

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 07/12/17 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: FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Supt. Brian King, Justin Ewan, J. Hale, J. Thompson, J. Fimbianti, P. Newton, Wm. Mills, L. Dutka Stan Slobowski, & M. Fernandez.

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 6/28/17 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

1) **RESOLUTION 17-03**; Resolution 17-03; authorizing E.H.C. to appropriate funds for the Halsted St. Improvement Project (\$37,500.00) and Right of Way Acquisition. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adopt Resolution 17-03. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) **ORDINANCE 17-06; Appropriations Ordinance f/y 2017-2018.** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ordinance 17-06. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: No report.

Administrator:

- 1) Austin Andrews has been appointed a part time PD officer.
- 2) 18 dead trees were initially identified in the Village. In further review, there are 29 dead trees; plus a large cottonwood tree that is hollow at the base. Three bids have been received for removal of dead trees in the Village:

-Smitty's Tree Removal.....\$775.00 per tree*

-Homer Tree Removal.....\$984.00 per tree*

-AM Tree Service..... \$472.00 per tree*

(* no removal of the stumps)

After discussion about the bids and the 'no stump removal', Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve a contract with AM Tree Service for the removal of all 30 trees and stumps at a cost of

\$17,832.00. Roll Call: All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. The project should commence in a week or two.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said Village *FEST* stickers are available for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 from her or at the Clerk's office.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 7/12/17 in the amount of \$67,170.35. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson was absent.

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

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read a report of PD activities for the month of June. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:12 pm

Stan Slobochowski of 17216 S. Loomis told of the garage fire last Sunday. He commended the FD & PD. An antique car exploded.

L. Dutka asked if the fire hydrant near his home could be checked.

M. Fernandez asked if the Board could do something to stem the expansion of Homewood Disposal.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Ortiz and Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:22 pm

Old Business:

Trustee Ewan said the Village wide GARAGE SALE will be on Fri., 9/8 and Sat. 9/9. She will 'chair' the event. Participants in the Village Wide Garage Sale must obtain a permit from the Clerk's office. *no fee required*

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New Business: none

Announcement: The Village FEST will be 7/21 and 7/22 on the grounds of the Public Safety Building, 173rd & Throop Street. American Legion Post 1139 will have several items to raffle.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Menoia
Village Clerk