

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

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

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

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

Appointment of Interim Clerk Nikki Kitakis

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to appoint Nikki Kitakis as interim clerk.

Ayes: Trustees Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Atkinson

Motion carried.

Trustee Reynolds praised interim clerk Kitakis and admin asst. Elizabeth Brozowski on how well and quickly tasks she has requested are getting completed.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded to swear in deputy clerk Nikki Kitakis to interim clerk.

Acting Clerk Kitakis swore in the Village's new full time Police officer Javoeion Watkins.

Acting Clerk Kitakis swore in the Village's new full time Police officer Brent Verhagen.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Glaser to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 16, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Absent: Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Glaser to approve the minutes of the Liquor Commission Meeting minutes from August 5, 2024.

All in favor.

Absent: Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$15,413.02; vouchers in the amount of \$615,042.23; for a total of \$630,455.25 of which \$115,915.84 is from the SOS Grant.

Admin Wiak looked into property tax payment and it is part of real estate taxes, pin 29-34-115-003-0000. - Later in the meeting attorney Dillner said this pin is for the property swap done with material services we got a credit for it, so this was a bill that needed to be paid.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded By Trustee Kaye

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reingold made several comments regarding the previous meeting. Adim Wiak explained clerk Kitakis will be enrolling in a class regarding minutes. Kathleen Andersen Reingold made a statement that it took a little over 120 years to exonerate Ms. O'Leary from charges from the great Chicago Fire. The fire was actually started by an Alderman named Burke. Mrs. Reingold gave deputy fire chief DuVall a copy of the exoneration letter.

Mrs. Reingold thanked both chiefs for their services.

Mrs. Reingold brought up the Mobil gas station fire, and requested information on the liquor license that was held at the that address.

Mrs. Reingold stated she doesn't care about chickens, but said putting the decision on a ballot is absconding on your duties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Special use ordinance – 563 N. Williams

Public comment: none

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded By Trustee Glaser

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

Resolution appointing Nikki Kitakis to IMRF representative.

Public comment: none

Motion by Trustee Reynolds , seconded By Trustee Kaye

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

Raffle Ordinance

Public Comment: Trustee Cunningham requested a clause be put in to have fees waived for some applications upon board approval.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded By Trustee Cunningham

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

Lease Renewal for the Library-

Public Comment: Lois Wise, of 63 Indianwood asked if the library board would be able to see the lease before the village board votes on it. Attorney Dillner explained he could send a copy of the potential lease to the library's director and the library board could go over it, before the village board votes on it. Voting on library lease has been moved to October 21, 2024's meeting.

Hazard Mitigation

Public Comment: none

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded By Trustee Cunningham

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Admin. Wiak reminded the residents about the meet the manager social that will take place Thursday October 12, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the village hall parking lot.

Trustee Reynolds said there is a bingo event being held at the school the same day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters, reacquisitions of property at 110 E. Margaret St., and the sale of village property the RC track, for approximately 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds , seconded By Trustee Glaser

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

Nays: Kaye

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski returned to the Regular Board meeting at 9:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Atkinson

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 9:26 p.m.