

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – September 16, 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 former Acting Clerk Kitakis, and also recorded on social media.

ROLL CALL

Skipped

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tom Ehlers 100 Laura Ln. Resident expressed a warning about a construction company that did work at their home.

Kathleen Andersen Reingold made several public comments, and asked several questions.

Father Gilligan of American Catholic Press 16565 State St. South Holland, spoke about running the queen of hearts raffle at the Quarry bar and restaurant.

Mike Merke resident at 132 Mallette made a public statement regarding the queen of hearts raffle.

Debra Pisarzewski resident at 40 Indianwood dr made a public statement regarding employment termination. Than brought up issue with our disturbing the peace ordinance 1075A4.

Nancy Stonerock Resident 319 N. Kinzie asked a question regarding her water bill.

ROGER MALTROTTO 306 N. Water St. Opposed to queen hearts and the Quarry. Made a statement regarding leaked executive sessions minutes.

Ryan DeYoung 121 S. Williams made a public comment regarding the queen of hearts raffle, and made several statements.

Shobat resident at 107 S. Wolcott made a public comment and concern regarding the re-staffing in the clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thornton Fire Department – Trustee Cunningham 119 calls for service for the month of August. Testing is underway for rank of captain, and entry level fire fighters. Over 98 hour of training for fire fighters. Spoke about the fire academy, and the parade of lights.

Trustee Reynolds- Spoke about our cash position. Trustee Reynolds brought some attention to the seven bounced checks that happened on September 3rd, 2024, and got some clarification on the issue.

Trustee Kaye – Nothing to report

Thornton Police Department – Trustee Glaser 362 calls and traffic stops for the month of August.

Building Department – Trustee Atkinson 25 permits value of \$377,952.00, 6 solar panel installations, code enforcement performed 325 inspections, and issued 50 citations.

Treasurer Frye - Spoke about our cash position for July and August. Audit is tentatively scheduled for November 4th, 2024.

Trustee Atkinson asked if by the second October meeting would it be possible to get a preliminary yearend report.

Trustee Atkinson also asked to get the percentage of taxes payments that the village has received. Trustee Reynolds asked about the Village's payment from Menards sales tax sharing.

Attorney Dillner – Raffle ordinance, ordinance is not clear cut and needs some more information to construct an ordinance.

Next order is the ordinance regarding police and fire departments and lateral hires. Per fire Chief Schweitzer fire does allow lateral hires. Police does allow lateral hires.

Discussion of lateral hiring, and training.

Administrator Wiak – Discussion of the purchase of E-Com radios in the total of \$166,468.82.

Discussion of the Police Contact.

Discussion of the contract renewal for the Mad Bomber due to price increase.

Public Works report- Acting President Pisarzewski nothing to report.

Old Business – Trustee Reynolds asked about the taxes being paid and the NG distillery property, according to the treasury site the taxes have still not been paid for that property.

Trustee Reynolds asked about update on insurance. Administrator Wiak said claims adjuster will hopefully have the packet ready by Friday for review.

Trustee Cunningham asked about reopening of the rec center. Sharlee explained the rec center is waiting on asbestos removal and renovation information.

Trustee Cunningham asked for update on data input deputy clerk Kitakis gave a summary; receipts are in, but still working on inputting accounts payable information. Discussion of the water bill amounts, and meter reading length of time between reads. Trustee Cunningham requested update on the sound system upgrade.

**New Business –
None**

Acting President Pisarzewski motioned to adjourn the committee meeting

Motioned by Trustee Reynolds 2nd by Trustee Atkinson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM