

Monday October 21st, 2024 Village of Thornton Special Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Acting President Pisarzewski was absent board took a vote to appoint Trustee Atkinson to run the meeting.

Trustee Reynolds motion to approve, trustee Glaser second the motion.

Aye's: Trustee Reynolds, Glaser, Cunningham, Kaye

Nays: None

Absent: Acting President Pisarzewski

Trustee Atkinson Motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel, and sale of property.

Trustee Reynolds motion to approve, trustee Glaser second the motion.

Aye's: Trustee Reynolds, Glaser, Cunningham, Kaye

Nays: None

Absent: Acting President Pisarzewski

Board entered into executive session at 6:07PM

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 21ST, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Atkinson called the Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Trustee Atkinson reported the meeting was being recorded by Interim Clerk Kitakis and recorded on social media.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reingold make a public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cunningham FD 123 calls in and out of towns testing has been completed waiting for list. Testing for captain is in motion.

101 hours of training for August

The fire department is currently short 3 full time fire fighters and short 6 part time fire fighters.

Citizen fire academy cancelled due to lack of participation. They need 5 participants and only 1 signed up.

Trustee Reynolds: Can we get a break down for how many are Thornton calls and how many are other towns for fire and police? We did receive our Menards payment of \$79,679.00 on September 24th, 2024.

Trustee Kaye: None

Trustee Glaser: 308 Spillmen events 38 citizens 3 thefts and assistance

3 new full time hires all lateral hires.

Trustee Atkinson: 21 Building permits were issued in the month of September for a value of \$159,058.00.

Treasurer Frye: Prelim year end. Prelim for September 30th Frye is not asking to approval for either report. Just focusing on upcoming audit. Tax levy schedule: state statue approve the tax levy last Tuesday of the calendar year December 31st. Try to put the approval of the tax levy for the first meeting of December. Budget that is approved is the budget that we have to abide by. No bond, or levy. Calculated with the bond or debt levy. 2023 levy is the last year we are making the final bond payments. Bond will roll off. 4.7% increase we are going to increase corporate levy by 8%. Property owner will still be 4.7%. Corporate levy will be over 5%, we have to have a hearing. You're going to need this levy on Public notice, and public hearing. Publish notice of truth and taxation notice by November 18th.

December 2nd public tax hearing. Frye is drafting tax levy ordinance and filing public notice needs to be published by November 18th. Trustee Reynolds, Scott do we have to do anything. Scott yes. Frye we have to publish notice no later than November 18th. When we do the notice we will explain we are not doubling because of the bond coming off it's really only a net of 4.7. Homewood did a great of explain this. So we will probably try to find that and duplicate that. Frye will start working on a draft for that. Trustee Reynolds truth and taxation who will be under? Put it under the attorney. Declaration has to be done 20 days before so we are good there.

Trustee Atkinson for the preliminary year end will we be making line item adjustments? Frye I'll let you know.

Attorney Dillner: Board is 2 or 3 months ago talked about a noise ordinance. It never got codified. That's what's in our packet. Trustee Reynolds is this still a personal issue with the mayor and his family? Trustee Reynolds, Rick has anyone else complained? Rick, no. Trustee Reynolds well then I think we should leave it alone. I hear the quarry the trucks, and car radios. Ours is specifically for homes and music venues. Atkinson I think it would be good to have a decimal level set. Dillner 50 feet away over 60 decibels clearly audible at 50 feet. Atkinson at 10 o'clock on Saturday night at 10:01 if you can hear it in a house, then yes.

Cunningham I think Friday and Saturday it should go to 11 or 12. Atkinson I think we could also issue special use permits for certain events like New Years. Cunningham Is there an ordinance about wrongfully calling the police. Rick yes, it falls under disorderly conduct. Cunningham so what about house parties? Rick house parties are not covered they are not live music venues.

