

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED
VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
13820 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
June 5, 2025 – 7:00 PM

**CALL TO
ORDER**

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

**ROLL
CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Trustees: Anthony Benigno, Kevin Wasag, Brian Skala and Denise Pietrucha

Absent: Trustees Linda Madlener and Frank Caldario

A quorum was present and meeting commenced.

**PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge was led by Mayor Ken Klein and recited by all.

**SUSPEND
RULES OF
ORDER
PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

1. None

**RECONVENE
BOARD
MEETING**

Mayor Klein called the regular Board meeting back to order at 7:02 p.m.

**VILLAGE
CLERK'S
OFFICE**

APPROVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES DATED MAY 13, 2025.

A Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated May 13, 2025.

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**APPROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES (TIP DISTRICT" DATED
MAY 15, 2025.**

Motion by: Trustee Pietrucha

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

FIRE

Fire – Trustee Madlener, Chairman (Trustee Pietrucha)

VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JONATHAN NEWTON, SUPPLIED THE BOARD WITH A RECOGNITION OF PERFORMANCE AT A 2ND ALARM FIRE AT 5700 W. 128TH ST. ON DECEMBER 4, 2024.

The following is a summary of the events that occurred on December 4, 2024 and the fireman and paramedics that deserve recognition for their actions as read by Trustee Pietrucha in the absence of Trustee Madlener:

- At 1650 hours the Crestwood Fire Department was dispatched to a Still Alarm of Fire at 5700 W. 128th St. followed up by Palos Heights, Alsip, Midlothian and Posen companies.
- Outside temperature was 40 degrees with 30 mile an hour sustained winds
- Upon arrival crews found a 3 story – 12 unit apartment building with heavy fire on the first floor and fire running up the center common area to the roof.
- Police personnel along with local residents were assisting in the rescue of the residents of the building. People were jumping out windows, etc.
- Realizing the gravity of the situation, a box alarm was called bringing in additional towns for support and back up.
- Companies worked together to ladder all floors, so they could be searched and all fires extinguished.
- 4 residents were taken to local hospitals with the initial rescue victim succumbing to his injuries.
- Chief Newton wanted to publicly recognize the members working that day. As firefighters and paramedics, we view this as one of those situations where everything is thrown at you at once, “which tests our ability to make quick, decisive decisions. This is what we prepare for. The members working performed rapid triage and treatment, made great tactical decisions, and worked flawlessly in their assigned roles under absolute extreme condition.
- In the aftermath of the fire, 21 residents were displaced. Assistant Chief McAuliffe coordinated the investigation, which centered on an overloaded power strip in the first floor unit and Administrative Aid Lisa Holt took it upon herself and coordinated a clothing drive for the displaced residents.
- The following were on duty: Ambulance 2312 – FF/PM Diana Burke, PM Diente Holmes, Engine 2313 – FF/PM Keith Johnson, FF/EMT Tyler McCarthy, FF/PM Steven Gallagher, Truck 2314 – Capt Christopher Burke,

FF/PM Kyle Kraatz, Battalion 23/2301 – DVC Michael Dizonno, Assisting Fire Department – Palos Heights FPD, Alsip Posen, Midlothian, Blue Island, Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Orland FPD, Bridgeview, Roberts Park, Merrionette Park, Palos FPD, Homer FPD, Bedford Park, Lemont FPD and Country Club Hills.

**LICENSE &
ORDINANCE**

License & Ordinance – Trustee Wasag, Chairman

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PULASKI RD./143RD STREET TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT.

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider an Ordinance designating the Pulaski Rd./143rd Street TIF redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment Act.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

APPROVE AND PASS AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PULASKI RD./143RD STREET TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT.

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Approve and Pass an Ordinance designating the Pulaski Rd./143rd Street TIF redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment Act.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE PULASKI RD./143RD STREET TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider an Ordinance approving a tax increment financing redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the Pulaski Rd./143rd Street TIF Redevelopment project area.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

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Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE PULASKI RD./143RD STREET TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider an Ordinance adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Pulaski Rd./143rd Street TIF Redevelopment Project Area

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III (ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 34 (LAW ENFORCEMENT) OF THE CODE OF CRESTWOOD.

