

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – December 16th, 2024

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ROLL CALL

Skipped

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cunningham – Fire department responded to 133 calls, 65 of them were in corporate limits. Offers have been extended to 3 individuals to become full time fire fighters for the Village of Thornton. We have one part time fire fighter graduating EMT school on Thursday.

Trustee Reynolds – Trustee Reynolds spoke about the upcoming vote on the tax levy, and advised that the January 6th vouchers be paid, so there are no late fees. Trustee Reynolds also recommended that department heads also begin working on their budget A.S.A.P since the Village is losing 3 trustees.

Trustee Kaye – ABSENT

Trustee Glaser – Police received 353 calls, 102 traffic stops, 4 thefts, and 30 assists.

Trustee Atkinson – Building department issued 23 permits for a total of \$213,948. G & T Trackside project is complete and they are now open. The Skyline furniture project is still under way. Code Enforcement completed 157 inspections, 87 code, 66 fire, 4 health, and 15 citations were written.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Frye discussed the operating budget amendments. Every budget has enough money in their respective budgets. Staff is taking money from one line item in the budget and putting toward the line item that is over budget. The only budget that is over with no extra monies available is the police overtime budget. Treasure Frye recommended taking \$100,000 out of contingency to cover the overage; leaving \$50,000 remaining to cover the rest of the fiscal year. Trustee Atkinson disagreed with taking \$100,000 out of contingency to cover the police over time budget due to ongoing expenses from the July 15th storm. Trustee Atkinson advised police look over their budget and take from lines that still have funds available. Trustee Atkinson gave several examples. Chief Wesolowski advised he would look at his budget and get back to the board. It was agreed \$50,000 would come from the contingency and Chief Wesolowski would look though the police budget for additional funds. Treasurer Frye went over the November Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Frye also commented that the water fund looks as though there is a higher cash position, but some water bills from Chicago Heights are missing. Treasurer Frye also recommended the board look at raising the water rates because the water fund is continually in a deficit.

Trustee Atkinson inquired about the SOS grants and some of their line items being in a deficit.

Treasurer Frye explained that the ISATT SOS grant has a different fiscal year.

Trustee Atkinson also inquired about the over water fund appropriations. Treasurer Frye said she will look over the water fund budget.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dillner stated the tax levy is on the regular meeting tonight to be voted on, and tonight is the last chance the board has to get it passed before the deadline.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Wiak gave an update on the Rec Center / Police department roof. They have a target date of December 27th, 2024 for completion. Currently, the roofers have to complete the flashing and skylights. The electrician is scheduled to install the gas lines on the roof, along with the HVAC units. Administrator Wiak also said Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle has allotted 2.5 million dollars for municipalities affected by the July 14-15, 2024 storm, and the application is due by 01/17/2025. The Village of Thornton will be applying for aid from Cook County.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Acting president Pisarzewski discussed appointing Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Browzowski to Interim Deputy Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Atkinson inquired about reviewing executive session minutes. The Board discussed this and it was determined that executive minutes will be reviewed at the January 21, 2025 board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Committee meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Nikki Kitakis Interim Clerk