Reynolds the acting mayor wants to be able to pull licenses Rick no we wouldn't do that. We can't pull licenses. Dillner the liquor commissioner has the authority. Dillner I would recommend the decibels. Reynolds would the decibels be read at the complaints door? Rick yes it would be read at the complaints door. Dillner I say continue with our ordinances, but add the decibels and extend the hours and add special units. Dillner is this for house parties? Board no it would be commercial and venues. Cunningham on the current one 3 or more times the liquor commissioner can take the liquor license. Can we take that out of there? Dillner we have it our ordinance, but I recommend taking it out of there. Reynolds and what if the liquor commissioner is the complaint? Dillner someone else would have to be appointed, I would think they would recuse themselves, and someone else would step in to judge the issue. In the ordinance it says the lifetime of the business can be ticketed up to 500. Board we should change the time frame. Dillner 3 tickets in the time frame of one year and.

110 E. Margaret St. was supposed to pay taxes by 20th September. They were not paid. So we will be taking back that property.

Reynolds has the building been vacated? Admin Wiak yes.

Admin Wiak: Restructuring of village staff. Frye, my intent is to retire. This position has always been a part time position. Next budget, budget it for a full-time account. Collector being full time finance

position. You need someone on staff with an accounting background on staff full time. The work load doesn't change.

Reynolds- The clerk would just be the clerk, taking minutes, and keeper of the records. It will just be the \$3,600 for the year. Deputy clerk will be an Admin position full time. Frye and as far as the front office some of the issues were Lack of skill, training, organization what have you. Reynolds what about the administrative position will that be full time? Frye I think that would be ideal. Frye Anything over 20 hours we have to do IMRF, and if we have anything over 30 you have to offer insurance. Frye and if you're going to offer insurance you mine as well just go ahead and give them the 40 hours. Reynolds what happens if no one runs for clerk? The ticker for being clerk was the full time job. Dillner in the near future we need to communicate the change that has been made to the clerk position. The way the ordinance is written is says the clerk is automatically the collector unless the board appoints someone else. If no one runs for Clerk the deputy clerk stays filling in, until the board possibly appoints someone new. Filings are due November 18th.

Admin Wiak: Storm update. We are 90 days post loss. The rec center is a pulling place there are leaks in the pulling rooms. I am worried about the ballots. I am worried about the pre schoolers in that building. IML authorized giving \$15,000 for the police vehicles. The insurance agency told us to start getting the repairs done. Admin Wiak instructed Stewart roofing to start ordering materials. Insurance will be cutting us a check for \$642,000. This roof is an upgrade. So I put in front of the board They will not order the material until they received a check for a third of the work which is, \$209,418. So I need board approval to cut this check, and then to cut another check once 50% of the roof is done for \$209,418.

Atkinson 642,000 is that for the roof, or is that total?

Admin Wiak that is total.

Atkinson is the 15,000 included, or is that additional? Wiak that's additional.

Dillner discussed how he interrupted insurance's email that after the preliminary of 642,000 took 25,000 off for upgrade and once repairs have been completed and the appraiser worked out details we will issue a secondary payment.

Rec can pull the 14,000 from asbestos removal. 15,000 additional? 642,000 with additional payment.

Reynolds any way we can reach out to the IL state insurance board? Admin Wiak do you want me to start that? Reynolds I would have that ready.

Reynolds I agree we have to move forward. Cunningham can we go with one of the cheaper roofs?

Admin Wiak, No we cannot.

Reynolds if we pass this tonight, can they start tomorrow?

Admin Wiak, No they can order the materials this week and start work next week, and once Stewart roof is halfway done they will need another \$209, 418.00 payment. Which totals 418,836.00.

Old business- Trustee Reynolds for the camera bid, can we move the existing camera? Admin Wiak I will talk to Dave.

Trustee Reynolds did we get anywhere on the petty cash log? Admin Wiak yes one was recreated.

Trustee Cunningham do water have anything to with petty cash? Interim clerk Kitakis, no we do not use petty cash at all for water payment they go through the register.

Admin Wiak just for clarification do want to order another camera? Trustee Reynolds not just move the one we have or use a ring camera.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Glaser trick or treating hours 4 to 7pm. Trustee Reynolds we also have scarecrow walk and pumpkin hunt at the rec center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, a motion was made by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Cunnigham, to adjourn the Committee meeting.

Absent: Acting President Pisarzewsk

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk