

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
January 7, 2025

CALL TO
ORDER

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

ROLL
CALL

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

Also present: Village Clerk Cathy Johnson, and Attorney Lauren DaValle

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. None

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. No Report

COMPTROLLER

1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the January 9, 2025 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Mayor spoke to Police Chief Sisk regarding the reformation of the Police Dept., the taking of the Sergeants test and the hiring of new officers.
2. The Mayor is looking at all avenues to increase our income and limit our expenditures.
3. A questions from the audience regarding body cameras for the police, and the answer is yes, it is a mandate. But not funded.
4. We received our first check from Wind Creek of \$7,100 for the first month in business of November, 2024. This is a portion given to all the surrounding communities.
5. As of January 1, 2025 the dispensary (High 5) will be collecting an additional 3% sales tax per ordinance ordinance 2741.
6. The new business at 5419 W. 135th St. – Bold Age Pace – is just about complete. They are waiting on licensing, etc. Hoping to open in June of 2025.
7. The new business at 5445 W. 127th St. – Salon Suites – is also moving along. Still has a way to go before they open.
8. The new owner of the Thunderbolts is making plans for our stadium. Hoping for good things to come.

9. We need to do an Ordinance replacing the 1% grocery tax that the Governor of Illinois is removing.
10. Mayor spoke to Tony's Finer Foods and they are still planning to go into the old Best Buy. Plans were delayed due to the ownership change, etc.
11. The shoe store Snipes is just about ready to open.
12. Mayor has questions regarding the East side of Cicero and the Cal Sag Rd., the leased property from the MWRD. The lease fee is quite large and so far all our efforts have come up empty.
13. Mayor has done a deep dive into the sales tax the Village is collecting from our businesses, and would like the business license department to verify that all businesses that should be paying are indeed doing so.

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 7:52 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Wasag All in favor. Motion carried.