

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
Wednesday 01/08/2025 at 7:05 pm

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

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

Also present: PW Dir. B. King, PD Chief R. Janich, Dep. Chief M. Tuley, FD Dep. Chief Grant Mills

H. Kearns, S. Connelly, J. O'Brien, J. Hale, D. Steibs, Nancy & Dan Smith, Kris & Kim Szlembariski, L. Dutka, S. Sokolowski, D. Ortiz, C. Amescua, C. Cook., J. Binette, R. McGathey, John and Anna White, V. McGathey, J. Kaczmarek, Monica & Matthew Elsey, and many guests of Helen Minnis.

Invocation & Pledge. Mayor Brown asked for prayers for the victims of the California fires and residents that we recently lost: J. R. Biedzycki, Prentiss Murray, and Craig Thompson-EHC Plumbing Inspector. After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motion to approve the minutes of the 12/11/24 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motions were made to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

S. Sokolowski questioned the appointment of the new clerk.

Sue Connelly asked about residents leaving their yards unkempt and leaving garbage cans out after pickup. Mayor Brown referred it to the Property Maintenance officer.

M. Fernandez asked what the Village was doing for the elderly. He requested handicap accessible doors for the Village Hall.

L. Dutka asked if we could arrange to pay water bills online. He also asked if street sinks where water main break in front of his house occurred, would it be taken care of. He questioned about the status of the house on 172nd & Throop

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Brown, with heavy heart, announced the resignation of Helen Minnis after 40 years as East Hazel Crest Village Clerk. Trustee Ortiz and Trustee Wideman made the Motion to accept the resignation of Helen Minnis as Village Clerk. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION recognizing the Retirement of Village Clerk, Helen Minnis, and all her years of service to the Village of East Hazel Crest in the many honorable roles she selflessly took on throughout our community was read into the minutes by Mayor Brown. Motions were made to accept the resolution. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then announced that he was appointing Monica Elsey as Village Clerk. She took the Oath of Office and was sworn in.

Consideration for the renewal of Office of the State Fire Marshal, Illinois Local Elevator Safety Program Agreement. Motion made by Trustees Kearns and Forte to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor reported the Village receiving the first gaming revenue receipts in the amount of \$157,630.47.

VILLAGE CLERK: No Report

ADMINISTRATOR: No Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Streets: Trustee Forte noted residents are leaving their garbage cans out. She also stated her observation that some residents fail to clean up after their dogs. Trustee Forte also noted again that the house on 175th Street had lots of cars and trucks and was using it like a parking lot.

Finance / License: Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motion 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 had a proposal but was waiting to see if the casino would go in on the signs. Mayor stated he should go ahead without the casino. Trustee Kearns stated he would get several quotes.

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 Police Chief Janich stated that tickets have been issued regarding the garbage cans.

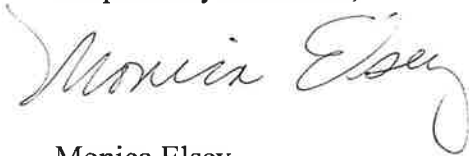
Deputy Fire Chief Mills thanked Mayor Brown, the Library Board and the American Legion for all the donations that made the Santa Visit such a success with so many items for the children. The Chili Event is scheduled to be held on February 22.

Public Works Director King stated if any resident sees any standing water on the roadways call the Village Hall.

Trustee Kearns asked about the house being built on 174th & Loomis and if it was going to be finished soon. Administrator Lazuka stated that they just did a tap in, and they should be close. If not, they are allowed two renewals for three months each so they must be done within 18 months from the date of permit issue.

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motion to adjourn. All trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Elsey".

Monica Elsey,
Village Clerk