

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 7/28/21 at 7 pm**

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

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

Also present: PD Chief Janich, Deputy FD Chief Mills, PW Brian King, J. Hale, P. Newton, J. Janko, M. Fernandez, W. Clumpner, S. Sokolowski, C. Robertson, E. LaBuda, J. Murry, S. Wideman, Roberta Kuczaj, Krzy Szlembarski

Invocation & Pledge. Silent invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 6/23/21 regular meeting. (the 7/14/21 mtg. had been cancelled.) All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

**Mayor's Report:**

1) Mayor Brown read the **report of the 6/29/21 ZBA Public Hrg. Mtg.** The ZBA approved changing the Zoning on the NE corner of 175<sup>th</sup> & Center from B-1 to R-1.

2) **Ordinance 21-02.** Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motions to **Adopt Ord. 21-02 -Changing the zoning on 17429 Center from B-1 to R-1.** Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

3) **Ordinance 21-03. Appropriations Ordinance for f/y 2021-2022.** Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to adopt Ord. 21-03. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

4) **RESOLUTION 21-03 Motor Fuel Tax funds to repair streets** (1/1/21 thru 12/31/21). Trustees Wideman and Forte made the motions to approve Resolution 21-03. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

5) **RESOLUTION 21-04; Working Budget.** Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve Resolution 21-04. Roll Call: Forte, nay, Kearns, aye, Johnson, aye, Ewan, aye, Wideman, aye, and Ortiz, aye. Mtn. carried.

**Clerk:** The Salvation Army is requesting approval to canvas for their annual **Red Kettle Campaigns** Monday thru Saturday from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the request. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**Administrator's Report:**

- 1) Adm. Lazuka asked Board members to consider partnership **of the EHCPD with Homewood PD for 'truck enforcement'** similar to the partnership with Harvey.
  
- 2) **Approval of repairs to 17201 Throop.** Adm. Lazuka has received two (2) proposals for roof repairs; one for \$15,700 and the other for \$6,595.00. After discussion to seek add'l. proposals, Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve roof repairs up to \$6,595.00. Roll Call: All trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.  
  
Disc. On bathroom repairs. A proposal for bathroom repairs in the amount of \$3,850 was discussed. Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve the bathroom repairs. Roll Call: all trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
  
- 3) **Approval of Tyler Tech Support.** Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve the contract of Tyler Tech Support. Roll Call; all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.

**OPEN TO VISITORS:**

Trustees Ortiz & Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the Public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time; 7:23 pm.

Trustee Forte commended Public Works and Police Dept. for their support in of the Village wide GARAGE SALE last week-end.

R. Kuczaj had several complaints: about lewd activity at the Park, mowing at the property at 1204 W. 174<sup>th</sup> St., and accumulating debris at a neighbor's property.

Carol Cook inquired of the status of a Casino for EHC. Mayor Brown spoke to the inquiry saying the Gaming Board should have a decision within six months. Ms. Cook asked what does the Village intend to do with the 17429 Center property, Mayor Brown responded 'none at this time ; perhaps it could be used for a 'public' building''.

Greg. Washington said *Thank You* for having the Public Service Meeting at 6 pm. He thanked P.D. for their increased patrol at Wood Path and their quick response to request for service. He thanked P.W. for help in removing threatening tree limbs. He asked for approval of a Block Party for the Washington Park residents. Trustees Forte and Kearns made the motions to approve the request (date to be determined). All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**CLOSE TO VISITORS**

Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to Close this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:45 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets:** Tr. Forte told of the EHC Library Board meetings and thanked members for their support. She also thanked PW's for putting up signs for the Village Wide Garage Sale.

**Finance/License:**

- 1) Trustees Johnson & Kearns made the motions to approve all bills on the Claims Sheets dated 7/14/21 in the amount of \$72,595.04 and on the Claims Sheets dated 7/28/21 in the amount of \$52,862.66 for a total of \$125,457.70. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Motions carried.

**SIGNS:** Tr. Kearns had nothing to report.

**HEALTH/SAFETY/PERSONNEL;** No report by Tr. Ewan .

**WATER/SEWERS;** No report by Tr. Wideman.

**POLICE/FIRE:** Tr. Ortiz.read the reports from FD & PD for the month of June, 2021. These reports will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**OLD BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tr. Forte spoke of Cook County President Toni Peckwinkle's efforts in making COVID shots available FREE to all county residents.

Mayor Brown spoke of the American Legion going to the Veterans Home in Manteno and giving the residents snack, soda, etc. The Legion give about \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year for this worthy cause. Village residents wanting to help, can drop off snacks, cookies, or soda at the Village Hall for the American Legion in their efforts.

**Executive Session: none**

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Kelvin M. Minnis*  
*Village Clerk*