

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

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Piszewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:22 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, Presley DeYoung and Austin Bruinsma, and our sick, Sharon Soltis.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Administrator D. Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner; Engineer Kaminsky.

Absent: Fire Chief Schweitzer.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Glaser, to approve the Committee meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Piszewski asked for a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$430,224.06 of which \$111,678.15 is from the SOS Grant.

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

Administrator Beckman stated there was one correction. The ISBS bill was mis-quoted.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reingold, 106 East Harriet, commented that sometimes she doesn't understand the trustees. They don't "blink an eye" on spending \$390,000 plus for a public

works building. She remarked going after the Historical Society, trying to make up money that was blown by the Board, is not right.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

2024 CDBG Grant Resolution – No public comment.

Engineer Kaminsky requested a motion for approval of the 2024 CDBG Grant Resolution and Certification.

Motion by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to approve the 2024 CDBG Grant Resolution and Certification, as presented in Committee.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Historical Society Lease Agreement

Public Comment – Kathleen Andersen Reingold stated it is wrong to charge the Historical Society rent. The Board needs to stop spending money on what the Village doesn't need and not hit up the Historical Society.

Attorney Dillner reported, as discussed in Committee, the Village agreed to renew the lease with the Historical Society on the same terms with the exception of a monthly rental of \$225 instead of \$1.00 and the Village to pay all utilities. If approved by the Board, the Village will send it to them for acceptance. If it's not accepted, it will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to renew the lease with the Historical Society with the terms as previously discussed.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarewski, Glaser.

Nays: Trustee Kaye.

Abstain: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CMATI SOS Grant Purchase – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve CMATI to make equipment purchases from the SOS Grant, not to exceed \$74,000.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Glaser, to approve CMATI to make equipment purchases from the SOS Grant, not to exceed \$74,000.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DCEO GRANT – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to utilize the legislative DCEO grant of \$150,000 to help cover the cost of resurfacing Indianwood Drive.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to allow staff to utilize the legislative DCEO grant of \$150,000 to elp cover the cost of resurfacing Indianwood Drive.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ISATT Multi-vehicle Surplus Ordinance

Public Comment – Kathleen Andersen Reingold, 106 East Harriet, questioned what vehicles were being offered as surplus. Are they up for public auction? Administrator Beckman responded ISATT is an undercover unit, and they will auction the vehicles or use them as trade-ins or sell them.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve the surplus ordinance as presented.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to approve the ISATT surplus ordinance as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ISATT SOS Grant Purchase – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the ISATT equipment for \$320,000 pending the transfers that will be approved by the Grant council and this Board.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the purchase of ISATT equipment for \$320,000 pending transfers that will be approved by the Grant council and this Board.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters and collective bargaining for approximately ten minutes.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to proceed into Executive Session regarding personnel matters and collective bargaining for about 10 minutes.

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

Nays: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Acting President Pisarzewski, to allow Police Chief Glenn Beckman and Police Deputy Chief Wesolowski to remain for Executive Session.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski continued the Regular Board meeting at 9:24 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Atkinson requested a letter from the Village to the Historical Society clarifying what was discussed in the Committee meeting about rent.

Janet Carlson informed the Board that Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. is the State Wide Tornado Drill.

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 Regular meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk