

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
July 16, 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. None

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. The remodeling of the Police Department is going very well, progress made every day.
2. The work on the Cicero Ave. streetscape is moving along slowly, a couple of trees needed to be removed and the wiring is going in.
3. Traffic lights will be back to working on the 18th and there will be improvements to the WalMart and 135th St. area.
4. There was someone who was going to jump into the Cal Sag at Cicero but the Police were able to talk them down.
5. The Gardens restorations are moving along but having trouble with the germination of the seed due to the lack of rain.
6. Phase 3 paperwork in progress for the areas of Central Ave., Parkview Ct. and 128th St. and 129th St.
7. The 143rd St. repaving project is set to begin on 7/18/24.
8. The storm on July 15, 2024 was quite a storm with a tornado ripping through a small section of Crestwood. In general we were very lucky, as only several homes were damaged and no life threatening injuries. The amount of trees damaged was quite extensive with the homeowners and public working for at least a week to get all the mess cleaned up. The community help was tremendous.

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. None

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the July 18, 2024 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. During the storm we supplied several houses on Kildare with a generator for health reasons.
2. Mayor spent the first day or two after the storm helping with the clean-up and assisting where needed.
3. The Wellness Center and Biela Center have been open for anyone who needs to keep cool while their power is out.
4. The Public Works dept. has done a great job.
5. The business Among Friends on Cicero Ave. has entered into a sales agreement with a developer for the business Burgers and Brews.
6. We have new plans for the property at 5445 W. 127th St., it will now be suites for business not the therapy pool as originally planned.
7. The cannabis business that is not open yet "High 5" is moving along and their window art has been completed.
8. It looks like Harbor Freight will be going in to the empty store next to Party City.
9. There is power out to quite a few homes after the storm.
10. Crestwood Market Place will be starting up in the Biela parking lot. They will sell general Merchandise and will be starting on Sunday, September 8, 2024. And continuing each Sunday thereafter.
11. The work for the new townhomes on 135th St. is moving along.
12. The new development on 139th and Midlothian Tpk. is still in the process and work should begin in 2025.
13. The Kiwani's Club is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.
14. There was a small fire on Kildare Ave. after the storm in a tree where the wires came down. The Fire Dept. put the fire out and remained on scene until Com Ed arrived to remove downed wires.
15. We will hopefully be able to put an additional 1% sales tax on grocery when we lose the the State money.
16. On Saturday, the 20th the Village will be working with "Friends of the Chicago River" To clean-up any garbage on the Cal Sag road by the Chanel from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
17. On Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the Village will be celebrating the retirement of Chief Weigand after over 50 years of Police service.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Wasag had several questions regarding the ordinances up for approval, regarding regulating the number of used car dealers.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Skala All in favor. Motion carried.