

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – APRIL 7th, 2025
WOLCOTT YOUTH NIGHT

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called to order the 54th Annual Youth Night at 6:00 p.m. He congratulated and welcomed the youth officials, parents, relatives and friends.

President Pisarzewski reported the meeting was being recorded by Interim Clerk Kitakis, and was placed on social media. Acting President Pisarzewski introduced the youth officials to their respective Village officials.

Wherein, the Village Youth officials took control of the meeting.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

President Jose Ramirez led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag. Invocation was provided by Administrator Isabella Murillo.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gutierrez presented Roll Call for the Youth Night officials:

President Jose Ramirez, Jr.; Trustees Tyson Tomerlin, Jacob Garcia, Sophia Ruvalcaba, Anabelle Urquizo, Janya Drew, Fabian Ruvalcaba; Administrator Isabelle Murillo; Police Chief Madison Josvai; Fire Chief Olivia Hobbs; Public Works Superintendent Damarcus Wheeler; Recreation Director Nikki Martin; Treasurer Tristan Tomerlin; Engineer Liam Coffey; Attorney Jayden Willkins; Clerk Maximiliano Gutierrez.

(See attached agenda.)

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Board meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Interim Clerk Kitakis swore in Officers Hartell and Robertson.

ROLL CALL

Acting President Pisarzewski; Trustees Cunningham, Reynolds, Atkinson, Glaser, Kaye; Public Works Superintendent Roberts; Recreation Director Dunlop; Police Chief Glenn Wesolowski; Fire Chief Schweitzer.

Also Present: Administrator Wiak; Attorney S. Dillner; Engineer Kaminsky

MINUTES

The March 18, 2025 NPDES Special Meeting, the March 18, 2025 Committee and Regular Meeting minutes were not available they will be voted on at the April 21, 2025 board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Line Item Transfers – No public comment.

Administrator Wiak requested a motion for line-item transfers.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the line-item transfers seconded by Trustee Kaye

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the payment of the pre-paid vouchers in the amount of \$2,714.26 and vouchers in the amount of \$420,585.66 for a total of \$420,585.66 of which \$ is from the SOS Grant.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the payments of the vouchers in the amount of \$420,585.66 , seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Kaye, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Committee Meeting April 7th, 2025

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to cancel the April 7th, 2025 Committee Meeting. Trustee Atkinson made the motion to cancel the April 7th, 2025 Committee Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Ayes: Trustees Atkinson, Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-007: Line-item Transfer

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve Resolution 2025-007: Line item Transfer seconded by Trustee Atkinson.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Atkinson, Kaye, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion for approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Kaye, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-004-Noise

Public Comment:

Debra Pisarzewski made a public comment regarding the noise ordinance.

Deanna Pratscher made a public comment regarding the noise ordinance.

Trustee Kaye requested the hours be extended from 9pm to 10pm on weekdays, and from 11pm to 12AM on weekends. Majority of the board was in agreement with the change of hours.

Acting President Pisarzewski voiced concern over how loud noise carries when businesses' doors and windows are opened.

Trustee Cunningham requested the Board reconsider the decibel level to go up to 100, Trustee Atkinson disagreed and commented 90 decibels at 50 feet is fair. The Board further discussed other outside loud noises.

Trustee Reynolds questioned whether the Thornton Police Department receives additional noise complaints other than the one resident. Chief Wesolowski commented no.

Trustee Cunningham requested that the number of violations increase from three to five and after the fifth violation, potential revocation of a business's liquor license may occur.

Trustee Atkinson recommended changing the application for special permits from 7 to 20 days prior to event, and the permit should have to be approved through the Board, not just the Mayor.

Trustee Reynolds asked the Board to review the disorderly contact ordinance that is currently in effect. Trustee Reynolds requested to increase the fines for perpetual false calls. Trustee Reynolds requested Chief Wesolowski to weigh in about the disorderly conduct ordinance. Chief Wesolowski agreed the ordinance is fine and should stay as written.

Acting President Pisarzewski questioned where the state law for disturbing the peace is, and where it fits in with this proposed ordinance. The Board continued discussing the ordinance and decibel levels. Attorney Dillner summarized the potential ordinance changes. Acting President Pisarzewski asked to have it written in the ordinance that the doors and windows of Thornton businesses need to be closed. The Board disagreed with that provision. Acting President Pisarzewski asked if a resident calling can take a picture of a decibel reader. Attorney Dillner stated in the ordinance, the disturbance has to be done twice within a two-minute time frame. Trustee Glaser asked for all the businesses get a copy for the new ordinance.

Attorney Dillner asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-004.

Trustee Glaser made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-004. Seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Ayes: Trustees Glaser, Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson

Nays: Acting President Pisarzewski

Motion carried

Resolution 2025-006: Appointment of JETSB representative

Motion made by Trustee Reynolds to approve Resolution 2025-006: Appointment of JETSB representative. Seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Kaye, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Wiak reminded the board of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Koch's lounge, The Wave.

ISATT Purchase:

After much discussion between the Trustees and Interim Clerk Kitakis it was decided that the ISATT purchase will be discussed at the April 21, 2025 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Atkinson made a statement congratulating the newly elected officials. She encouraged the new board to finish the ordinance review that the Village has already paid for. Trustee Atkinson thanked everyone she has served with, including staff and fellow trustees.

Acting President Pisarzewski also thanked the board and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, a motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Acting President Pisarzewski, to adjourn the Regular meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk