

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
October 31, 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 Services Director Bill Graffeo and Village Clerk Cathy Johnson

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. The Mayor and Trustees conferred on the winners for the Halloween contest:
The winners will be announced at the Board meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 as follows:

- 1st Place – 4951 W. 135th Pl.
- 2nd Place – 4246 W. 143rd St.
- 3rd Place – 5421 W. 131st St.

We also awarded 17 honorable mentions, as follows: 12833 W. Playfield Dr., 13422 W. Circle Dr., 4245 W. 142nd St., 13804 Sandra Lane, 5034 W. 137th St., 5712 W. 129th St., Apt. 1, 5712 W. 129th St., Apt. 3, 5703 W. 128th St., 13501 LaTrobe Ave., 14121 S. Kilpatrick Ave., 12825 Carriage Lane, Unit 3B, 14158 Lamon Ave., 13527 Loomis Lane, 13544 Long Ave., 13155 Forestview Lane, 5130 W. 133rd St. and 5349 W. 137th Pl.

The winners each received a cash prize of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively, and every nomination received a \$25 Menards gift card.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill Graffeo reported the following:
 - A. Bill went to the IDOT meeting this week and they will not be pouring any more concrete
The street scape on Cicero Ave. will not be done until next November, 2024
 - B. The bridge on 127th St. will be closed next March, 2024 for repairs. There is still a question of whether they will close the bridge all the way or halfway.
 - C. The sidewalk project on Midlothian Tpk. is complete except the area at Cicero Ave. and Midlothian Tpk. which will be completed by IDOT during the streetscape construction.
 - D. The area on Laramie Ave. by the Turnpike that needs repaving is now a problem and will not be done anytime soon..

COMPTROLLER

1. Jim Adducci was in attendance and let the Board know the following:
 - A. The Village revenue is right on track.
 - B. The revenue from Safespeed is still on track but we are expecting it to decrease.
 - C. On the expense side, nothing excessive to budgeted items. We are waiting on approved grants so our at hand cash is down, and some of our funds.
 - D. With all our projects winding down at the same time it caused some undue stress on our cash balances with the waiting for funds.

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. Amy Roe had the following to report:
 - A. No Report

VILLAGE
distributed.
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the November 2, 2023 Board meeting was

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Mayor revisited some homes in the Gardens to make sure everything was fine.
2. The problem grassy areas in the Gardens area and the area north of 135th also have been looked at and taken care of.
3. The intersection at 127th St. & Rt. 83 is just about complete, it looks awesome.
4. Mayor will be talking to Justin Slaughter and Bob Rita trying to get some funds for some upcoming projects the village will be working on. Remodeling the Fire Station, street repairs, etc.
5. Longtime resident Florence Addison has passed away.
6. MWRD is looking for any new projects we might have.
7. The new cannabis dispensary is getting going at 13352 S. Cicero Ave.
8. The Southwest Conference of Mayor's will be having its fall session next week. The new bill for paid leave that will begin in January, 2024 we are hoping they revisit and rescind.
9. Also the house bill 2607 for reducing the tax load for senior multiple residences, Is also being resubmitted.
10. Mayor has been approached by a solar company to put a solar farm on the property East of Cicero Ave. It is something for the property but not what we really want.
11. The McGinty property on the Turnpike is staying good. McGinty has been agreeable to everything they have requested. Our attorney says the road does not need to be permanently paved as it is a construction zone.
12. Mayor has also had a request for a donation trailer by Dollar Tree again.
13. Nathan Hale School is asking for donations for the Christmas season. We will find out exactly what they are looking for.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Wasag asked regarding the ordinance changing the number of full-time Police Officers.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned

MENT

at 8:00 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Caldario
All in favor. Motion carried.