

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Acting President Pisarzewski, Trustees Cunningham, Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson; Recreation Director Dunlop; Deputy Fire Chief DuVall; Police Chief Wesolowski;
Also Present: Administrator Wiak; Attorney S. Dillner; Engineer Kaminsky.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim Clerk Kitakis read an email from Susan Roush, a previous Thornton resident, who is concerned about the mail. Mrs. Roush sent out several Christmas cards to residents in town and they were returned undeliverable. Mrs. Roush would like something to be done about the post service in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no trustee reports.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ordinance 2025-002: 2025 Water rate increase

Trustee Glaser indicated 174 residents were charged in the month of November and their meters were not read. She inquired if those residents would be charged at the new rate. Interim Clerk Kitakis stated those 174 meters would be read at the rate of \$13.37.

Trustee Cunningham inquired if more Public Works employees have been trained on how to read the new meters. Interim Clerk Kitakis confirmed more Public Works employees have been trained, and the Civic software has been updated to convert the new meter readings correctly.

Ordinance 2025-003: Dumpsters

Attorney Dillner explained that proposed dumpster ordinance. There will be a \$25 permit fee, but that fee will be waived if the dumpster is in conjunction with a building permit. Dumpsters in driveways will be permitted for 14 days, and street dumpsters will be permitted for 7 days. Dumpsters on the street will need to be outfitted with reflective tape and flashing lights. Trustee Atkinson and Building Commissioner Habecker conversed about the timeline for dumpster renewals. Trustee Reynolds requested to also have the dumpster provider submit the contract they have with the resident to the Village. Building Commissioner Habecker informed Trustee Reynolds the dumpster company would need to turn in all

their information and the contract information to receive the dumpster permit. Trustee Reynolds also asked for clarification in the ordinance about the citations. Fines issued for dumpster will be per diem.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FY'25 line item transfer for Public Works

Administrator Wiak explained in light of an email received from Trustee Atkinson, the line item transfer request for Public Works will be tabled until the Board's February 18, 2025 meeting.

FY'25 line item transfer for police will stay on the agenda for tonight.

Employee Handbook updates

Administrator Wiak explained the handbook was last updated in 2013. Many new laws have been enacted since 2013 and the updated manual reflects those changes. Administrator Wiak encouraged the Board to read through the handbook and email her with any questions. The Board will vote on the approval of the manual at their February 18, 2025 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No comment.

NEW BUSINESS

No comment.

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 7:20 p.m.

Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk