

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 7/25/18 at 7 pm

Officials: Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

In the absence of Mayor Brown, Clerk Minnis called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present.

Clerk Minnis asked for motions to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem to conduct this meeting. Trustees Smith & Forte made the motions to approve Trustee Ortiz to be Mayor Pro Tem, All trustees vote aye. Mtn. carried.

Also present were: PD Chief Ken Vallow, J. Hale, J. Thompson, Helen Kearns and Sandra Broadway.

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 7-11-18 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: No report.

Clerk: No report.

Administrator:

1) Administrator Lazuka explained the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to Accept the *Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement*. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

2) Continued Discussion on Water Rate Increase. Administrator Lazuka Referred to the *Spread Sheet* distributed at the last meeting. She expounded on Water Fund receipts and disbursements numbers. Trustee Smith had several questions on the percentage of commercial vs residential usage. Trustee Forte suggested we discuss the information on the Spread Sheet again. Mayor Brown had suggested at the last meeting that we put the information on the Village's WEB site. Perhaps the information should be in the next NEWSLETTER and invite residents to come to the Board meeting.

Administrator Lazuka told of a *12 month payment plan* whereby a review of the resident's last 2 year water consumption would be made to

determine their average monthly usage. Then the resident could make monthly payments on their water account.

Trustees Johnson & Forte made the motions to **authorize the Village Attorney to draft the Ordinance with the water rate increase.**

Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Administrator Lazuka said there will be a meeting in August with more information on a new water source.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte told of a few children setting up a Lemonade stand on her corner. Discussion followed.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 7/25/18 in the amount of \$70,543.55. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

Health/Safety/Personnel: No report by Trustee Ewan

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Police/Fire: Trustee Smith read a report of PD activities for the month of June. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office. A letter was read from Rev. Joel Sheeres of Crown Point, Indiana commending two EHC police officers for their kind demeanor and willingness to assist his two daughters who had been in an accident on I-294. They not only contacted the State Police but stayed with the girls as they waited for the State Patrol to arrived. Police Chief Ken Vallow sent Letters of Commendation to EHCPD Officers Mrjenovich and Conroy.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:35pm

Sandra Broadway of 17309 Hawthorne had questions on the water rate increases and on her real estate taxes.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: None

Announcements: Tr. Kearns said the American Legion Post 1139 will be selling raffle tickets at the Centennial FEST.

Executive Session: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to adjourn, All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson M. Minnie
Clerk/Collector