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider an Ordinance amending Title III (Administration), Chapter 34 (Law Enforcement) of the Code of Crestwood.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

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Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER A RAFFLE AND CHANCES LICENSE APPLICATION AND THE WAIVING OF THE \$500.00 BOND FEE. TO BE HELD AT LONGFORD PUB, 13815 S. CICERO AVE. FOR CRESTWOOD FAST PITCH SOFTBALL. A QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

A Motion was made by Trustee Wasag to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider a Raffle and Chances license application and the waiving of the \$500.00 bond fee. To be held at Longford Pub, 13815 S. Cicero Ave. for Crestwood Fast Pitch Softball. A Queen of Hearts Raffle.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 4

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Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

POLICE

POLICE – Trustee Benigno, Chairman

**VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITATION ACTIVITY REPORT –
CITATIONS ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED FOR APRIL, 2025 AS SUBMITTED BY CHIEF SISK.**

The Village of Crestwood Police Department Citation Activity report – Citations Issued/Fines Collected for April, 2025 as submitted by Chief Sisk was read by Trustee Benigno with the following highlights:

Citations Issued – Local Ordinance – 11

Parking – 74

Total Citations – 85

Fines Collected - \$9,780.00

Total Fines Collected of \$9,780.00

**VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR APRIL,
2025 AS SUBMITTED BY CHIEF SISK**

The Village of Crestwood Police Department Police Activity Report for April, 2025 as submitted by Chief Sisk was read by Trustee Benigno with the following highlights:

Total Arrests – 24

Crimes Against Persons – 22
Crimes Against Property – 30
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 44
Service Calls – 138

Total Miles driven by Squads and Jeeps of 14,673

RECREATION RECREATION – Trustee Skala, Chairman

No Report

HEALTH & SAFETY HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Benigno, Chairman

No Report

EMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – Trustee Caldario, Chairman (Trustee Benigno)

No Report

STREETS, LIGHTS & DRAINAGE STREETS, LIGHTS, & DRAINAGE – Trustee Skala, Chairman
STREETS, LIGHTS & DRAINAGE REPORT DATED, JUNE 5, 2025.

The Streets, Lights, & Drainage bi-monthly report dated, June 5, 2025 was read by Trustee Skala, highlighting the following work for the last several weeks:

- Maintained all Police, Fire, EMA and Public Works vehicles.
- Maintained all Village buildings and emptying exterior garbage cans.
- Worked on 21 streetlights throughout the Village.
- Checked storm sewers throughout the Village.
- Checked storm drainage outfalls daily.
- Jetted and cleaned 8 storm sewers and 2 Sanitary sewers
- Helped with meter reading.
- Worked on 8 fire hydrants and 89 valves
- Had monthly safety meetings and completed safety videos.
- Cleaned and straightened up public works building and yard.
- Cleaned Public works trucks and backhoes.
- Performed 62 JULIE requests throughout the Village
- Worked on street lights on Cicero Ave.
- Worked on 7 b-boxes and exercised them.
- Checked for leaks in 2 house.
- Repaired 2 storm water inlets.
- Repaired 6 sanitary sewer manholes.
- Cleaned 68 storm water catch basins
- Worked on pot holes and street repairs throughout the Village.
- Picked up garbage at Village buildings and parks.
- Worked on ADA bathrooms at Police Station remodel
- Painted walls, doors and trim at Police Station remodel

- Made shelving for second floor storage area at police station
- Cleaned inside of old Civic Center
- Cleaned garage at police station
- Worked on evidence rooms in Civic Center
- Worked on lawnmowers at PW
- Moved 42 loads of dirt to the dump
- Worked with Farnsworth on the street scape
- Fixed damaged fence at pump station
- Cleaned trucks and worked on equipment
- Worked on Concession stands at Ozinga Stadium
- Street sweeper cleaned East side and west side of Crestwood
- Worked on bathrooms at CaesarPark
- Worked on water fountains at Ozinga Field
- Pulled weeds around Village Hall, Police, Civic Center and Biela Center

