

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
August 31, 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,
and Ken Klein
Absent: Trustee Caldario

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

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Trustee Flynn would like a more descriptive list in the Finance section in regards to the voucher listing.
2. Chief of Department Newton came in the speak with the Mayor and Board regarding the new mandates being sent out by the State in regards to Covid. Chief Newton commented on the following topics:
 - A. The possible mandate of first responders to receive the vaccine.
 - B. The effectiveness of the vaccine, wearing masks, testing, etc.
 - C. The rush to push out the vaccine.
 - D. The current State statute that says you cannot force healthcare on someone who is unwilling.
3. Chief of Department Newton also informed the Board on the hiring of a new Executive Assistant to fill two, soon to be vacant, administrative positions in the department. that of Stacy Armstrong, administrative and Ron Soltis, Quality Assurance Officer.
4. Trustee Madlener commented on the rumors going around that Mayor would be resigning at this meeting and the fact that she was not notified. Trustee Flynn commented on this topic stating the lack of communication from the Mayor was a problem for her, she would of appreciated a more open discussion. Trustee Flynn was informed by Trustee Klein that Mayor Presta would be resigning and wanted her thoughts on Him being interim Mayor. Trustee Klein had a discussion with Trustee Flynn and felt he was not quoted properly. Trustee Wasag said he felt that all this discussion was before Mayor officially was resigning, all items of the rumor mill nature and not to be even worried about yet. Resident Mark Flynn commented on the conversation Mayor had with Trustee Flynn and Himself regarding resigning. Mayor stated that he is not resigning and our attorney will have an official memo and meeting if that should ever happen with all Trustees in attendance.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill Graffeo had nothing but good things to say for Amy Roe and Michele Beneventi on stepping up and filling the Finance positions, he appreciates their hard work.
2. Had a main break on Midlothian Tpk. east of Cicero which took a good deal of time to repair today.
3. The sun sails at Playfield Park are being installed.
4. The sun sail to be put up at Walker Park will need to be relocated due to the pipe lines underground.

COMPTROLLER 1. Jim Adducci, the new Village Comptroller was at the meeting to introduce Himself to the Board, he has been busy working on familiarizing himself on the Village accounts and getting started on audit preparation. He expects to have a meeting with our outside auditor John Williams in early October. Otherwise all is going good.

HUMAN
RESOURCES 1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT 1. Board packet for the September 2, 2021 meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT 1. No Report

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY 1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS 1. Trustee Madlener had many comments and complaints in regards to the tentative agreement with the Stevens Management Group in regards to the License Agreement For Park Use presented by Rocco Mossuto, Recreation Director at the last meeting. She is not in favor of this agreement for many reasons. Trustee Flynn also had several comments on this topic in regards to the length of the contract, the disclosure of their finances, and that we should have a town hall meeting prior to the signing of any agreement. Mayor and Bill responded that this agreement is in the very early phases of development and Attorney Sosin has made many changes to this agreement.

NEW
BUSINESS 1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION 1. Diane Tacz was in attendance and had a couple of questions and/or comments.
A. When will the restoration work be done in the Playfield area?
B. Is the situation with the Pods being resolved.
C. Was wondering if VHS tapes can be recycled through our garbage company?
2. Mike Volpentesta had the following comments:
A. Questioned the reasons for wanting to put turf at all the fields and incur this large expense to the taxpayers of the Village.
3. Kevin Piper had the following comments:
A. Also felt that the cost of this Park Use agreement was too much.
B. Was wondering how to get a replacement can for his broken garbage can.
Had trouble getting through to Republic Services.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION 1. None

ADJOURN
MENT There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Wasag All in favor. Motion carried.