

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
October 19, 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 Theresa Flynn, Anthony Benigno, Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag,
Ken Klein and Frank Caldario

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

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Fire Chief of Department Newton came to the meeting to let the Mayor and Board know a current problem with manning the fire station to the level necessary. Chief Newton has thoroughly researched the situation and feels the only way to solve this problem will be to contract out the hiring of firefighter/paramedics to a outside company. To that end he has prepared a legal notice to go in the paper to solicit companies for this purpose. Further information to follow.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

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SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Village Services Director Bill Graffeo commented on the following:
 - A. There will be a new ordinance in the next board packet regarding the hiring of more full-time police officers. We will be raising the number from 16 to 22.
 - B. The TIF review is set for November 23, 2021. The Mayor and Bill are working on redoing the bonds.
 - C. A new pick-up was purchased for the Public Works dept.
 - D. Acqua Contractors doing the water main work on Central Ave., Homestead, Highland Ct., etc, they are moving along nicely.
 - E. Bill is hoping to get the Walker Park mulch by November 14, 2021.
 - F. The lawns that have been redone in the Playfield area are doing great. The seed is taking really good.
 - G. The Kubota tractor is having a clutch problem again. This has happened several times and the company has not been very helpful. Bill is thinking of going with John Deere for any new equipment.
 - H. We are on the schedule for the water tank work to begin this fall/winter. They will work on the interior now and the exterior will be done next Spring.

COMPTROLLER

1. Comptroller Jim Adducci was at the meeting and said they are making fine progress In the finance department, and have completed the bank reconciliations for the last fiscal year and the information can now go to our outside auditor and get the audit started.

2. The next focus will be the TIF report.

HUMAN
RESOURCES

1. Human Resources Coordinator Amy Roe was at the meeting with comments on the following topics:
 - A. Currently no new complaints have come in to the HR department.
 - B. Several appointments will be in the Board packet.
 - C. The Biela Center is doing great. The new Director Cindy Haase is settling in nicely and the trips and lunches are doing awesome.
 - D. As always the Crestwood Adviser is due to the printer and any new info is always welcome.
 - E. Amy also commented on the finance department and that things are going fairly smoothly.

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the October 21, 2021 meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. There is a closing scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th for the property located at 14200-80 S. Pulaski Rd.
2. We also have a deal for 14039-45 S. Cicero Ave. for \$275,000, no closing date scheduled yet.
3. Possible contract on the old State Police Bldg. at 13863 S. Cicero Ave.
4. The Village is looking into buying the property at 13849 S. Cicero Ave., which is now the Public House. So many problems have occurred there, the Village would like to buy and then sell to a possible buyer we have already.
5. The Seneca property at 133rd and Cicero has an offer of \$2.8 million with an answer to come by Sunday. Panera Bread would like to come into this space.
6. Two restaurants and an eye doctor are interested in the area next to Aldi.
7. Cliff Rago's property on Cicero is in transition.
8. The Village sales tax is up over \$800,000 from last year.
9. Possible deal with Top Golf for the east side of Cicero on the Cal Sag Rd.
It would be a 99 year rent-free lease. We would make a nice profit on the sales tax and the real estate tax.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Madlener had several questions regarding the Development agreement for 13960 S. Cicero Ave., the old Eldorado Restaurant property. She was wondering why there are so many concessions in the agreement. Mayor responded that all possible interested parties all asked for basically the same concessions. This property has been vacant for 17 years and a deal needs to get done. This property is in the new TIF district with hopes of this money to help pay for upgrades to the Fire House and other Village buildings.
2. Trustee Flynn wanted to change the minutes of October 5th as presented, due to the lateness of her request I was unable to change them for the October 7th meeting. She would like to say that the comments she made several months ago are no longer valid as the picture has changed.

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Flynn mentioned that the Art Fair is coming up on Sunday, November 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and along with that is the Crestwood Fire Dept. blood drive from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. all at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Klein and seconded by Trustee Caldario All in favor. Motion carried.