

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 6/28/17 at 7 pm

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

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

Also present were: PW Dir. Brian King, J. Hale, J. Thompson, F. Kolodziej, Wm. Mills, L. Dutka & friend, H. Kearns, JoAnne & Prentise Murray.

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

Minutes: Trustee Johnson noted the AGENDA had 'approval of minutes of 6/28/17'. Clerk Minnis said she put in that date to 'see if members *really* read the Agenda'. Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to approve the minutes of the 6/14/17 regular meeting of the Board. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report: none

Clerk: Volunteers working the 2017 FEST will meet in the 1904 on Thurs., 7/13/17 at 6:30 pm to finalize plans.

The Clerk's office will be CLOSED on Tues., 7/4/17 and re-open for business on Wed., 7/5/17 at 8:00 am

CENTENNIAL bumper stickers are available in the Clerk's office. Proceeds for the sale of the stickers will help fund the CENTENNIAL Celebration in July, 2018.

Administrator:

- 1) Distribution of copies of the 2017-2018 Appropriations Ordinance. Adm. Lazuka said there are increases in several areas. She urged members to be prepared to pass the Ordinance at the 7/12/17 meeting.
- 2) Demolition of buildings at 1401 W. 174th St. was discussed. Proposals for the demolition were solicited. The three bids received were:
 - a) Beckstein Construction.....\$19,138.00
 - b) Holland Ashphalt.....\$16,300.00
 - c) Keith Cartage.....\$11,950.00Discussion followed. Demolition costs will be reimbursed thru a Grant. Trustees Johnson & Ewan made the motions to approve the bid proposal of Keith Cartage. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte said homeowners should 'light up' around their property. Her neighbors recently bought new patio furniture and someone stole it.

Trustee Kearns said 172nd St. from Laflin to Ashland should be re-paved.

Trustee Forte inquired when the traffic light will be installed at 174th & Halsted. Mayor Brown said the proposed 'start date' is September. The Village of Homewood needs to donate land for the project.

Finance/License: Trustees Kearns & Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 6/16/16, 6/23/17 in the amount of \$81,992.72. [*It was noted bills for water from Harvey must be submitted to the City of Chicago*] Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried. Mayor Brown said he is still waiting for a return call from the Mayor of Harvey regarding the apparent overcharge on water rates being charged to East Hazel Crest.

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

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

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith distributed a *Water Pumpage Report* for 2015, 2016, and 2017 he had received from PW Dir. King. Members said: Thank you, Brian, for your efforts in stemming our water loss.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:29 pm

Mr. Murray of 1413 W. 172nd St. was concerned about dead trees on the vacant land north of this property. Who should be contacted to remove the dead trees as they pose a safety concern for him? Adm. Lazuka said the Il. State Toll Highway Authority owns the property and they have been made aware of the problem.

L. Dutka inquired what is being done about several properties with overgrown vegetation. The grass at 17211 Loomis hasn't been cut in months. Adm. Lazuka said letters have been sent to the property owner. Mr. Dutka asked about putting a *WELCOME* sign at 172nd & Ashland. He complained about the noise from the trains in the RR yard. Ashland Ave. has a 35 mph. Since Ashland Avenue is a County road, we' have to contact to Cook County Highway Dept. about any speed sign changes. Louis said fire hydrants thru out the Village should be re-painted.

Adm. Lazuka noted where the Village has had properties demolished, nearby residents have been very cooperative in keeping the vacant land mowed.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz & Smith made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:38 pm.

Unfinished Business: Trustee Ewan inquired if any further thought has been given to a 'Proposed Village Wide Garage Sale'? Trustee Forte said she hadn't given it any thought. Perhaps it should be a Friday, Saturday & Sunday Sale in August. She said there should be no Garage Sale Permits issued for 7/21 & 7/22. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to prohibit the sale of Garage Sale Permits on 7/21 & 7/2. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Trustee Kearns asked PW Dr. King if he could clean up the viaducts? Brian said his crew does what they can on the Village side of the viaducts.

New Business: none

Announcement: Mayor Brown announced the SSMMA Annual Golf Outing will be Friday, July 21st.

Executive Session : none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra M. Minnis
Village Clerk