

**Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees and PUBLIC HEARING MEETING for a Casino.....-..... Wed., 10/09/19 at 7 pm**

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

Roll Call: Trustees Forte, Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, & Ortiz ; Tr. Smith was absent.

Guests: A delegation from Wind Creek Nation, Homewood Mayor Hofeld, FD Chief Wm. Vallow & Lt. Grant Mills, PD Chief & Mrs. Roy Janich, C. Bouquet, M. Sanfratello, Dennis Balassone, PW Supt.. Brian King, and dozens of East Hazel Crest residents.

Invocation & Pledge. After a moment of prayer led by Mayor Brown, everyone in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

Minutes: Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the minutes of the 9/25/19 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. (Tr. Smith was absent). Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

**Mayor's Report: 1)** Mayor Brown called the Public Hearing Meeting on the Proposed Casino to order and introduced Attorney Donna Moore to speak for *Wind Creek Hospitality*. There are two documents to be adopted: The *Memorandum of Understanding* concerning the Southland Public Benefit Fund and *The Intergovernmental Agreement for additions to the Enterprise Zone*.

Arthur Mothershed, Vice President of Business Development for *Wind Creek Hospitality* said Phase 1 of the project will be a 4 Diamond Casino and entertainment center; Phase 2 will be a Hotel tower. This project is a \$450,000,000 investment of Wind Creek Hospitality. There will be 800 full time jobs and 700 part time jobs. Average salary will be \$48,500.00. He went on to talk of bonuses based on service. Phase 3 will be addition to the tower.

Brent Pinkston, CEO and VP of Operations for *Wind Creek Hospitality* expounded on the benefits of the project. The Public Hearing presentation ended at 8:15 pm

Mayor Brown said *Wind Creek Hospitality* is the only one submitting an application for East Hazel Crest & Homewood. He then called for a recess. Time: 8:16 pm

Mayor Brown reconvened the meeting at 8:35 pm.

**2) RESOLUTION 19-06 for the Casino project, location and applicant.** Trustees Johnson and Ortiz made the motions to approve Resolution 19-06. Roll Call: All trustee present voted aye; Tr. Smith was Absent. Motion carried.

**3) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** concerning South Land Public Benefit Fund with Wind Creek Nation and the \$2,000,000 project for five years. Trustees Kearns and Forte made the motions to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Motion carried.

**4) Intergovernmental Agreement for Additions to the Enterprize Zone.** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Motion carried.

**5) ORDINANCE 19-04 amending to the Enterprize Zone.** Trustees Ortiz and Ewan made the motions to approve Ordinance 19-04. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent. Motion carried.

**Clerk:** no report

**Administrator:** no report

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Johnson & Ortiz made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:40 pm

**Mayor Brown** responded to questions submitted by attendees.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from those present, Trustees Ortiz and Ewan 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: 8:43 pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets:** Trustee Forte had nothing to report.

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns & Johnson made the motions to approve payment of all bills on the 10/9/19 list of bills in the amount of \$76,708.82. Roll Call: all trustees present voted aye; Tr. Smith was absent.

**Signs/Maintenance/Construction:** Trustee Johnson had nothing to report.

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

**Water/Sewer:** Trustee Smith was absent.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Ortiz read the September, 2019 Report of EHCPD activities. This report will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Announcement:** Fire Chief Vallow reminded residents of the Firemen's Annual Halloween Party for the village's children to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1-3 pm.

Trustee Kearns said American Legion Post 1139 members recently visited the Veterans Home in Manteno and brought gifts/needed items to the Veterans. He commended Mayor Brown for his generous contributions.

Tr. Forte commended Joan Hale for her outstanding efforts in seeking and obtaining a new contract for library services for our residents thereby saving a considerable amount of money on their real estate tax bills. Tr. Forte said she was disappointed in the low number of residents that have obtained library cards from the Thornton Library.

**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment:** Trustees Ortiz and Forte made the motions to adjourn. All trustees present were in favor. Tr. Smith was absent. Mtn. carried. Time: 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Selen M. Minnis*  
*Village Clerk*