

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Piszczewski called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Acting President Piszczewski, Trustees Cunningham, Reynolds, Kaye, Glaser, Atkinson; Recreation Director Dunlop; Deputy Police Chief Wesolowski; Fire Chief Schweitzer.

Also Present: Administrator Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner.

Absent: Public Works Superintendent Roberts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thornton Fire Department – Trustee Cunningham reported the Thornton Fire Department participated in 109 emergency responses, 62 of them in Thornton, 4 in unincorporated. There were 275 inspections and complaints, and 54 tickets and fines were issued. Keith Zigterman completed his health inspector training.

FY'25 Budget – Trustee Reynolds stated on the agenda and posted is approval of the '24-'25 Village budget. Since there was no problem passing the Appropriation, she doesn't foresee any issues with passing the budget this evening.

Thornton Police Department – Trustee Glaser reported, for the month of June, there was increased traffic and patrol enforcement. The Police Department received 40 plus reports; there were 150 plus calls for services and 120 plus traffic stops.

Building Department – Trustee Atkinson reported the June building report shows permits continue to rise and investments continue to be made into the community.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Backyard Chickens Referendum – Attorney Dillner reported, as instructed, he drafted an Ordinance directing the County Clerk to place a referendum question on the November 5 ballot. It is a non-binding referendum. Attorney Dillner read the Ordinance out loud. A certified copy of the Ordinance needs to be filed with the County Clerk by August 5. He is asking for Board approval of the wording this evening.

E-COM Resolution – Attorney Dillner stated, with the retirement of the Beckmans, E-COM requires directors to replace them. This Resolution appoints Administrator Wiak and Acting Police Chief Wesolowski to the E-COM Board of Directors.

Special Use Request – Attorney Dillner reported last week the Planning and Development Commission was to hold a Special Use hearing requested by Mohammad Alkhatib to operate an auto repair shop at 553 Williams. Mr. Alkhatib did not appear at the hearing, so the Board voted to deny his request. Attorney Dillner prepared an Ordinance for the Board to vote on that adopts the recommendations of the Planning and Development Commission and denies the Special Use.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SOS Grant Purchase – Administrator Wiak asked for approval of a grant purchase from the City of Chicago through the SOS Grant to purchase five vehicles from North Riverside Ford. There is \$200,000 allotted in the budget for these vehicles. The vehicles being replaced are about 12 years old.

Code Enforcement Officer's Schedule – Administrator Wiak stated the Code Enforcement Officer's schedule is being adjusted to add more hours, especially in the summertime.

Administrator Wiak informed everyone the Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to allow for staff training.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fourth of July – Acting President Pisarzewski reported Thornton's Fourth of July celebration went really well. He thanked everyone involved for the extra effort taken to guaranty the enjoyment and safety of our residents. He also thanked the Stonerock family for a beautiful fireworks display.

Summer Recess – Acting President Pisarzewski asked the Board to reconsider skipping the second meeting in August. Administrator Wiak added it would benefit staff as far as inputting data into the system to get caught up from the cyber attack. She will also be out of town the last two days, Thursday and Friday, before the scheduled Board meeting. The schedule regarding inputting this data was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Reynolds commented she would like to see all water bills mailed, even those with no balance or a credit, because the newsletter is now included in with those bills. Clerk Pisarzewski stated she will make sure all bills are mailed from this point on.

Trustee Reynolds asked if the house on Schwab applied for building permits yet. Building Inspector Habecker stated they submitted architectural plans and are fully permitted. The house on Forest is almost finished. He's been through all the rough inspections, and is finishing up on the inside. Building Inspector Habecker does not remember the Legion getting a permit for their roof. Trustee Kaye doesn't think the roof was ever fixed.

Trustee Cunningham asked the status of 515 Margaret. There is a hole with a fence. Building Inspector Habecker stated he is waiting for architectural plans. They have a

demo permit; however, they are responsible to keep the lot safe, secure and free of nuisances.

Trustee Reynolds asked about the Village cooling centers. The Village Hall and the Community Center are available as cooling centers.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting President Pisarzewski stated the IMLRMA conference is September 19-21. If any Board member is interested in attending, please contact Administrator Wiak by August 5.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Committee meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk