

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski reported the meeting was being recorded by Clerk Pisarzewski; but was not recorded on social media due to technical difficulties.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Administrator D. Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner; Engineer Kaminsky.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan DeYoung, owner of the Quarry Ballroom, made various comments, including that the Board is corrupt. Attorney Dillner reminded Mr. DeYoung that public comment is for the good and welfare of the Village.

The following spoke in support of the Quarry Ballroom: Dee Pratscher; Jill Ortiz; Jill Novosel; Brendan McMillan; Debra Gross; Raymond DeYoung; Lisa Joyce.

Dee Pratscher asked for better transparency from the Board.

Noel Wiora spoke on legalizing backyard chickens. She distributed a flyer and stated the benefits of allowing residents to raise chickens in Thornton.

Linda Kammert, 36 Arapaho Drive, appeared as a trustee of the Library Board. She first commented she supported the Quarry. Ms. Kammert stated, in the past, if asked by the Library, the Village Board would provide health insurance for library employees. This time, she has been told, because the library is not part of the Village entity, library employees cannot be on Village insurance. She questioned why IMRF is acceptable for the library to go through the Village. If there is a law that says they cannot have their two employees on the Village insurance, they would like to see it. She would appreciate any help from the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Thornton Citizens Fire Academy** – Trustee Cunningham announced the Fire Academy scheduled for this summer has been canceled. There were not enough people signed up. They will try again in the fall.

**Smoke Detector Program** – Trustee Cunningham stated the smoke detector program is still running. If you are 60 or older, complete an application at Village Hall for free smoke detectors to be installed in your home.

**Awards Presentation** – Deputy Chief Triemstra introduced Dave DuVall who is going to be assuming the Deputy Chief position with the Village of Thornton. He has over 30 years of experience in the fire service; and will be a great asset to the Department.

Deputy Chief Triemstra read a letter from Dr. Bernie Highlitzer, EMS Medical Director, Ingalls Hospital, stating that, on February 18, 2024, the Thornton Fire Department responded to the Dolton Soccer Dome to assist a 17-year-old male in pulmonary arrest. The crew provided treatment; and as a result, the patient was successfully resuscitated. Engineer Paramedic Andrew Hulse, Firefighter MT George Hale and Firefighter Nick Dykema were presented with Gold Seal awards for their actions.

**Budget and Finance** – Trustee Reynolds stated she has no report but budget discussion is coming soon.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**J.A.C.K. CSI Class 8 Resolution** – Attorney Dillner reported J.A.C.K. CSI is in the process of purchasing a Village-owned property on Westview. They are requesting the Board grant them a Class 8 Resolution. The taxes on that building are almost \$100,000/yr. A Class 8 will reduce the assessment valuation for a period of time. It is a tax incentive provided by the County but would need to be approved by the Village. For Board approval this evening is a Resolution supporting the Class 8 Resolution for J.A.C.K. CSI. Administrator Beckman reported they did apply and pay for their incentive application.

Trustee Reynolds mentioned they will now have two properties in Thornton they will be paying taxes on; and they are up to date on their tax payments. Attorney Dillner answered further questions from the trustees regarding the property, Class 8 and taxes.

Attorney Dillner stated the land swap closing with Heidelberg Materials is now scheduled for Wednesday.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Beckman stated there was an SOS request he wanted to discuss with the Board but he did not receive the proper documentation in time for tonight's meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Fiscal Year 2025 Appointments** – President Pisarzewski will be asking the Board to approve the Village appointments for fiscal Year 2025 at the Regular meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

No comments.

### NEW BUSINESS

No comments.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Pisarzewski adjourned the Committee meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk