

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
September 14, 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 None

VILLAGE SERVICES DIRECTOR

1. The Playfield Phase 2 water main replacement is supposed to begin 9/20/21.
2. The properties we own on Pulaski will be sold.
3. The Public works department has been doing point repairs on several broken sewer pipes, saving the Village quite a bit of money because the pipelining company does not have to stop and do the repairs in the process of relining.
4. Tecorp will probably start the work on the 1MMG ground tank late this fall.
5. Walker park will be getting rubber mulch to hopefully control the weeds that have been ridiculous this year. We cannot put down the rubber surface like at Playfield park due to the pipeline running through the property. Mayor and Trustees are good with this.
6. The gazebo is next on the list at Playfield Park, not sure when this will be done.
7. The wiffle ball tournament held at Walker Park went great, no problems and everyone was out of there by about 9:30-10:00 p.m.

COMPTROLLER

1. Jim Adducci informed the board regarding a certified letter received regarding the MFT report.
2. The comptroller is working hard on getting the accounts up to date so the audit can get started.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Amy Roe was at the meeting and started with several new appointments to the public works dept. and fire dept.
2. One of our crossing guards will be leaving and a new one is needed, she would like permission to raise all crossing guards \$1.00. Mayor and Board in agreement.
3. At the Biela Center, Gabby Graffeo, has been working above and beyond and the HR dept. would like to increase her salary to \$16.00 per hr.. Mayor and Board are ok with this.
4. The fire dept. is very pleased with their new hire of Ryan Ray, he is working out just great, and his previous experience as a fireman is very beneficial in doing the administrative job.
5. Trustee Flynn had a couple more questions regarding Rebound Illinois.

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the September 16, 2021 meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Mayor reported that we are finalizing the deal for the Eldorado property at 13960 S. Cicero Ave. for 2.1 million.
2. We have a possible buyer for the 14039-45 S. Cicero who will be putting in a strip mall.
3. There is still interest for an additional Hotel in Crestwood, especially if we get the sports complex.
4. Rocco and Bill are working on getting a \$3,000,000 deco grant for the baseball fields.
5. Attorney Sosin has made at least 24 changes to the baseball deal with Stevens Mgmt. Group. The Village needs to sit down with them and see if we can work through the changes.
6. A Union wellness center will be going in at 4736 Cal Sag Rd.,
7. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be voting on the 135th St. & Central Ave. Project at their meeting on 9/23/21 and hopefully the project will begin in 2022, March or April.
8. The intergovernmental agreement for Midlothian Tpk. work will hopefully be finalized by Thanksgiving to begin after that. This is an \$8,000,000 project.
9. Working on federal money for the storm sewer in the Gardens for \$1,000,000.
10. Mayor has received word that Brixmor has a probable deal with Amazon to go into the old Best Buy.
11. Possible interest by Fed Ex for the east side of Cicero Ave.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. Diane Taczynski was in attendance and had a couple of questions and/or comments.
 - A. Playfield Park looks great!
 - B. Someone has painted on the Laramie creek bridge.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Klein and seconded by Trustee Benigno All in favor. Motion carried.