

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of East Hazel Crest held on Wednesday, 7/24/24 at 7pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Wideman, Otiz were present;

Invocation & Prayer: Mayor lead the assembly in prayer, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Brown spoke briefly of the passing of Fire Chief Wm. Vallow.

Guests: PW Dir. King, PD Chief Janich, P. Newton, Joan Hale & daughter Donna, , L. Dutka & Linda, Sue Hawkins, Carol Cook, Sue Connelly, Helen Kearns, Omar Barbaraw Jim O'Brien, and Helen Harvey

Minutes: Trustees Wideman and Ewan made the motions to approve the minutes of the 6/26/24 regular meeting of the Village Board. All Trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Open to Visitors:

Trustees Ortiz& Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to those present. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:07 pm.

L. Dutka spoke of the amount of activity from the recent storms. Jay Janko spoke of receiving neighbors' assistance during the storm and during his wife's infirm period.

Ms Hawkins questioned how soon minutes are posted to web. She also asked when the next news letter will come out.

There being on other input, Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:20 pm

Reports of Village Officials

Mayor: 1) Mayor Brown presented **Ordinance 24-04**, the annual **Appropriations Ord.**

Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to adopt Ordinance 24-04. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried

2) **Ordinance 24-05**, regulating camping within the Village. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ord. 24-05. All trustees voted aye on the Roll Call. Mtn. carried.

3) **Ordinance 24-6** authorizing the disposal of Village owned property. Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motions to adopt Ordinance 24-6 authorizing the disposal of Village owner property. All trustees voted aye on the Roll Call.

Mayor's report, cont'd:.

4) Resolution 24-02. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to adopt Resolution 24-02 supporting a Class 8 Classification within the TIF zone. All trustees voted aye on the Roll Call. Mtn. carried.

5) Resolution suspending the operations & dissolving the E-Com Emergency Telephone board. no action.

6a) Resolution for maintenance of street improvements under Ill. Highway Code for improvements totaling \$38,311.00. Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to adopt **Resolution 24-03**. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

6b) A Resolution for Maintenance of street improvements under Ill. Highway Code for improvements totaling \$101,689.00. Motion to approve made by Trustees Johnson and Wideman, Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn carried.

6c) Trustees Johnson & Wideman made the motions to approve Local Agency Maintenance Costs Agreement. Roll call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

6d) Approval of Maintenance engineering costs for above street maintenance program. Motion to approve made by Trustees Johnson and Wideman, Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn carried.

7) Approval of the Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with Wind Creek. Trustees Johnson and Ewan made the motions to approve the Agreement. All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

8) Discussion /Approval on the Clear Channel lease renewal agreement. Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to approve the Agreement. All trustees voted aye on the Roll Call. Mtn. carried.

9) Approval of Zoning Board recommendation for adding a special use designation to limited manufacturing zone. Trustee Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve the recommendation. All trustees voted aye on the Roll Call. Mtn. carried.

10) Approval of a Liquor License for Wind Creek, Il., LLC. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

Clerk: no report.

ADM. 1) Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approves forcible entry training equipment for the Fire Department. Roll Call: all trustees except Kearns voted aye. Motions carried.

2) Discussion/approval to add another police officer position as projected in the bond projection. Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the addition to the Police Department. All trustees voted aye. Mtn., carried.

standing Committees:

Streets: Tr. Forte complimented the Public Work, Fire and Police Departments for their efforts in cleaning up the storms debris last week.

Finance/License: Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve the 7/10/24 claim sheet in the amount of \$ 90,270.00 Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motion carried; and Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made motions to approve the 7/24/24 claim sheet in the amount of \$196,392.44 Claims Sheets totaling \$286,662.44. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

Signs, Maint. Construction: Trustee Kearns asked for a meeting before the next Board meeting to allow the Sign Rep. to present his plans.

Health, Safety, Personnel: Tr. Ewan didn't have a Committee Report; but she complimented PW's, Fire and Police Departments for their efforts in last week's storm clean up.

Water/Sewer: No Committee report; but, Tr. Wideman complimented the PW, Fire & Police Departments for their efforts in the storm clean up.

POLICE/FIRE: Trustee Ortiz read the June, 2024 report of Police Dept. activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Ewan inquired if prices have been obtained for a Generator? Not at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Brown said **WOOD CREEK CASINO** is scheduled to open on November 11th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustees urged adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting playing games in our streets.

Mayor announced that WindCreek will open 11/11/24 with a soft opening the week before

Mayor passed out draft Ordinance prohibiting playing sports in the street for Trustees consideration.

Mayor also announced Calumet Country Club property would be used for immigrant housing,

CEDA has family support for families for necessities for those who have been affected by the storm

Flyer on how tax bill is calculated was made available to residents.

Trustee Kearns suggested a parade for the opening of Casino

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motions carried.
Time: 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Minnis
Village Clerk