

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
August 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 Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag, Frank Caldario, Brian Skala
and Denise Pietrucha

Absent: Trustee Anthony Benigno

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

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Representatives from the Queen of Hearts raffle that is run at The Office in Crestwood, by Park Lawn were in to talk to the Mayor and Board in regards to increasing the prize limit from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Discussion was had between all parties with a possible agreement reached.
2. Diane Taczy a resident of Crestwood was also in attendance with a couple of questions regarding recycling, the closures on Cicero Ave. and the upcoming bridge closures on 127th St.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. The street lights on Cicero Ave. should be completed by the 23rd of August.
2. We are moving to the 3rd phase with the electricians on the street lights.
3. They are also currently working on the sidewalks and entryways on Cicero Ave. so we are seeing some progress on the Streetscape.
4. The issue with the Forest Preserve is in the changing phase still and we will be having a meeting with them in September, 2024.
5. The aftermath of the storm from July 15th was quite a mess with clean up going on for weeks. The Public Works dept. did an awesome job along with the Mayor and Bill coordinating and helping.
6. The Police Station is moving along nicely and everything is looking great.
7. The fire hydrants will be getting a spruce up soon with our new laser cleaner.
8. Possible intergovernmental agreement with Bremen Township in regards to flood control.

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. None

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the August 15, 2024 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Resolution for advisory question on ballot in regards to the State funding schools to remove the burden from the tax payers
2. Discussion in regards to a letter received from a resident of Crestwood Terrace.
3. Plans to give a retirement plaque to Joe Zangara from the Fire & Police Commission.
4. Questions regarding our surplus and the county giving extended payment plans and how that affects our deadline for the surplus refund.
5. Possible hotel wanting to come on the East side of Cicero Ave. on the Cal Sag in a 3 acre section.
6. The cannabis store "Hi Five" is waiting on their State inspections in order to open.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Our new Chief of Police Kevin Sisk stopped in the meeting and updated the Board on a few new changes to the Police Dept.
 - A. Patrol officers will be reporting to one specific Supervisor.
 - B. The Chief would like to hire a Deputy Chief from outside the department to help settle disputes, with grant writing, and training.
 - C. Possible start-up of a DEA unit, in the planning stages
 - D. Trying to get into the Major Crime task force
 - E. Keeping an eye on payroll with changes being made.
2. Trustee Caldario had a couple questions regarding one of the new businesses.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Wasag All in favor. Motion carried.