**WATER &
SEWER**

WATER & SEWER – Trustee Pietrucha, Chairman

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT DATED JUNE 5, 2025

The Water Department report dated June 5, 2025, as submitted by Robert Knez, was read by Trustee Pietrucha, highlighting the following:

- Obtained 8 final readings
- Verified 4 meter readings
- Daily readings taken at pump house
- Maintenance performed on pumps
- Checked sanitary mainlines daily
- Located 279 requests for Village utilities per J.U.L.I.E. dig notice
- Replaced 10 transponders that were obsolete
- Water samples taken this period were satisfactory
- Worked on Scada water program system
- Worked on Flow meters for MWRD requirements.
- Tested generator equipment at pump house.
- Check Altitude Valve, pump maintenance, chlorine room and security of pump house
- Cleaned pump house

**APPOINT-
MENTS**

APPOINTMENT/PROMOTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A Motion to accept the following appointments:

1. Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

Timothy Arundel, 10401 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60655, @ \$15.45/hr to the part-time position of Seasonal Outdoor.

Brendan O'Connor, 14443 Renmore Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491, @ \$15.45/hr. to the part-time position of Seasonal Outdoor.

2. Village of Crestwood Police Department

Sandra Chaldez, 1250 Foxcroft Drive, Aurora, IL 60506, @ \$24.00/hr. to the position of part-time Officer.

Joseph Mudd, 10334 S. Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, IL 60655, @ \$24.00/hr. to the position of part-time Police Officer.

Bart Finnegan, 5265 Nicholas Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452, @ \$24.00/hr. to the position of part-time Police Officer.

Sarah Kreamalmeyer, 4915 W. 138th Court, Crestwood, IL 60418, @ \$21.36/hr. to the position of Part-time Auxiliary Officer

Lizahaira Mora, 16818 Shjerman Drive, Harvey, IL 60426, @ \$21.36/hr. to the position of Part-time Auxiliary Officer

“Subject to the filing of their Oath”

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Wasag

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

OATHS

ACCEPTANCE OF OATHS

1. A **MOTION** to approve the following Oaths:

June 5, 2025

Fire Department: Mark Taylor, Ben Gariti, Matthew Moss, Herbert Johnson, Ryan Jones, Patrick Fitzgibbons, Gabriel Ramirez, Steven Hanley, Mitchell Serrato, Daniel Klimson, Sean Fennessy, Michael Sim, Matthew P. Maty

Office: Christopher Newhall, Patrick Woytek, Patrick Serratore, Anthony Benigno, Farnsworth Engineering Group, Inc.

Police Department: Abdallah Abdelhamid, David Alexander, Michael Alexander, Robin Ballout, Jeffrey D. Bell, Kevin Benson, Christian D. Clark, Jordan Evans, Mary Ferguson, Mayada Hadad, Tyler B. Jones, Conor J. McHale, Sandra Moosmann, Timothy J. Nance, Heather Nelson, Robert J. Olson, Opaletta Oslakovich, Jennifer Quinlan, Arthur Roman, Arthur Ronan, Daniel Shepherd, Patrick R. Siemsen, Kevin Sisk, Christopher Soderlund, Angelina Summerfield, Lukasz Sztachelski, John Touhy, Garry Winer, Rich Wyman,

E.M.A. Dewayne Jozsa, Mark A. Cistaro, Sr., Nancy L. Cistaro, Cung Nguyen, Timothy J. Stoffregen, Mauricio A. Stoffregen, Fred Knight, Sheila Moore, Edward Moore, Richard Voris, Matthew Stevens, Deborah Peterson, Kevin Peterson, Willie Askew, Renee Askew, Sarah Kreamalmeyer, Danny Wright, Scott M. Lardenoit, Diane Caldario

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Wasag

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

1. None

**NEW
BUSINESS**

1. None

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Skala to adjourn the regular meeting of the Crestwood Village Board.

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 4

Trustees Benigno, Wasag, Skala and Pietrucha

Absent: 2

Trustees Madlener and Caldario

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Crestwood Village Board was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CATHERINE JOHNSON, Village Clerk

KENNETH KLEIN, Mayor

Date

