

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – November 4th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Administrator Wiak; Attorney S. Dillner

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Acting President Pisarzewski announced the meeting was being recorded by Interim Clerk Kitakis, and Facebook live.

MINUTES:

October 21st Committee Minutes:

Acting President Pisarzewski stated he found the minutes incomplete and hard to follow. He then stated when he tried to log onto the village computer, and was unable to because another authorized village employee's name was on the computer.

Trustee Cunningham – Stated his computer should be password protected.

Administrator Wiak - Interjected and stated Acting President Pisarzewski needed to change the user, and Acting President Pisarzewski's password was expired which is why he was unable to log on. Acting President Pisarzewski stated he was not informed someone else was going to use his computer.

Administrator Wiak – Stated the employee did have permission from her (Administrator Wiak) to be in that office.

Trustee Atkinson – Stated proper titles should be used, and short hand should not be used for members of the board, residents, and staff when compiling the minutes.

Acting President Pisarzewski: Asked for September 3rd minutes to be typed and voted on.

October 21, 2024 Minutes will not be voted on. They will be revised and resubmitted for a vote at the next meeting.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for the prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$209,665.90, and the Vouchers on the approval payment list for \$193,991.65. For a total of \$403,657.55 which \$18,533.87 is coming from the SOS grant.

Trustee Atkinson inquired about a uniform reimbursement. Staff will get that information.

Motion made by Trustee Reynolds, Second by Trustee Cunningham

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Kaye, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Pisarzewski asked for public comment on any subject not already listed on the agenda.

Nancy Stonerock 319 N. Kinzie – Inquired about where village jobs are posted for hire.

Jamie Pisarzewski 122 S. Williams – Made several public comments.

A Resident, who did not state their name or address, made a comment.

Attorney Diller:

Truth in taxation declaration

Motion made by Trustee Reynolds, Second by Trustee Cunningham

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Kaye, Atkinson, Acting President
Pisarzewski

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

Sale of 30 Arrowhead

Motion made by Trustee Reynolds, Second by Trustee Kaye

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Kaye, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski

Abstain: Trustee Atkinson

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

Trustee Reynolds – Stated when Acting President Pisarzewski votes he is voting as a trustee.

South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) Joint Task Force Agreement

Motion made by Trustee Kaye, Second by Trustee Reynolds

Ayes: Trustee Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President
Pisarzewski

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Public Comment: Ms. Reingold made a public statement regarding the reorganization of staff, and stated too much is going on.

Reorganization of village hall staff - No action taken

The Village of Thornton Historical Society's Christmas Open House Raffle Waiver Request.

Motion Made by Trustee Reynolds, second by Trustee Kaye

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Kaye, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski

Abstain: Trustee Atkinson

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues with no action to be taken for 15 to 20 minutes.

Motion Made by Trustee Reynolds second by Trustee Cunningham

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays: Trustee Kaye

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion carried.

Executive Session entered at 7:12 PM

Regular meeting back in session 8:09 PM

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Reynolds- Requested the board look into a forensic account, and informed the public Acting President Pisarzewski was asked to resign. Acting President Pisarzewski refused.

Trustee Atkinson - Stated to possibly look at it next year.

Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Atkinson, and Trustee Cunningham discussed the forensic auditor further.

Trustee Reynolds- SSMMA is requesting an RSVP for their mingle and jingle on December 5.

NEW BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Absent: Trustee Glaser

President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk