

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JUNE 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:23 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.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to approve the Committee meeting minutes of June 3, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 3, 2024, as presented.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$636.27; vouchers in the amount of \$190,039.08; for a total of \$190,675.35 of which \$105,628.84 is from the SOS Grant, with a credit of \$58.93 from Wentworth Tire invoice that was paid at a prior meeting.

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

Trustee Atkinson asked the Wentworth Tire invoice be removed from the Voucher list since it hasn't been approved yet.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to amend the payment to Wentworth Tire, invoice 11940, original amount of \$83.42 minus the \$58.93, which leaves a balance of \$24.99.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to approve the payment of the prepaid vouchers in the amount \$636.27; vouchers in the amount of \$190,039.08, for a total of \$190,675.35 of which \$105,628.84 is from the SOS grant, as amended.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reingold, 106 East Harriet, asked about the Appropriation Hearing on July 1st; specifically, what time it's held. Attorney Dillner replied the hearing is scheduled for 7:00 o'clock and published in the Daily Southtown. There will be public comments allowed at the hearing.

Ms. Reingold commented on the cyberattack. She stressed the main focus of the Village should be to protect the data. No employee should use Village computers for personal business. Instead of being proactive, the Village is reactive.

Ms. Reingold stated the water tower looks incredible compared to what it looked like. This was money well spent. Once again, she asked what the legal expense is associated with IT. She welcomed Administrator Wiak to the Village. She asked Melissa Wiak to provide a little background information about herself. Administrator Wiak stated she is planning a "Meet and Greet" within the next couple months so the community could get to know her. Trustee Reynolds suggested including an introduction in the Village newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

110 South William Street – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported before the Board is a Redevelopment Agreement for the redevelopment of 110 South William Street with a Resolution to authorize its passage.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to approve the Resolution and Redevelopment Agreement for 110 South William Street.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

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 and the police contract, for approximately 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

Point of Order: Kathleen Andersen Reingold asked why there was no discussion regarding the copy machine contract. Acting President Pisarzewski indicated, before final discussion, the Board would like to see at least one other proposal.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to table copy machine contract discussion until more information is received by the Board.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to proceed into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and the police contract, for approximately 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Kaye, Glaser.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski proceeded into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

Acting President Pisarzewski returned to the Regular Board meeting at 10:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Reynolds asked if there needed to be additional meetings to accommodate passing the budget on time. Treasurer Frye stated she will have the formal Appropriation Ordinance and revised Budget to the Board by the end of this week. She will also send it to the trustees in an Excel spreadsheet.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

POINT OF ORDER: Kathleen Anderson Reingold asked when the chicken ordinance was going to be discussed. Attorney Dillner stated there were two trustees absent tonight, one of which wanted to be part of the “chicken” discussion, so it was tabled to a future date.

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.

Motion carried.

Acting President Pisarzewski adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 10:36 p.m.

Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk