

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**Wed. 10/23/24 at 7:00 pm**

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

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

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

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Wideman made the motions to approve the minutes of the 9/25/24 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC;**

Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to OPEN this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Motions carried.

Mr. Sokolowski made a complaint regarding a “sandwich truck” parking on a sidewalk near the intersection of 175 and Loomis. He commented that he believes it creates a safety issue for the school children who board the bus there. He also requested information regarding village properties that should be and are for sale.

Ms. Murry commented that the current street reconstruction needs signage to ensure people are aware of the “bumps” they are approaching in the roadway. She also asked about a new community center she feels is missed in the community. She is also interested in seeing the park equipment replaced in Bremerton Woods park.

There being no other “businesses” to come before the Board, Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made the motions to CLOSE THIS SEGMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. 7:20 pm.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve a Resolution accepting the sale contract for 1110 175<sup>th</sup> Street. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. approved.

2) Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to approve the appointment of Kevin Welsh to interim Fire Chief All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown gave an update on the Casino opening.

Clerk; No report.

Administrator:

- 1) Trustees Kearns and Ewin made the motions to approve Meany Electric to install surge protection system in the Public Safety Building . Roll Call: All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.
- 2) Trustees Johnson and Wideman made the motions to approve the awarding of the Storm Sewer Lift Station Project to Airy's as recommended by our Engineer. 4 companies picked up bid packets and only one returned a bid (Airy's) Airy's bid was \$541,272.00 and our engineer's estimate was \$530,000.00. Airy's was within an acceptable margin the engineers estimate. Roll call vote. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 2) Trustees Johnson and Ewan made motions to approve a valve repair at NW corner of 173<sup>rd</sup> and Throop by Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$8,965.00. Roll call vote: All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Committee Reports:

Streets – Tr. Forte noted that a house on 175<sup>th</sup> seems to be parking vehicles like a parking lot. She asked PD to check it out. She also announced the demolition of Warren Palm School and Robert Frost School in district 152 ½ with administrative offices moving to the Lincoln school. She announced/acknowledged the \$1500 library donation to the FD for the children at Halloween and Christmas.

Finance/License: Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to pay all bills on the 10/9/24 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$278,977.27 and claim sheet 10/23/24 in the amount of \$83,759.18. Roll Call: All trustees present were in favor; Mtn. carried.

Signs, Maintenance/Construction: Tr. Kearns noted that the Sign proposals will be ready for review at our next meeting.

Health/Safety/ Personnel: no report by Tr. Ewan.

Water/Sewer: Tr. Wideman. No report

Police/Fire: Tr. Ortiz presented reports from Fire Department and Police Department

Old Business: Trustee Forte again acknowledged Mr. Slaughter and the amazing work he did on remodeling his home. She also announced Halloween hours were to be from 3pm to 6pm.

New Business: none

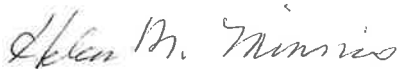
Announcements: Fire Department Halloween Party will be Sunday 10/27/24 at 1 pm  
Trustee Kearns reminded everyone of the Veteran collection at St John Neuman church on Saturday

Executive Session: Trustees Wideman and Forte made motions to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and salary adjustments. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Trustees Wideman and Ortiz made motions to close the executive session. All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Trustees Kearns and Wideman made the motions to return to regular meeting All trustees present were in favor. Motion carried.  
Trustees Wideman and Kearns made motions to adjourn the regular meeting. All trustees present in attendance voted aye. Motions carried.  
Time: 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Helen M. Minnis,  
Village Clerk