

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ON THE 5 YEAR PLAN FOR WATER
UPGRADES UNDER THE IEPA LOAN PROGRAM.....Wed. 01/08/20 at 6:30 pm**

Officials present: Mayor Brown, Adm. Lazuka, Clerk Minnis and Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith & Ortiz.

Also present was FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Janich, Greg. Kamplain, Robinson Eng. Project Engineer, F. Kolodiej, J. Hale, Paula Newton, S. Sokolowski, J. Dutka, M. Fernandez, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Mills, Grant Mills and several EHCVFD members and families.

Mr. Kamplain of Robinson Eng. gave a encapsulated presentation on the funds needed for water upgrades under the IEPA Loan Program. The Public Hearing ended at 7:15 pm Eng. Kaplain left the council room.

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed.,01/08 /20 at 7:18 pm

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

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

Guests: same as in attendance to the Public Hearing Meeting.

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 12/18 /19 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

1) Ordinance 19-08, amends CODE regarding the use of Cannabis. Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve Ordinance 19-08. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Vallow thanked the Board for the foresight in making the provision in CODE for the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Vallow called Grant Mills forward and appointed him as Deputy Fire Chief. CONGRATULATIONS! The EHC Volunteer firemen in the audience were included in the picture taking.

Clerk: No report.

Administrator:

- 1) **Repairs to the mini dump truck.** Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve \$3,963.00 for repairs to be made to the mini dump truck. After a brief statement by PW Supt. Brian King, Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve the repairs. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) Approval of Clerk's attendance, Registration and Lodging to the IIMC Conference May 16-20. Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to approve \$1,020.00 for the Clerk's registration & lodging in attending the conference in St. Louis. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

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: 7:30 pm

S. Sokolowski said the Village should post FOR SALE signs on it's vacant properties. He objected to the Clerk's rejection of his FOIA request. He was told that as per instructions of the Village Attorney the information Stan requested is exempt from disclosure per 5 ILCS 140/7 (h). Stan the asked 'who is the village attorney?' The response was: Michael Marovich.

M. Ferandez thanked the Board for the tree trimming on 174th St. He said the CN still hasn't picked up the branches, etc. from the downed tree. He said the Board would have money for a new truck for Public Works if board members weren't so quick to approve requests for conference attendances.

Another resident questioned the government response to the railroad about a 'sound wall'. He also questioned how much tax money is derived from the sale of cannabis.

P. Newton asked if our Police Dept. could do anything about the parking on our village streets because of the site of distribution/sale of cannabis in Homewood.

Mayor Brown responded according to Homewood Mayor Hofeld the current facility will be moved to Halsted Street. The legalization of the sale of recreational cannabis has brought it's share of problems; not the least of them being brain/mental problems of the user.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:50 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte noted the number of cars parked overnight on village streets and garbage cans left for days after pickup by scavenger.

Finance/License:

Trustees Kearns & Johnson made the motions to approve payment of all bills on the 12/26/19 and 1/8/20 list of bills in the amount of \$167,938.17.
Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. 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 read the report of EHCPD activities during the month of December, 2019. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Kearns noted there is a fence down along Wood Street. The property owner has a Hawthorne address and he should be told to remove/replace the damaged fence. Another Hawthorne property owner should be told to remove the metal shed that was blown down. These property infractions are a bad reflection on our village.

Announcement: none

Executive Session: Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Executive Session Minutes. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. Carried. Time: 7:55 pm

Reconvene to Regular Session: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to Regular Session. All Trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:05 pm

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Minnis
Clerk/Collector