

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
November 16, 2021

CALL TO
ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Presta at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL
CALL

Present: Mayor Louis Presta
Trustees Anthony Benigno, Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag, Ken Klein
and Frank Caldario

Absent: Trustee Theresa Flynn

Also present: Village Clerk Cathy Johnson and Village Services Director Bill Graffeo

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1 None

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. The Public Works dept. has been working on trimming any trees that need it, general fall cleanup.
2. Cleaning up the tractors especially the Kubota's to sell.
3. Delivery of salt coming tomorrow, 2 orders. Normally no problems receiving salt. We are very frugal when it comes to salt usage in order to preserve our streets and expenses. It is used where needed and not randomly.
4. The Playfield water main project is continuing on Central Ave., Homestead, South End lane in the area north of 135th St.
5. Trustee Wasag had a question regarding the for sale sign at 5545 W. 127th St. If the sale to Dalani Group did not go through. Bill stated that it was the same sign that has been there and the closing was last week.
- 6 Trustee Klein commented on how great the grass work turned out in the first area of Playfield that had all the problems.

COMPTROLLER

1. Jim Adducci was in attendance and commented on the following:
 - A. The 2020/21 audit is moving along, should be completed by the Dec. 15th deadline. Next year we hope to start in July to be done in August.
 - B. Trustee Madlener interjected during the Comptroller's report, asking if the approval process for BS&A for invoices has changed recently. Jim answered that as far as he knows no process has changed. Amy Roe further explained that no the process is the same as it has been since we started BS&A.

HUMAN
RESOURCES

1. Amy Roe mentioned the new appointments for CRWC.
2. Busy working on all the end of year Human Resources work and Payroll work.

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the November 18, 2021 meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. The Village revenue is up 2.5 million from 2020 not including property tax.
2. Tony's finer foods is close to a deal, hopefully after Thanksgiving they will make a decision. They are interested in the 2nd seven acre section on the west side of the Cal Sag Rd.
3. The Seneca property at 133rd & Cicero Ave. is also still up in the area. Mayor asked if the Village would be interested in purchasing the property to get the work going for 3 million. The Trustees had no comments at this time. The site has been cleared environmentally.
4. The property at 14039-45 will be closing in the next 3 weeks.
5. Mayor has had more meetings with the County in regards to the on/off ramp at Pulaski and 140th St. Several appraisals will need to be submitted one by them.
6. Scottsdale Shopping Center has recently shown interest in the eastside of Cicero on the Cal Sag.
7. Several restaurants/businesses are interested in going next to Aldi on the Cal Sag Rd. A & W, a Chicken restaurant and a doctor's office.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. Diane Taczynski was in attendance with the following question:
 - Wondering what the street location would be if the Village buys the Seneca property at 133rd & Cicero
 - What happened at the Kohl's store a few days ago?
 - The stop sign by Culvers is hanging upside down.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag and a second by Trustee Klein at 7:40 p.m. to go into Executive session to discuss legal fees charged by Baker & McKenzie in regards to Trustee Madlener.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag Seconded by: Trustee Klein

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Absent – 1

2. A Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and a second by Trustee Caldario at 8:08 p.m. to leave the Executive session and return to the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Benigno Seconded by: Trustee Caldario

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Absent – 1

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Village Services Director commented on a procedural issue. Trustee Flynn came into the Human Resources office and requested changes be made to the approval process of all invoices. This was not the proper procedure if a Trustee feels a current process needs to be changed. It should be discussed in a Committee meeting and input had by all.
2. Mayor said he would like to remove Jason Tai as our lobbyist at this time, no real help lately. If we feel we need him later we can begin a new contract. Attorney

McGrath said he would draft a letter to that effect.

3. At this time Mayor Presta passed out his resignation letter to be effective immediately. Discussion followed between the Trustees and our village attorney Mike McGrath regarding what the procedures are now.

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Wasag and seconded by Trustee Benigno All in favor. Motion carried.