

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
August 15, 2023

CALL TO
ORDER

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

ROLL
CALL

Present: Mayor Kenneth Klein

Trustees Anthony Benigno, Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag, Frank Caldario, Brian Skala, and Denise Pietrucha

Also present: Village Clerk Cathy Johnson

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Chief of Department Newton was In attendance with the following items to share:
 - A. The two new engines are in full service and running well.
 - B. The next vehicles we need to think about will be our ambulances, it takes a long time to get equipment so we need to start soon to replace them. They are 2017 ambulances and will need to be replaced in the next 5 years. We can do this two ways, by either just purchasing a new chassis and using the current boxes or buy all new.
 - C. The contract paramedics are working out well. We still have some part-time shortages which can be expected in the summer, but much better.
 - D. The Fire Dept. currently has two men retiring, Ron Soltis, our quality assurance officer and Al Krupa, Deputy Chief. We will be looking for qualified replacements.
 - E. Chief Newton reported on the two pension funds, Police and Fire. He is very knowledgeable on the pension situation and had insight on all avenues of the pension funds.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill Graffeo reported the following:
 - A. 127th St. and Cal Sag road construction is moving along nicely but we still have the bridge closure coming in 2024.
 - B. The project on 135th St. is also making good progress.
 - C. The MFT bid is out for repaving of the streets in the Gardens area.
 - D. 135th Street repaving is scheduled for 2024 and certain IDOT approval is still needed.
 - E. Midlothian Tpk. and Laramie Ave. had some street repairs that needed to be done.

COMPTROLLER

1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. Amy Roe reported that the Crestwood Adviser is doing well under our new layout company. The paper has been out early the last couple of editions.

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the August 17, 2023 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. The Illinois Municipal League is holding their annual conference on September 21-23 if anyone wants to attend.
2. The property at 13301-03 S. Cicero Ave. has still not closed as the IDOT issue with the right turn lane is still in question.
3. The new business "Boldage Pace" is moving along in their efforts to acquire 5419-5447 W. 135th St.
4. The new business on Pulaski Rd., Give2Get is having problems getting along with the neighbors. They have been leaving trucks running in the parking lot overnight. The Village is making every effort to correct the situation.
5. The new business Belle Tire at 14066 S. Cicero Ave. is now open as of August 2, 2023.
6. Discount tire at 13550 S. Cicero Ave is remodeling their current business.
7. The Thunderbolts will be hosting a charity event this weekend.
8. The old State Police seems to be a problem for the dispensary, as most companies do not want to build a whole building, we are looking at changing the location to 13443 S. Cicero Ave. as that is a vacant building. A new ordinance will need to be done.
9. We have a new restaurant interested in the location at 127th & Cal Sag Rd., the old Coop restaurant.
10. Rt. 83 and 127th St. will be opening up soon, with more work to come down the road.
11. The corner of Midlothian Tpk. and Cicero Ave. (13960 S. Cicero Ave.) will hopefully be under construction by the end of the year.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Wasag mentioned that one of the cross bridges over Tinley Creek has graffiti on it that needs to be removed.
2. Trustee Wasag also mentioned the house where East & West Playfield meet needs some attention.
3. Trustee Skala said that District 130 is working a new agreement with the Village to have a squad car at the school.

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Mayor and Trustees received a letter from some of the condo owners at 5130 Midlothian Tpk., Crestpoint condos regarding the lot that still is not improved. Our attorney is drafting another response to this letter.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Skala All in favor. Motion carried.