

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 01/13/21 at 7 pm
Via phone**

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

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

Also present were: FD Asst .Chief Grant Mills, PD Sgt. Mike Tuley & PW Supt. King;
Joanne Murray, Atty. Scott Wheaton, Dave Letts, and Ken Peach were on the
phone.

Invocation & Pledge. Silent invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the
12/09/20 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) Mayor Brown spoke of the previously approved 1 yr. **body camera agreement**. After a brief discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to extend the Agreement/contract to five years. Roll Call; Trustees Forte, Johnson, Ewan, Smith, and Ortiz voted aye. Trustee Kearns voted nay. Motions carried.
- 2) **SOCIAL MEDIA USE POLICY**. The Il. Mun. League urged municipalities to adopt this policy. Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to adopt the Social Media Use Policy. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
- 3) **Executive Session Minutes o 7/28/20**. Trustees Johnson and Ewan\made the motions to keep the 7/28/20 Executive Session Minutes Private and Confidential. Roll Call: Trustees Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Forte, Kearns and Johnson voted aye. Motions carried.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Minnis reported the sale of 2021 vehicle and animal tags have been on sale at the discounted rates since December 1, 2020. The tags will remain at the discounted fees until 3/31/21.

Administrator's Report.

\$347,000.00 has been received from Cook County for reimbursement of Covid related expenses.

On 12/30/20 one of our Public Works vehicles hit a pole in the commuter parking lot while plowing. The estimates have been turned over to our insurance carrier.

Trustees Ewan and Kearns made the motions to **approve the Homewood Auto Body proposal**. Roll Call: Trustees Smith, Ortiz, Forte, Kearns and Johnson voted aye. Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No input from the public

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte commended the Public Works Dept. for the prompt and efficient removal of snow and spreading of road salt. She urged residents to 'burn their lights' to deter crime.

Finance/License:

1) Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to **approve all Bills on the following CLAIMS sheets:**

-12/31/20 in the amount of \$131,594.43

-1/13/21 in the amount of \$76,340.55

and three wire transfers to the City of Harvey as follows:

-10/1/20 in the amount of \$20,500.32

-11/15/20 in the amount o \$18,797.01

-12/15/20 in the amount o \$18,390.84

Total amount of Claims & Transfer: \$265,623.15. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) **Business License Application for 1217 W. 171st St.**

Tr. Kearns asked for input on the Bus. Lic. Application of Dave Letts for the property. Administrator Lazuka spoke to the issue and asked Atty. Scott Wheaton to explain his plans for use of the property. Attorney Wheaton had several questions. The property has taxes of about \$39,000 a year. At the 12/9/20 meeting the Board issue a Moratorium on issuance of licenses involving the sale, repair and/or storage of vehicles. After discussion, Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to approve a temporary Business License so that the property could be sold and an agreement between the village, the property owner and Atty. Wheaton could be worked out. Roll Call: Trustees Johnson, Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye. Mtn. carried

Mayor Brown explained the Village's concerns of junk vehicles and/or storage of repairable vehicles and why the Village adopted a Moratorium.

Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve a Temporary Business License Application at 1217 W. 171st St.. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: No report by Trustee Johnson.

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

Water/Sewer: No report by Trustee Smith.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: none

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Trustees Kearns and Ewan made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minami
Village Clerk