

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 01/25/2017 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present; Trustee Johnson was absent.

Also present were: Several village residents, Willie Holland, Phillip McGill, PW Dir. Brian King, FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, Sgt. Wasek, Officer Drake, Officer M. Sanfratello and newly hired PD part time officers: Joe Jarema, Oneal Gray, Jas. Presnik, Jeffrey Hall and Wm. Rutland.

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 & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the 1/11/17 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) Ordinance 16-13 was deferred to the 2/8/17 regular meeting.
- 2) Mayor Brown distributed copies of the Court Order regarding the City of Harvey's default in making water payments to the City of Chicago. We have been directed to make water payments directly to the City of Chicago* and to pay Harvey 15 % for water maintenance. We must send copies of all bills to Chicago. [*we are to 'cut' the checks for payment but wait until we are given a new address].
- 3) Mayor Brown asked PD Chief Ken Vallow to introduce the newly hired part time patrolmen. Chief Vallow read a brief resume on each candidate: Jos. Jarema, Oneal Gray, Jas. Presnek, Jeffrey Hall and Wm. Rutland. Congratulations were extended to the newly hired employees by Village Board members.

Clerk: no report.

Administrator:

- 1) The EHCPD has been selected by Cook County to be a 'drug drop off' station. Chief Vallow said Cook County will bring a container for the drugs and will pick up and replace the container on a regular basis.
- 2) Chief Vallow said with the increase in crime on E-Bay purchases, he has made a *safe trade zone* in front of the Police Station. The area is under photo surveillance.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:18 pm

CLOSE: There being no input from those present, Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:19 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report. She 'welcomed' the new police part time employees.

Finance/License: 1) Trustees Kearns & Ortiz made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 1/11/17 in the amount of \$2,342.50 and on Claims sheets dated 1/25/17 in the amount of \$107,535.55 **for a total of \$109,878.05**. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) Bus. Lic. application of Phillip McGill d/b/a Diamond Back Trucking to sublease from M.A.C. Industries at 1303 W. 171st St. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the application contingent on M.A.C. Industries passing all inspections. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson was absent

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

Water/Sewer: No report by Trustee Smith.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Trustee Forte reported on the Chicago SouthLand Convention & Visitors Bureau upcoming events. She commended the EHCPD for their efficient and speedy response to the recent robbery at the WALMART on Halsted Street.

A resident called in a report of 'a car being broken into in the commuter parking lot' to the PD and the responding officers apprehended the thief. He is currently in custody in the EHCPD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Officer Mitch Drake is retiring from the EHCPD after 20 yrs. of service. He will host a 'retirement party' at the Thornton American Legion Hall on Monday 3/6/17 at 6:00 pm.

EHCFD will host an AWARDS DINNER at Glenwood Oaks at 5:30 PM on 2/25/17. \$29.00 is the cost. RSVP's should be into the department by 2/11/17.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Williams
Village Clerk