

## Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees - Wed., 9/13/17 at 7 pm

Officials: Administrator Lazuka and Clerk Minnis

In the absence of Mayor Brown, Clerk Minnis proceeded with the roll call: Roll Call: Trustees Kearns, Johnson, Ewan, Smith and Ortiz were present; (Trustee Forte arrived at 7:05)

Also present were: FD Chief Wm. Vallow, PD Chief Ken Vallow, PW Director Brian King, J. Hale, J. Fimbianti, J. Thompson, H. Kearns, P. Newton, P. Freague

Clerk Minnis asked for motions to approve a Mayor Pro Tem. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to appoint Trustee Ortiz as Mayor Pro Tem. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.

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

Minutes: Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to approve the minutes of the 8/23/17 regular meeting. All trustees present were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Reports of Village Officials:

Mayor's Report:

- 1) **RESOLUTON 17-07; 2017 MFT PROGRAM.** After a brief discussion on the scope of the program, Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute Resolution 17-07. All trustees present voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **& 3) Resolutions 17-08 and 17-09 deferred until the 9/27/17 regular meeting.**
- 3) **Request from Girl Scouts of America.** The Girl Scout organization has requested permission to conduct order taking for their cookie sales between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2017, and for door to door sales January 1st thru 21<sup>st</sup> of 2018. All trustees voted aye; except Tr. Forte who vote nay. (Trustee Forte arrived at 7:05 pm)
- 4) **Salary increases.** Trustees Johnson & Kearns made the motions to approve 2% increase in wages for employees. Roll Call: Trustee Ewan, pass; Trustee Smith, nay; Trustees Ortiz, Forte, Kearns and Johnson voted aye; back to Trustee Ewan, voted aye. Mtn. carried.

Clerk: 1) Inspections have been made of all outdoor signs & billboards and inspection fee bills have been mailed to all outdoor advertisers.

2) **Knights of Columbus** have requested permission to solicit for their annual campaign with volunteers at 175<sup>th</sup> & Center on 9/15 & 9/16/17.

Trustees Johnson and Kearns made the motions to approve the request upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance indemnifying the Village. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

3) **EHCVFD** is seeking Board Approval to conduct their *Fill the Boot* solicitations at 175<sup>th</sup> & Center on two week-ends: September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Johnson & Smith made the motions to approve. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

Administrator:

- 1) **Purchase of new squad car.** Adm. Lazuka has received a request from PD Chief Ken Vallow to purchase a 2017 Ford Interceptor (SUV) at the cost of \$41,000 to replace the 2011 squad. (Funds will be taken from: Asst.Forfeiture \$17,000; \$14,000 from Corp; and \$10,000 from DUI). Chief Vallow said we should replace one vehicle per year. Discussion on fleet reduction followed. Trustees Kearns and Smith made the motions to approve the purchase of the new vehicle. Roll Call: all trustees voted aye. Mtn. carried.
- 2) **Web Page contract.** Discussion followed. Trustees Smith & Ewan made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 3 year contract (\$4,860.00). All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.
- 3) **Sale of property at 1825 W. 171st St.** Trustees Smith and Johnson made the motions to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the sales contract for the property at \$18,500.00. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Streets:** Trustee Forte noted the streets under the viaduct should be cleaned up and ISTHA should be notified to clean up the trash at tollroad entrances. She reminded residents to turn lights on at night; and remove garbage cans after the scavenger makes the pick up.

**Finance/License:** Trustees Kearns made the motions to pay all bills on the Claims sheets dated 9/13/17 in the amount of \$58,14.86. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried.

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

**Health/Safety/Personnel:** Trustee Ewan gave a short report on the 'Annual Village Wide Garage Sale held last week. Of the 42 residents that signed up for the event only 33 participated.

Comments were made that the Village should consider having the event every year – but should do more aggressive advertising of the event.

**Water/Sewer:** Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

**Police/Fire:** Trustee Smith read a report of PD activities for the month of August. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Trustee Kearns asked for a more detailed report for the trustees. Perhaps it could be included in the ¼ ly Village Newsletter.

Fire Chief Wm. Vallow reported sparse attendance to their annual Spaghetti Dinner held last Sunday.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trustees Smith & Johnson made the motions to open this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:32pm

P. Fregeau complained of noisy trains; weeds in the streets, at curbs and in cracks in the streets on 171<sup>st</sup> St., 172<sup>nd</sup> & Hawthorne. He then complained about the signs for the Village Wide Garage Sale. Banners should be put up at various locations.

**CLOSE:** There being no other input from those present, Smith & Ewan made the motions to CLOSE this segment of the meeting to the public. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:39 pm

**Unfinished Business:** Trustee Smith wanted to clarify why he voted 'nay' to the motions to give a 2% raise to employees. He said it didn't make sense to give raises in light of our finances. The Board should have a meeting to discuss finances.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting with the Village Board to discuss overall zoning. A meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday in October – 10/4 at 7 PM.

A Finance Meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – prior to the regular meeting of the Village Board at 7 PM. Discussion will be held on all revenue, etc. and the 'casino' property. The 'Traffic Signal' project at 174<sup>th</sup> & Halsted is moving forward.

**New Business:** Trustee Kearns asked for approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> District American Legion use the 1906 Room on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Adm. Lazuka will check the calendar to see if there will be a conflict with SSMMA meetings.

Fire Chief Vallow thanked everyone for their attendance to the FD Annual Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday. He said the Department is scheduling a **Recognition Dinner** to include all departments- FD, PD, PW and Administration on January 13, 2018 . **The Recognition Dinner** will be held at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant.

**Announcement:** The FD 'Fill Up the Boot' Drive will be the week-ends of 9/29 & 9/30 and 10/6 and 10/7.

The Annual Fire Dept. Halloween party will be the Sunday before Halloween, on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1 pm,.

**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment:** Trustees Smith & Kearns made the motions to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Mtn. carried. Time: 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

