

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 18TH, 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.

ROLL CALL

skipped

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelia Glynn of 119 Indianwood Dr. spoke of an incident that occurred at her resident having to do with the code enforcement. Mrs. Glynn picked up an evergreen branch from the middle of the street, and put in her parkway. Mrs. Glynn had the branch disposed of the next day. A week later she received a citation for said branch. The branch had already been disposed of. Mrs. Glynn conveyed her disappointment in the citation and asked the Village to look at the code book and look into our policies.

Brian Reynolds 313 W. Margaret inquired about the development of S. Hubbard st. Acting President Pisarzewski responded this will be looked into next fiscal year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cunningham – 125 Calls 64 calls being within corporate limits. 3 Firefighters have been given a conditional offers. Promotional testing has been completed, and they're waiting for the final list to be posted. Short 3 full time fire fighters, and short 7 soon to be 8 part time fire fighters.

Trustee Reynolds – No report

Trustee Kaye – No Report

Trustee Glaser – 361 Spill man events 45 citizen assists 4 theft burglaries 20 assist to other agencies.

Trustee Atkinson – In the month of October 23 permits were issued with an investment of over a 1 million dollars.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Frye reported we are current! The audit is still on going and will be for a few more weeks. Treasure Frye recommended looking over the packet. Treasurer Frye stated in the regular meeting she would ask that the board approve the reports collectively all at once. October's cash postion is \$10,387,077.31, in the general fund is it \$2,842,973.31, the water fund is \$88,192.41, and the SOS grant is \$5,582,382.81. Treasurer Frye continued to detail the treasures report.

Treasure Frye and Trustee Atkinson discussed the monthly reports. In the month of September, and the month of October some accounts went significantly over their budgets. Trustee Atkinson expressed concern that September and October not be voted until a resolution is in place. Treasure Frye discussed some salaries that needed to be adjusted that were taken from the incorrect fund. Then treasurer Frye will put together a proposal for some line item transfers, and adjustments. Trustee Atkinson explained May thru August are acceptable, but voting on September and October would be violating her oath of office. Trustee Reynolds commented that the board should vote on the reports until August, and wait for the proposals for September and October reports.

Treasure Frye discussed the upcoming tax levy, and the upcoming truth and taxation hearing.

Trustee Reynolds confirmed the truth and taxation hearing will be December 2nd at 6:45pm.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dillner confirmed the backyard chicken referendum passed 503 to 454. Attorney Dillner then turned the discussion over to the board for some direction. Trustee Reynolds said we let the people vote, we should move forward. Trustee Reynolds discussed changing some of the previous rules in the prior proposed ordinance, and posed some questions on how to deal with potential future backyard chicken issues.

Trustee Kaye, and Trustee Cunningham voiced their concern with residents owning backyard chickens. Some of their concerns being the smell, bringing in rodents, and brining in predatory animals liked coyotes.

Attorney Dillner directed the board to re-read the prior proposed ordinance it does go over a lot their concerns.

Trustee Atkinson mentioned section 10 3C7 license revocation.

Acting President Pisarzewski recommended backyard chickens be put on next committee meeting.

Library lease – Attorney Dillner explained some of the changes that were made to the lease. It is a 20 year lease.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Water rate increase – Chicago heights it raising their rates to the village from \$3.80 to \$4.14. Administrator Wiak explained this is not up for a vote it just needs to be the radar. Acting President Pisarzewski referred to Treasurer Frye. Treasure Frye the Village needs to look into increasing the water rates. The board discussed further our surrounding areas water rates. Treasurer Frye explained the water fund should be ran as a business and the board should discuss raising rates beyond the Chicago Heights increase. Acting President Pisarzewski commented that the board should review everything and discuss it further. Trustee Atkinson acknowledged that things need to be looked at, but with the new meters the reads will be more accurate, and that should increase revenue in the water fund.

Public works Superintendent Roberts explained the old meters are mechanical and the new meters are photo-ized.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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 7:48 p.m.

Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk

