

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday 02/26/2025 at 7:00 pm**

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

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

**Also present:** PD Chief R. Janich, PD Dep. Chief M. Tuley, FD Chief Kevin Welsh, FD Dep. Chief Grant Mills, PW Dir. B. King,  
J. White, S. Connelly, J. O'Brien, H. Kearns, M. Fernandez, J. Murphy, C. Cook

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 Forte motioned to approve the minutes of the 1/22/2025 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

**CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC:** There being no comments to come before the Board, Trustees Ewan and Ortiz made the motion to CLOSE this segment of the meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Mayor:**

- 1) Mayor Brown presented the Ordinance approving the disposal of fire apparatus. Trustees Ortiz and Johnson motioned to adopt Ordinance. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 2) Mayor Brown presented an Ordinance supporting Wind Creek in their appeal to the Cook County Board of Review. Trustees Kearns and Ewan motioned to adopt Ordinance. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Brown discussed the Village's portion of the Casino income.
- 3) Mayor Brown presented an Ordinance abrogating old utility easement at Wind Creek Subdivision. Trustees Wideman and Ewan motioned to adopt Ordinance. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 4) Trustees Ortiz and Wideman motioned to approve the Resolution acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Bureau of record. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

- 5) Mayor Brown asked for consideration of the Robinson Engineering Construction Agreement. Trustees Johnson and Wideman motioned to accept the agreement. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 6) Mayor Brown asked for consideration of Westside Mechanical's service agreement for HVAC maintenance contract. Trustees Kearns and Ewan motioned to accept the agreement. All Trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

**Village Clerk:** No Report

**Administrator:**

- 1) Approval is requested to extend Tyler Technology's software and support, which expires March 1. After discussion Trustees Kearns and Ewan motioned to accept the agreement. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 2) Approval is requested to purchase FD reporting software and support. After discussion Trustees Ewan and Wideman motioned to purchase the software. Roll Call: All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Streets:** No report

**Finance / License:** Trustees Johnson and Ewan motioned to pay all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 2/12/2025 in the amount of \$96,296.39 and 2/26/2025 in the amount of \$172,793.66 for a grand total of \$269,090.05. Roll Call: All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**Signs:** Trustee Kearns stated he has distributed handouts from the two companies vying to create the signs. Trustee Kearns presented information on the varying signs and scheduled a meeting for the Signs committee for 6:00 pm Wednesday next week.

**Health / Safety:** No Report

**Water/Sewer:** January the village pumped 3,423,000 gallons averaging 110,000 gallons per day. We have had leaks on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> with a couple of fires. This report submitted to Illinois EPA and is on file.

**Police / Fire:** Trustee Ortiz had one Police Report for the month of January. This report will be on file in the Clerks office.

**Old Business:** Trustee Kearns reported that the American Legion was grateful to the Wind Creek Casino organization for the \$5,000.00 donation for Manteno Veterans Home. He continued by thanking Mayor Brown for his foresight and hard work in bringing the Casino to our Village.

Trustee Kearns asked about decorative lighting on Center Street and a sidewalk and storm sewers on the east side of the street. Mayor Brown stated the lighting and a sidewalk on center is included in the current project.

**New Business:** Mayor Brown asked the Board to consider in light of the success of the Casino that Vehicle Stickers for elderly and handicap will be free and all other vehicle stickers will be half price.

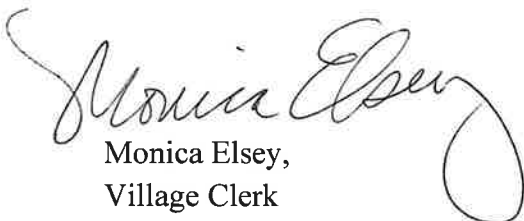
Trustee Forte announced that in March she will be in Selma, Alabama to walk the bridge. As a History Maker for Black History Month, she will be at the Art Institute attending an event to honor Jerry Butler, Nikki Giovanni, and Roberta Flack.

Mayor Brown stated the E-Com and South Com merger ribbon cutting for the new premises located in Hazel Crest will be January 2026.

Mayor Brown informed the Board the Contractor who put in the wired alarm service in the Casino has offered to purchase 24 UHF radios for the fire department to enhance communication efficiency.

**Adjournment:** Trustees Wideman and Forte made the motion to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Monica Elsey,  
Village Clerk