

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 01/23/19 at 7 pm

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

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

Guests: PW's Brian King, Joan Hale, J. Fimbianti, P. Newton, H. Kearns and Suzette Marshall of *Where It All Begins Day Care*.

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 Kearns & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 01/09/19 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **RESOLUTION 18-06:** turning over equipment to ECOM. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Resolution 18-06. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.**
This AGREEMENT is between the Village of East Hazel Crest and Comcast of Illinois IV, Inc. Mayor Brown gave a brief synopsis of the Agreement. Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to adopt the Agreement. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown distributed copies of the Wikipedia publication on the *Poarch Band of Creed Indians* (expansion of their gaming and racing operations).

Clerk: The EHC Library Board has signed a contract with the Thornton Library for library services for our residents. Clerk Minnis asked Joan Hale of the EHC Library to step forward and explain moving from the Homewood Library. She said we've had a contract with Homewood Library since 1992. The upcoming contract [from 7/1/19 to 6/30/24] would raise EHC's fee by 50% to \$68,979.65 per year. The contract with Thornton Library will cost \$20,200.00 per yr. EHC taxpayers will save \$243,898.25 in the next 5 years. Kudos to the EHC Library Board!

Administrator:

1)**Loan Assistance for water line improvements.** Adm. Lazuka asked for approval to submit funding nomination for loan assistance for water line improvements. Eng. Fundich has prepared the village's intent to apply to the IEPA for loan assistance.

Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the application for funding assistance. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 2) **Repairs to plow on small dump truck.** Adm. Lazuka informed members that there is a leak in the fuel tank on the small dump truck. Est. to repair is \$8,000. Disc. followed on whether to make the repairs or buy a new truck which would cost \$85,000. We could consider lease payment on a new truck. Trustee Ortiz made the motion to purchase a new truck. No second to the motion. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to fix the plow for this season and get the price for lease purchase on a new truck. Roll Call: all trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Compliments to Public Works for keeping our streets clean/free of ice and snow.

Adm. Lazuka received an invitation from ECOM to Village Officials to attend a Breakfast on Feb. 7th at 8 AM.

Copies were distributed to trustees of Mayor's letter to CN RR with the petition circulated by Louie Dutka asking for a NOISE wall to be erected on Ashland from 171st to 174th Street and of Mayor Brown's MEMO regarding the cost to re-surface the village streets. There have been rumors from the State that there might be money for Road repairs.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:52 pm.

Suzette Marshall of *Where It All Begins Daycare and Learning Center* at 1900 W. 174th St. stepped forward and addressed the Board about the operation of her business. She invited officials to 'stop in and have coffee and danish'.

P. Newton inquired about restrictions on parking work vehicle in residential driveways. Mayor Brown said the intent of our CODE was to prohibit overnight parking of large/heavy vehicles with logos and company advertisements on them.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:59pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: No report by Trustee Forte.

Finance/License:

- 1) Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dtd. 1/23/19 in the amount of \$100,385.23. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Big Hens BBQ**- Home Occupation Permit Application. The applicant was not in attendance to explain the parking of the BBQ wagon parked on site. No action.

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

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan.

Water & Sewers: No report by Trustee Smith.

Police & Fire: No report by Trustee Ortiz

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk