

Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 10/24/18 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: J. Hale, J. Thompson, Kevin Vallow, Lisa Fredetti, Kendall Vallow, Louis Dutka, M. Drake, and Brian King

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

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

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **Bud's Ambulance Contract.** Discussion on the contract for March, 2018 thru March 2021. Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to approve the two year contract. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Approval of contribution to downstream rate study.** Mayor Brown explained the contribution for a downstream water study. The village's 3.6% contribution will be \$1,423.58. Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to approve the contribution. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried
- 3) **Approval of YESCO cost increase to contract.** Discussion followed on the \$1,042.13 increase to previous contract for the Parking Lots. Trustees Johnson and Forte made the motions to approve the increase to the YESCO contract. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried
- 4) **Approval of Agreement and cost of alternate energy solutions.** The annual maintenance fee is \$1,205.00. Trustees Kearns and Ortiz made the motions to approve the \$2,610.00 two year contract. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried
- 5) **Approval of cost of sanitary sewer mandate.** Mayor Brown explained the cost to comply with the MSD mandate relative to the Bremerton Woods sanitary sewers. Bid proposals were received as follows:
 - Tierra Environmental.....\$33,023.00
 - National Power Rodding.....\$21,868.00
 - Calumet City Plumbing.....\$20,225.00Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve the proposal of Calumet City Plumbing. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried
- 6) **ReAppointment of Chief of Police.** Mayor Brown told of requests to the Police Training Board for their approval of his appointment of Kenneth L. Vallow as EHC Chief of Police.

With concerted efforts by Officer Mitchell Drake, the Training Board re-considered the Mayor's request of Ken's 45 years of service in the EHCPD and granted approval of Kenneth L. Vallow as full-time Chief of Police. Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to approve Mayor Brown's re-appointment of Kenneth L. Vallow as full time Chief of Police of the East Hazel Crest Police Department. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Mayor Brown has been contacted by Drake Booker of the Census Bureau seeking residents to assist in the 2020 Census. Workers would be paid \$17.00 per hour. Persons interested in assisting in the 2020 Census should contact the Mayor for an application.

Clerk: No report.

Administrator:

1) Lap Top for squad car. Consideration for purchase of a lap top computer in the squad car was removed from the Agenda when it was determined Officer Jim Conroy could make the necessary repairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets: No report by Trustee Forte.

Finance/License:

1) Trustees Kearns and Johnson made the motions to pay all bills on the 10/24/18 Claims Sheets in the amount of \$126,384.30. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried

2) Signs/Maintenance/Construction: No report by Trustee Johnson.

Health/Safety/Personnel: Trustee Ewan reported the Safety Committee meet and reviewed two accidents prior to this regular meeting. Both were Workers Comp. related.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Smith was absent.

Police/Fire: Trustee Ortiz had nothing to report. He reminded those present of the Annual EHC VFD Halloween Party this Sunday, Oct. 28th at 1pm at the Fire House.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Trustees Ortiz and Kearns made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.
Time: 7:27pm

L. Dutka said the street lights are out on the north side of 171st Street. He was informed the north side of 171st Street is in Harvey. Mayor Brown said Harvey does not respond to EHC's calls for action to correct problems. Perhaps Mr. Dutka should attend a Harvey Board Meeting and present his 'call to action'.

Louie inquired about the sale of vacant homes and vacant lots –as he hasn't seen For Sale signs on these locations. He was informed the Village is seeking State Funds for the signs.

How much revenue does the Village receive from the billboards in town? Mayor Brown said several years ago the Village tried to impose fees on billboards and the Billboard Companies threatened to file suit against the village. In order to avoid being brought to court on the validity of a tax on rental fees, the billboard companies agreed to pay an annual inspection fee. Louie then asked how many billboards does the Village own. Adm. Lazuka responded: two.

CLOSE: There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Johnson made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:35 pm

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Forte encouraged residents to vote in the upcoming election.

Announcement: Reminder: EHCVFD annual Halloween party this Sunday at 1 pm

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Trustees Ortiz & Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Trustee Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Morris
Village Clerk