

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

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Reingold: Made a public comment regarding some questions she had asked at a previous meeting and requested answers. She also inquired about the sale of 30 Arrowhead and if there is a list of Village's properties for sale. Ms. Reingold stated she will be making a public comment at the truth and taxation meeting. Ms. Reingold made a statement about the front office staff reorganization.

ROLL CALL

Skipped

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cunningham – No Report

Trustee Reynolds – No Report

Trustee Kaye – No Report

Engineer Kaminsky – No Report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dillner – Spoke about the truth and taxation meeting that is taking place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and provided information regarding the tax levy and what is required for the hearing.

**Agreement regarding the sale of 30 Arrowhead** for \$5,000 to the neighbor. In 2022, the Village passed a property sale policy. Village properties for sale are to be advertised and auctioned for sale. Neighbors of a vacant lot or Village property for sale are allowed to buy the property first before the general public.

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

Attorney Diller reviewed the new agreement and came to the conclusion that the policy is the same as before, with some updates. The updates are due to the last agreement being from the 90's per Chief Wesolowski, and Attorney Diller.

Trustee Reynolds inquired as to whom from Thornton PD is on this task Force. Chief Wesolowski confirmed that two officers are on this task force.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

### **Reorganization of Village hall Staff:**

Acting president Pisarzewski stated he believes a candidate will not run for clerk unless the position is full-time. Acting President Pisarzewski stated the office worked fine with a part time treasurer before the current treasurer became fully remote.

Trustee Atkinson stated it could be problematic having the treasurer be the collector and having all the monies go through one person. Trustee Atkinson also stated, per the Village's ordinances, the Clerk has 26 duties, the collector has 7, and the treasurer has 2. At this point, and without more information, she does not believe the Village should change its ordinance to allow for a full-time treasurer.

Administrator Wiak – Agreed with Acting President Pisarzewski, and Trustee Atkinson that the village does need a treasurer on site, 5 days a week.

Trustee Reynolds – Stated a few residents have shown interest to run for clerk, but are more interested in a part time position. Separating the roles would also alleviate some of the Village's previous issues.

Trustee Cunningham – Is in agreement with Trustee Reynolds.

Trustee Cunningham, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski, and Attorney Dillner had a discussion regarding the reorganization of Village Hall staff.

Trustee Cunningham – had a discussion with Trustee Glaser and Trustee Glaser believes the treasurer should continue to be a part-time position, but the clerk and collector should be split.

Trustee Cunningham, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski, and Attorney Dillner continued the discussion regarding the reorganization of Village Hall staff.

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

All Trustee present are in agreement to waive the fees.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Acting President Pisarzewski stated the railroad crossing at Eleanor and Julian Street needs to be repaired. Staff will inquire and look into getting it repaired.

### OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Reynolds – Inquired about extending leaf pick up, parking issues at school drop off and pick up, excessive speeders on Schwab, and having extra patrol to help cut down on vehicles speeding on Village streets.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Nikki Kitakis Interim Clerk