

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Piszewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Acting President Piszewski reported the meeting was being recorded by Clerk Piszewski and also recorded live on social media.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Acting President Piszewski led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our recently deceased, and our sick.

ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Acting President Piszewski, Trustees Cunningham, Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson; Recreation Director Dunlop; Deputy Police Chief Wesolowski; Public Works Superintendent Roberts; Deputy Fire Chief DuVall.

Also Present: Administrator Wiak; Attorney S. Dillner; Engineer Kaminsky; Treasurer Frye.

APPOINTMENT

Acting President Piszewski asked for a motion to appoint Rick Wesolowski as Interim Chief of Police for the Village of Thornton.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to appoint Rick Wesolowski as Interim Police Chief for the Village of Thornton.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson, Cunningham, Acting President Piszewski.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Clerk Piszewski administered the oath to Rick Wesolowski, swearing him in as Interim Police Chief for the Village of Thornton. On behalf of the Board, Acting President Piszewski congratulated Interim Chief Wesolowski on his appointment.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2024, as amended.

Trustee Atkinson asked the minutes be corrected. In the Building Department report, it stated there was a building permit. There were multiple permits.

Before New Business, it reads, "Attorney Dillner commented that the Tanis property has applied for a well and sewer permit." It should read water and sewer permit.

All in favor.

Abstain: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 17, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Abstain: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the payment of the prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$706.52, vouchers in the amount of \$231,955.05 for a total of \$232,661.57 of which \$137,130.56 is from the SOS Grant.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, for the warrants to be drawn and vouchers be paid and placed on file for audit.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski, Atkinson, Glaser, Kaye.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Trustee Reynolds commented, if anyone goes on the Village website, the agenda is posted. If you click on the agenda, you can see the agenda is up for approval; but it's not listed on the agenda posted outside in the glass.

Administrator Wiak stated all the documents being discussed by the Board this evening are on line. No one is deceiving the public. They may be buried sometimes, but everything there. If anyone has any questions or comments, call the Village Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appropriation Ordinance – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the FY'25 Appropriation Ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Glaser, Kaye, Acting President Pisarzewski.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Wiak reported Dave Watson, the Village's IT rep, provided the Board an update regarding IT services. Also, the Village Hall Clerk's office will be closed on July 9 from 12:30 to 1:30 to allow staff to attend Municode training. Again, on July 16, the office will be closed from 12:00 noon until 1:00 for website training.

Administrator Wiak stated Fire Chief Schweitzer was injured in an on-call accident last week. He is taking much needed time off to rest and recuperate.

On July 4th, Administrator Wiak spoke with Chief Wesolowski regarding being prepared for the fireworks display scheduled for that evening. Extra precautions are being taken in terms of safety

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of sale of property for approximately 15 minutes.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to proceed into Executive Session regarding the sale of property for about 15 minutes.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski, Glaser, Atkinson.

Nays: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski continued the Regular Board meeting at 8:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Cunningham asked the status of Noel Garcia and the liquor license for 110 East Margaret. Administrator Wiak stated he is scheduled to appear before the Board at the July 15 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cunningham saw on Facebook that someone from Thornton had a pool installed in their driveway. Trustee Atkinson asked Code Enforcement about the pool. She was told they have been cited and their court date is July 11. Trustee Reynolds mentioned there is one more driveway pool in Thornton but she is not sure where.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk