

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
Wednesday 01/22/2025 at 7:00 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Wideman and Ortiz were present. Tr. Forte was absent.

Also present: PD Chief R. Janich, PD Dep. Chief M. Tuley, FD Chief Kevin Welsh, FD Dep. Chief Grant Mills, PW Dir. B. King, S. Connelly, J. O'Brien, J. Hale, D. Steibs, L. Dutka, S. Sokolowski, C. Cook. M. Fernandez.

Invocation & Pledge. Mayor Brown asked for a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown then led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motion to approve the minutes of the 1/8/25 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Trustee Wideman and Ortiz motioned to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

S. Sokolowski questioned the sale of 172nd & Throop, and claimed pick-up trucks parked on sidewalk on Laflin.

L. Dutka asked if holes in parking lot of EHC Bible church (Election Facility) can be filled. Thanked Village for taking care of branches that were hanging on overhead wires. Asked for another sound check for the railroad in the spring.

M. Fernandez asked about letter written to him by the Mayor asking for his suggestions on what the Village can do for the elderly. He requested handicap accessible doors for the Village Hall and additional handicap parking spaces, setting up a shuttle for the elderly. Asked for the snow to be plowed to the south side of 174th Street and for the Railroad to clean up a spot on Ashland Avenue.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC: There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motion to CLOSE this segment of the meeting. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor:

- 1) Police Chief Roy Janich introduced Officer Randy Lehmann, as an experienced Officer formerly of So. Chicago Heights and South Suburban College and was well recommended. Mayor Brown proceeded to swear in Officer Randy Lehmann as an East Hazel Crest Police Officer.
- 2) Mayor Brown presented the Ordinance approving the Plat of Subdivision for Wind Creek at 17300 Halsted Street. Trustees Wideman and Ortiz motioned to adopt Ordinance. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 3) Mayor Brown presented the Ordinance creating provisions for exterior storage of motor vehicles at a motor repair business. Trustees Ortiz and Wideman motioned to adopt Ordinance. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 4) Trustees Ortiz and Ewan motioned to approve Resolution extending the Moratorium on granting business licenses for auto repair/towing, equipment sales and motor vehicle storage. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
- 5) Trustees Johnson and Kearns motioned to approve the First Amendment to the T-Mobile lease. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
- 6) Mayor Brown read the letter received from Governor Pritzker's office proclaiming the honorable service of Helen Minnis to the Village of East Hazel Crest and the State of Illinois.

Village Clerk: No Report

Administrator: No Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Streets: Trustee Forte was absent.

Finance / License: Trustees Johnson and Ewan made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 12/31/24 in the amount of \$285,829.62. Roll Call vote taken. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Signs: Trustee Kearns stated that he had been looking at signs and would like to meet one half hour earlier at the next meeting to discuss the sign proposals with the board. Mayor Brown stated we can meet at 6:30 at the next meeting.

Health / Safety: No Report

Water/Sewer: No Report

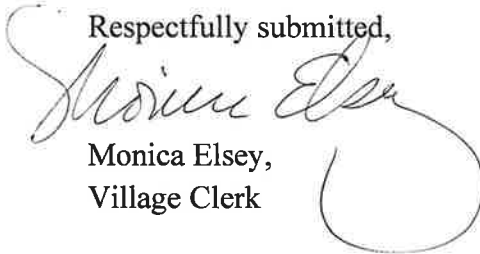
Police / Fire: Trustee Ortiz had one Police Report and two Fire Reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Trustees Wideman and Ewan made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica Elsey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Monica Elsey,
Village Clerk