

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
February 13, 2024

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. Chief Newton addressed the Mayor and Board in regards to the Fire Pension. He detailed our current standing and certain things that will be changing in the future. The Board appreciated the update.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. The police testing has been completed and 9 candidates are on the list.
2. The first section of the Police Dept. remodel is just about complete
3. The construction on Cicero Ave. is coming up, and Bill has been trying to get the jobs to coordinate so we don't have a huge traffic nightmare.
4. Cook County Dispatch will be coming to Crestwood. They will be handling our Police dispatch only. With this change we will need to update some software and Servers.

COMPTROLLER

1. Jim Adducci was on hand to answer any questions the Mayor or Board have regarding the completed audit for the fiscal year 05-01-22 thru 04-30-23. Our audit was returned with no findings, or in other words, a good report.
2. A little different reporting of the assets and liabilities, which makes the numbers look different.
3. We still need to work on preparing a manual on our financial procedures.
4. The finance department has begun work on the new budget, and it looks good, based on last years.

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the February 1, 2024 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. The sales tax report looks good. The Mayor has been reviewing it and checking for missing businesses.
2. The red light camera lawsuit will hopefully be dismissed.

3. Property tax relief is a hot topic in all political areas.
4. Congress has a long wish list of items that municipalities want.
5. The IDOT issue for the right turn lane at 13301-03 S. Cicero Ave. has been red tagged, which will hopefully move it along quicker.
6. The gaming facilities in Crestwood are doing good. Bringing a good amount of Money.
7. A couple of new restaurants opening up, an Indian Restaurant and the food truck with barbecue.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. John Fanning, Eric Dickerson and John Sebo came in the address the Board regarding the plans for a Veterans Center, to be located on Midlothian Tpk. just West of the Biela Center. They would like the Village to donate the land for this project. They are very excited to be doing this project, they have plans for the following services to be offered at the Center:
 1. Training to counsel other veterans
 2. Tutors to help students
 3. A company to help with business start-up for Veterans
 4. Educational facilities
 5. And many other services for all veteran groups
2. Resident Diane Taczynski was also at the meeting with the following concerns:
 1. Questions regarding the houses next to the CRWC.
 2. Where can she turn in old medications?
 3. Questions regarding Crestwood Terrace and Palos Rehab on Central Ave.
 4. Street light questions for Cicero Ave.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Skala All in favor. Motion carried.