

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
December 17, 2024

CALL TO
ORDER

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

ROLL
CALL

Present: Trustees Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag, Frank Caldario, Brian Skala and Denise Pietrucha

Also present: Village Clerk Cathy Johnson, Village Services Director Bill Graffeo,
and Attorney Lauren DaValle

Absent: Trustee Benigno

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Fire Chief Jon Newton was in attendance to field any questions regarding the fire ordinance in the board packet in regards to changes to be made to the fire section of the code book, 35.08. Discussion followed.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. The Fire Chief has been working hard to move our ISO rating from a 3 to a 2. Certain criteria has to be met to change the rating.
2. Per Trustee Wasag there is a street light flickering on 132nd & Central Ave.
3. The court case from over 2 years ago has settled and a check was received for \$177,311.00. Attorney Sosin spearheaded this paperwork.
4. We also received a payment from State for engineering costs associated with Midlothian Tpk.
5. Still working on an IPRF safety grant for Fire Dept. use.
6. The push for the red light cameras to be installed back on Cal Sag Rd. and Cicero Ave. Is moving along with another call to be taken tomorrow.
7. Also have two other grants in progress for the CRWC and the Police Dept.
8. The previous red light tickets that have not been paid will again be offered a forgiveness deal to get them cleared up.
9. The Village has closed on the 14156 S. LaVergne Ave. property. We will be using this property to trade for a property located on the Midlothian Tpk. to facilitate a detention pond in that location.
10. Certain emails have been sent out regarding lighting. These are sales emails and we are not interested.
11. Over the years we have received calls regarding more street lights and calls regarding less street lights. The street lights we currently have are probably not going to change as it is always a conflict between more or less. In general we usually have a street light in the middle of the block and one on the corners of some blocks.
12. Close to 20 Christmas baskets were delivered and all the recipients were very grateful.
13. The Fire Dept. also spearheaded a collection for the fire victims of 5720 W. 128th St. fire, which was very successful. Many thanks to them for coordinating this.

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR 1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT 1. Board packet for the December 19, 2024 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. The Village Christmas party @ the CRWC with Santa and the Christmas Market with over 75 vendors was a huge success.
2. Possible contract for 13863 S. Cicero Ave.
3. Also the business Busy Bee is planning to divide their property and sell a portion.
4. The business going in at 135th & Cicero Ave. behind the Well Now business will no longer be buying the building.
5. A new business going in behind Culvers, La Gondola Pizza.
6. The new business at 4859 Cal Sag Rd., Snipes, is almost ready to open.
7. Things are moving along for Lindy's, which will be going in on the corner of Cicero Ave. and Midlothian Tpk.
8. Mayor hoping to talk to Congressman Casten to coordinate money for our Phase III water project.
9. Mayor, Bill and Cathy went to Florence Kentucky to see the baseball team run by our new Owner of the Thunderbolts. They had a huge Christmas light display on the field with a train, a skating rink and vendors.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY 1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS 1. None

NEW
BUSINESS 1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION 1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION 1. None

ADJOURN
MENT There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Madlener All in favor. Motion carried.