

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., March 8th, 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: FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Dir. Brian King, J. Hale, J. Fimbianti, J. Thompson, Paula Newton, Ron Wideman, and Mr. Lilly.

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 & Ortiz made the motions to approve the minutes of the 2/8/17 regular meeting. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

1 & 2) Report of **3/1/17 Public Hearing Mtg. of the Zoning Board of Appeals**. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to accept the recommendation of the ZBA and **adopt Ordinance 16-15**, an Ordinance amending Chap. 22-136 Art IV of the Village Code.

3) **Agreement to dispose of property**. Mayor Brown explained the need to dispose right of way property along Halsted Street. The Village paid \$67,000 for the land. The State has offered to pay the recent appraisal of the land - \$88,000. After discussion, Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to **adopt RESOLUTION 16-06, a Resolution to dispose of the property**. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Update on water bills from the City of Harvey. Mayor Brown informed members that he sent Certified Return Receipt letters to the City of Harvey requesting a meeting to discuss the rates charged for water to the Village. No reply has been received. After a brief discussion, Mayor Brown said he will follow up on his request for a meeting relative to the water rates from Harvey.

Clerk: Clerk Minnis reminded those present of the upcoming Consolidated Election to be held on Tues., April 4th, 2017. The incumbent officials are running unopposed. There is no opposition to the three Library Board members either.

Administrator: 1) Up date on Dispatch Service. Lynwood will discontinue dispatch service for the Village on March 15th. On March 16th, Daley's will take over dispatch services at Lynwood's facility for East Hazel Crest. Much discussion followed on the need for a 'capital program', terms of agreement, and upgrades.

Administrator Lazuka requested approval for \$10,000 application fee that will be submitted to E Com for full cost proposal. Lynwood will continue to monitor our leads. Dispatch will continue to operate from the Lynwood site. Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve submitting the \$10,000 to E Com. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) Ditch Update. Adm. Lazuka reported she and PW Dir. Brian King surveyed the Throop St. & Loomis Avenue ditches after the recent storm. Photos were taken. They will continued to monitor these areas. Letters will be sent to those property owners who need to take corrective action to their culverts & ditches. A permit will be required for repairs. If the homeowner doesn't respond, the Village will do whatever is necessary and bill the property owner.

4) Adm. Lazuka commended PW Dir. Brian King for his diligence in locating water leaks. From December, 2016 thru Feb., 2017 there has been a savings of \$44,000 in unmetered water useage.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:38 pm.

Paula Newton of 17221 Loomis asked what language will be used in the letters to homeowners about their ditches and culverts. She asked for clarification of Village Code. Information will be in the April NEWSLETTER on property owners responsibility to clean their ditch. Ditches drain to the north to the Tollroad ditch. The Il. St. Toll Highway Authority will be notified to clean their ditches. Trustees Kearns spoke of the need to maintain the storm drains in the 171st Street viaducts. The ditch along Center is also county responsibility from 171st to 159th Street. PW Dir. King will contact Cook County to address the problem areas.

Mr. Lilly of 1901 S. 171st Street asked if the Village could do something about the vacant property next door to him. Adm. Lazuka said the Village has received a Grant that could be sued to demolish the building if it is not rehabitable.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Smith & Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:15 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

Finance/License: 1) Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions **to pay all bills on the Claims sheets** dated 2/13/17 in the amount of \$25,823.78 and

bills on the 2/14/17 claims sheets in the amount of \$98,726.09 for a **total of \$124,549.87**. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

2) **Bus. Lic. Application of Consola Const.,** – garage at 17105 Laflin. After discussion, Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the application for in-door storage of equipment in the garage....no outdoor storage. Roll Call: Trustee Johnson voted nay; Trustees Ewan, Smith, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye. Mtn. carried.

3) **Bus. Lic. Application of New Age Systems** at 17105 Laflin. After a brief discussion, with questions left unanswered, the application was deferred until the 3/22/17 regular meeting.

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 read the February, 2017 Report of EHCPD activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Unfinished Business: Trustee Smith inquired about the status of the Balhan 'sewer' problem. Jack Waters Plumbing has been contacted to resolve the problem.

New Business: Trustee Forte, Village Representative to the Chicago Southland Convention Bureau told of the April Food's Day event to be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center on April 7th.

Trustee Kearns said American Legion Post 1139 is seeking donations for the veterans (men & women) at the Manteno Home. (new items only). As Commander of the Post, he thanked the Board for the use of the 1906 meeting room on 2/17/17 for the installation of new members.

Announcement: PD Chief Ken Vallow said there is 'Drug Disposal' container in the EHCPD lobby.

EHCDFD Chief Wm. Vallow thanked everyone for participation in the joint 'Awards Night' held at Glenwood Oaks on Saturday, 2/15/17.

Cook County has adopted a Minimum Wage Ordinance which would make it mandatory for all employers to give 1 & ½ sick days a month to their employees.

Many municipalities are 'opting out' of this Ordinance. This will be on the 3/22
AGENDA

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Smith made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were
in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen M. Minnis
Village Clerk