

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
December 5, 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, Frank Caldario, Brian Skala, and Denise Pietrucha

Absent: Trustee Kevin Wasag

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

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. None

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill Graffeo reported the following:
 - A. Working on a project with Midlothian, Bremen Township Oak Forest & Crestwood. Having trouble getting money from the others for all the MWRD construction costs.
 - B. We will be moving our Police Department dispatch to Cook County in April, 2024. This move will save us thousands of dollars.
 - C. Cook County is looking for a new building down in this area, we are looking to help them anyway we can.
 - D. The Thanksgiving baskets from the Biela center went well.
 - E. The Village will be doing our Christmas baskets near the end of December.
 - F. Working hard on the new Paid Leave Act for All Employees, making sure we have all our bases covered.
 - G. Several changes have been made to the handbook and will be passed on 12/7/23.
 - H. Ordinances for the Paid Leave Act will be passed next Board meeting.

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
distributed.
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the December 7, 2023 Board meeting was distributed.
2. We will be doing our Christmas Baskets this year, as always, we will be collecting names the beginning of December.
3. We will also be doing our awards for the best decorated Christmas House.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. There has been a street light outage on Cicero Ave. and it needs to be repaired by the construction that damaged the wires.
2. Buffalo Wild Wings is close to opening on 134th and Cicero Ave.
3. The Crestwood tax rate is one of the lowest in the south suburbs.
4. Com Ed sending out letters regarding clean energy and it does not appear to be a good option.
5. We will hopefully be closing on the property at 13301-03 S. Cicero Ave. in early 2024, and the building will commence.
6. The Recreation and Wellness Center will be hosting several awesome events this upcoming weekend, the Christmas Market with a visit with Santa, and the Polar Express Movie opportunity.
7. The Secretary of State is looking for a possible site for a pop up Drivers license facility. A satellite office, also.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Benigno asked regarding doing an ordinance for us not to be a sanctuary city.

NEW
BUSINESS

1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. Resident Diane Taczky was in attendance and had the following comments
 - A. Complimented the Village on the Christmas decorations.
 - B. Wondered about the air conditioning being out at the Wellness Center over the summer?

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Caldario All in favor. Motion carried.