

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
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: Paula Newton, J. Fimbianti, J. Hale, Fred Kolodziej, Mr. & Mrs. John White, Rose Mary McGathey, Mike & Kevin Kiehl, and Denise Manuel of New Age

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 3/8/17 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **Ordinance 16-16.** Mayor Brown informed everyone of the Ordinance that Cook County adopted that mandated the number of sick days and minimum wage to be paid for by employers. Several municipalities have opt'd out of Cook County's mandate. With Ord. 16-16 the Village would also opt out of Cook County's mandate. Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to approve Ordinance 16-16. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Ordinance 16-17.** This Ordinance **adds the Int'l. Residential Code to our Building Code.** Trustees Smith and Ortiz made the motions to approve Ordinance 16-17. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **Ordinance 16-18.** Adm. Lazuka said this ordinance will increase Business License and Permit fees in our Building Code. Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adopt Ordinance 16-18. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**As a point of information,** Mayor Brown informed members that their *Statements of Economic Interests* must be filed with Cook County by May 1st to avoid a penalty.

Clerk: **Early Voting** has opened for the April 4<sup>th</sup>, Consolidated Election. Our registered voters can go either to the Olympia Fields location at 63 Breakers Drive or to the Township Offices in South Holland.

Ni Cor has a date on the ICC docket for a rate increase.

**Administrator:**

- 1) Adm. Lazuka asked members to approve accepting the APP Program Grant.

Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to approve submitting the commitment letter for the APP Program. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

- 2) **Approval of 2017-2018 Salt purchase.** Salt is purchased thru the State contract so the price is not available at this time. We have a surplus from 2016-2017; therefore, PW Director estimates only 200 ton is needed next year. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the 2017-2018 salt purchase. All trustees were in favor.
- 3) **Approval for Software Support.** Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to approve the software support from Tyler Tech in the amount of \$6,173.58 for the entire year. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 4) **Approval to set up new bank account at 1<sup>st</sup> Midwest Bank.** Administrator Lazuka said since the City of Chicago is now receiver of all downstream communities in Harvey supply line, 15% of water payments is set aside for infrastructure improvements. This money must be held in an escrow acct. for future distribution toward repair of infrastructure. Mayor Brown, Clerk Minnis and Adm. Lazuka would be signers on the account. Mayor Brown brought members up to date on Harvey's response to Mayor Brown's request for a meeting to resolve the overcharge of water rates. Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to approve the Water Escrow account at 1st Midwest Bank. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Time: 7:24 pm

Denise Manuel, owner of New Age System, Inc., addressed the Board about their concern of the nature of her business at 17105 Laflin. Her business License had been deferred from the 3/8/17 meeting. She lives at 168 Mayfair in Chicago Heights. She said one employee besides herself would be working at this location from 9-2 with applicants by Appointments. Question was raised who owns the white truck parked in front of the building? Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the Business License. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

John White of 17310 Laflin asked what can be done to have property owner clean up his lot at 17300 Laflin. After much discussion, Adm. Lazuka said she and Chief Ken Vallow have identified several violation of our Property Maintenance Code. The Village will go forward in their effort to effect a resolution/clean up of this property.

**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 present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:26 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Streets:** Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 3/15/17 in the amount of \$84,339.46, on Claim sheets dated 3/16/17 in the amount of \$10,024.00 and on Claims Sheets dated 3/22/16 in the amount of \$54,571.73 or a total of \$148,935.19. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. 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 Ortiz had nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** Trustee Kearns inquired about our Dispatch Service. Administrator Lazuka brought members up to date on E Com transmission & dispatch service.

**New Business:** none

**Announcement:** Tr. Kearns reminded residents that American Legion Post 1139 is accepting donations for the residents at the Veterans Home in Manteno.

**Executive Session:** Trustees made the motions to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel/hiring. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:29 pm

**Reconvene to regular session:** Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to reconvene to regular session. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:47 pm.

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ewan and Ortiz made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen M. Minnis*  
Village Clerk