance to the St. Louis office in their investigation

of Mexican drug trafficking which resulted in seizure of 18 pounds of heroin, over \$500,000 in US currency, 5 vehicles and indictments of nine individuals.

Chief Ken Vallow thanked Mary for bringing such credit the East Hazel Crest Police Department.

2. A request has been received from the Village of Lynwood for **use of their 'firing range' for the period January, 2017 thru December, 2018 in the amount of \$1,000.** After discussion, Trustees Johnson and Smith made the motions to approve the expenditure. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: no input

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

Finance/License: In the absence of Trustee Kearns, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on Claims sheets dated eom Dec., 2016 in the amount of \$63,484.89 and bills on the Claims sheets dated 1/11/2017 in the amount of \$77,238.75 for a total of \$140,723.64. Roll Call: all trustees present 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 read the Dec., 2016 report of EHCPD activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Trustee Forte reported she will be working with Sheriff Tom Dart on *Human Trafficking*.

PW Director Brian King had a display of pictures and a section of broken water pipe from the water main break on Lathrop Avenue on Christmas Eve. There was 250,000 gal. water loss within 24 hrs. in this incident. He noted, there is a 'safety net' in place now to alert the Dept. when such a break occurs.

Announcement: none

Executive Session: Trustees made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:34 pm

Reconvene to regular session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:44pm.

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra M. Mannis
Village Clerk