

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 11/14/18 at 7 pm

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan and Ortiz were present; Trustee Smith was absent.

Guests: Ron Amen of *Lauderbach & Amen*, J. Hale, J. Thompson, PD Mitch Drake, L. Dutka, Ron Wideman, Yuen Ng, and Linda Gilmore

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of silent prayer, Mayor Brown lead the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz & Forte made the motions to approve the minutes of the 10/24/18 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) Mayor Brown introduced Ron Amen of *Lauderbach & Amen*. Ron proceeded to explain the 2017/2018 Audit Report.
- 2) Mayor Brown explained the ***Intergovernmental Agreement*** for the sharing of information between the Village of East Hazel Crest and Homewood Flossmoor High School. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to adopt the IGA between V. of EHC and HF High School. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye (Tr. Smith was absent) Mtn. carried.

- Clerk:
- 1) Discussion on the scheduling of the 2nd mtg. in November. Members concurred to schedule the 2nd meeting in November to Nov. 28th.
 - 2) Members concurred to cancel the 2nd mtg. in December as it falls on the day after Christmas.
 - 3) Filing dates for the Consolidated Election to be held 4/5/19 are Dec. 10th thru 17th during regular office hours. There are three (3) vacancies on the Village Board to be elected for four year terms and two (2) vacancies on the Library Board to be elected for 6 year terms.

Administrator:

- 1) PD request for BARRICUDA. Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to approve the security system with an annual premium of \$1,444.00. Roll Call: all trustees present voted AYE (Tr. Smith was absent) Mtn. carried.
- 2) Replacement of PD SCALE. The scale broke last week and needs to be replaced. Total amount for the frame, labor, installation, etc. is \$25,590.00. After discussion, Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the contract for the installation of a new scale.

Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye (Tr. Smith was absent)
Mtn. carried.

- 3) Approval to repair the Mini Dump Truck. It's not driveable 'as is' and will cost \$2,780.66 to repair. Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve the charges to repair the truck,. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye (Tr. Smith was absent) Mtn. carried.

OPEN TO VISITORS:

Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to 'open this session of the meeting to visitors'. All trustees present were in favor, (Trustee Smith was absent).

Mtn. carried. Time: 7:25 pm

A resident made inquiries about the sale of vacant Village owned properties. Mayor Brown informed Mr. Dutka that Cook County has to waive property taxes; otherwise all outstanding property taxes would go to the new property owner. Questions were asked about the old restaurant at 175th & Center. Mayor Brown responded that the building will have to be demolished and Cook County would have to waive delinquent property taxes.

A resident inquired about the increase in water rates. The \$1.50 increase only applies to 'water' rates. It does not apply to 'sewer' or 'scavenger' rates. Mayor Brown explained the village's efforts in seeking a new source of water from Lake Michigan.

Library Bd. Trustee J. Hale said the EHC Library recently entered into a contract with the Thornton Library Board for library services for EHC residents that will mean a \$200,000 savings over the next five (5) years. It was noted that when EHC contracted initially with the Homewood Library the annual fee was much less than it is today. Joan said the HW Library Director has resigned. Mrs. Hale asked if Library Board information could be distributed with water bills to our residents. Mayor Brown concurred.

Questions were asked about cars being stolen in Bremerton Woods. A BW resident said residents should be more aware of strangers in their neighborhood – and they should call the Police when observing strangers or unusual activity.

CLOSE TO VISITORS: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to close this segment of the meeting to the Public. all trustees present were in favor (Tr. Smith was absent). Mtn. carried. Time: 7:50 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: Trustee Forte expressed her concern of the violence in our society. She noted the last pick up of yard waste will be at the end of November:

Finance/License:

- 1) Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to pay all bills on the 11/14/18 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$57,382.55. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye (Tr. Smith was absent) Mtn. carried.
- 2) Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the Business License application of M.A.C. Network at 1325 W. 171st. Willie Holland, owner of M.A.C. Network said his business at 1307 W. 171st Street has had growth and is the need to expand. Mayor Brown informed Mr. Holland that the Board would not approve the property being used as a 'junk yard'. There is to be no 'storage' of wrecked vehicles. Mr. Holland acknowledged the Mayor's directive. Roll Call: Trustee Johnson, nay; Trustees Ewan, Ortiz, Forte and Kearns voted aye; Trustee Smith was absent. Mtn. carried.

Signs/Maintenance/Construction: Trustee Johnson reported he inspected the sign at 925 W. 171st St.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer: No report - Trustee Smith was absent.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz read the October report of PD activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office. Trustee Forte again reminded residents to 'burn your outdoor lights' at dark. PD report of activities should be included in the Village NEWSLETTER.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcement: Tr. Kearns distributed a *Personal Needs* list of items needed at the Veterans Home in Manteno. He said Amer. Legion Post 1139 members will be visiting the Veterans Home on 11/27. Contributions can be dropped off at the Clerk's Office.

The annual Legion American Legion Christmas party will be Sat. Dec. 1st at the Warsaw Inn at 11:30 a.m.

Trustee Johnson asked if PW's could pick up the large branch near the corner of 174th & Lathrop.

Adjournment: Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor; Trustee Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Minnis
Village Clerk