

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
January 4, 2022

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

ROLL Present: Mayor Kenneth Klein
CALL Trustees Theresa Flynn, Anthony Benigno, Kevin Wasag, and Frank Caldario
Absent: Trustee Linda Madlener

Also present: Village Clerk Cathy Johnson, Village Services Director Bill Graffeo
and Attorney Mike McGrath

DISCUSSION 1. Mayor Klein listed two possible candidates for Trustee in Brian Skala and
ITEMS P.J. Serratore. Discussion followed, with an appointment to be made at the
Board meeting on January 6, 2022.

VILLAGE 1. The ladies bathroom at the Biela Center is not functioning properly. There are
SERVICES many issues to be fixed. So Bill is going to take this opportunity to remodel
DIRECTOR the front
2. Our large dump #10 in public works is getting harder and harder to steer.
Bill is looking for a replacement through a state purchase and the money has already
been set aside in the budget from 2021-22.
3. Lee Fry is still interested in the property next to Aldi on the Cal Sag and has been
working on the deal.
4. Annually our businesses are required to do a back flow test and the results
are emailed to us through BSI online.
5. Wal Mart will be starting another addition to their building on the south side.
6. MWRD water main extension passed and the work will begin in spring.
7. Midlothian Tpk. job is having trouble with the State and trying to add things
and trying to charge a lot.
8. We are counting on \$1,000,000 from the Chicago Southland Convention &
Visitors Bureau for our streetscape for Cicero Ave.
9. Trustee Wasag asked Bill regarding two businesses on Cal Sag Rd, Champion
Motorsports and Crestwood Auto, regarding parking on the grass and not on
the paved surface

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN 1. The Human Resources Dept. is doing well in general.
RESOURCES/ 2. We will be putting another Covid-19 policy up for acceptance at the next Board
FINANCE Meeting, regarding vaccinations, testing and face covering as required.
3. The Board needs to revisit whether we will continue to pay Covid pay in 2022 if someone
is off for this reason.
4. The HR/Finance dept. is finishing up the end of the year items.

VILLAGE 1. Board packet for the January 6, 2022 meeting was distributed.

CLERK'S
REPORT

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. A new business Bubbakoo's Burritos will possibly be going in where Doughs Guys was.
2. Mayor has met with Police Chief Weigand to discuss the current status of the Police Dept., he did state that he has an upcoming meeting regarding the ongoing lawsuit.
3. Mayor has also met with Fire Chief Newton, took a walk through the firehouse and had a discussion regarding the upcoming agreement with PSI for contracted firefighter/paramedics.
4. The Seneca property at 13301-03 we are close to purchasing and Josh and Dan Glazier are interested in buying from us with possible plans for a Chipotle drive-thru and then Five Guys to go in to the old Chipotle.
5. The meeting with Tony's Finer Foods was cancelled again, but Mayor is still trying to meet with them.
6. The Crestwood Auto Auction on 141st and Cicero is again working on cleaning up their yard.
7. Mayor spoke to our engineer Ken Chastain regarding numerous projects in the works.
8. Mayor met with Bob Rita to discuss money for the firehouse. He suggested we meet with all 3 local representatives, Justin Slaughter and Emil Jones, as well as, himself, so that they are all on the same page.
9. Cook County Streets & Highways Superintendent Sis Killian is working hard on getting the on/off ramp at Pulaski Rd. and 140th St. approved.
10. We are still waiting on the updated bond rating, hoping to save a good amount of money.
11. We are still working on the \$1,000,000 grant. The grant process is long and tedious.
12. We are also working on a grant from the tourism bureau.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. Village Attorney Mike McGrath said we will be having a hearing for the revocation of The Party Ave. business license.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. A call was made to the police department from resident Brian Sievers regarding an issue at the Wal Mart. A report was filed.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. Resident Diane Taczynski was in attendance and had the following comments or questions.
 - A. The water main pipes on 131st street are fairly high making visibility difficult.
 - B. Diane feels that a \$20.00 annual fee is too high for someone to just walk the track at the CRWC.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Flynn and seconded by Trustee Benigno All in favor. Motion carried.