

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski reported the meeting was being recorded by Clerk Pisarzewski, and was recorded live on social media.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Acting President Pisarzewski led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our recently deceased, and our sick.

ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Acting President Pisarzewski; Trustees Cunningham, Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson; Public Works Superintendent Roberts; Recreation Director Dunlop; Police Chief G. Beckman; Fire Chief Schweitzer.

Also Present: Administrator D. Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner; Treasurer Frye.

MINUTES

Committee minutes of May 6, 2024, were not approved.

Board minutes of May 6, 2024, were not approved.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the payment of the prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$40.00, and vouchers in the amount of \$254,202.17 for a total of \$254,042.17 of which \$76,487.37 is from the SOS Grant.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, for the warrants to be drawn and vouchers be paid and placed on file for audit.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reingold, 106 East Harriet, commented the appropriate title should be given in the minutes for Acting President Pisarzewski.

Ms. Reingold asked if the Board is getting any direction from IT as to how to avoid getting its records hacked like this in the future. The prime directive should be to protect the data; and the only way to protect the date is to perform daily, weekly, monthly backups so there is history. Administrator Beckman stated the Village has implemented new procedures to help prevent this type of attack from happening again.

Water bills that are scheduled to come out are actual readings and will be due on June 5.

Ms. Reingold questioned whether the Village is looking at allowing ComEd and/or Comcast to bury their utility lines. Administrator Beckman responded ComEd has no plans to move their lines underground in Thornton because it would be too costly for them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Fence Variance Ordinance for 100 South Kinzie – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported before the Board for approval is an ordinance that grants a variance to Mr. Lampkin at 100 South Kinzie. It varies the front and side yard setbacks and allows him to build a fence no higher than four feet.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the ordinance granting a variance to Mr. Lampkin at 100 South Kinzie to build a fence.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SOS Grant Purchase – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman stated before the Board is an agreement between Motorola Solutions and Chicago Police Department which will be paid for out of the SOS Grant for a total of \$15,993.30. He asked for approval to enter into that agreement.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the agreement between Motorola Solutions and Chicago Police Department for a total of \$15,993.30, which will be paid out of the SOS Grant.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters and sale/lease of property, for approximately 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

Motion by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to proceed into Executive Session regarding personnel matters and sale/lease of property, for about 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski continued the Regular Board meeting at 8:24 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Cunningham asked the status of the Tanis property. Administrator Beckman stated the Tanis' have signed an agreement with a plumber to get water and sewer, and to cap the well. They should be getting a permit this week to start the work. The agreement is for two houses, two separate lines, two separate feeds. Houses that don't get water will be uninhabitable. The Wes Tanis part of the family has not contacted the Village. The houses owned by the Wes Tanis family do not currently have water and are not inhabited.

Administrator Beckman commented General Code has provided a draft of the codified ordinances. At this time, staff has not had a chance to review the email.

Trustee Reynolds questioned the status of tonight's minutes which were not approved by the Board. Attorney Dillner stated the Board is duty-bound to have a written record. If there was an issue with the content of the minutes, the Board could have modified it in discussion. Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Acting President Pisarzewski, to place approval of the May 6 Committee and Board minutes on the June 3, 2024, agenda for discussion and approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman announced the Memorial Day Parade information is in the newsletter that is being mailed to residents with their water bills. It's a 1:00 p.m. kickoff with a memorial ceremony by the American Legion in front of the Village Hall after the parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, a motion was made by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to adjourn the Regular meeting. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk