

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
April 1, 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 Services Director Bill Graffeo, Village Clerk Cathy Johnson, and HR/Finance Director Amy Roe

DISCUSSION ITEMS 1. Trustee Wasag voiced His concern regarding the work that has still not been complete on His street of Parkview Ct.. The frustration level is rising because of the long delay in getting started.

VILLAGE SERVICES DIRECTOR 1. The Streetscape on Cicero Ave. is moving along nicely.
2. At the Police department the evidence room is being worked on, as well as, the handicap bathrooms in the front.
3. The public works crew is painting in the Village Hall and doing a great job.

COMPTROLLER 1. None

HUMAN RESOURCES/ FINANCE COORDINATOR 1. Amy Roe was in attendance to field any questions regarding the upcoming appointments and salary schedule.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT 1. Board packet for the April 3, 2025 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S REPORT 1. The work at 135th and Cicero Ave. is moving along, they finally seem to have a little urgency.
2. They have also been working on Midlothian Tpk. and Cicero Ave.
3. The Mayor and Bill have been working hard to secure funding for the expensive project at RiverCrest Dr. and Cicero Ave. to add a turn lane into the new strip mall.
4. Mayor once again asked the Trustees opinion on hiring a lobbyist to help secure funding from the State for various projects. It would be \$60,000 per year.
5. The 1% grocery tax has gone into effect on April 1, 2025.
6. Question marks on whether Kohls and Target are staying open. Word in the news that some of these big box stores will be closing.
7. The Cricket store that left RiverCrest has moved in on the 141st block of Cicero Ave. We are glad they were able to stay in Crestwood.

8. The Lindy's that will be going in at 13960 S. Cicero Ave. has their permit and is ready to get going.
9. Mayor and Bill are still working on getting more business on the Cal Sag Rd.
10. Questions on the property at 14039-45 S. Cicero Ave.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. None

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. A Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Benigno to enter into an Executive session to discuss the discipline of a Specific Village Employee at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by; Trustee Caldario

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Benigno to leave the Executive session and return to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by; Trustee Caldario

Seconded by: Trustee Benigno

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Skala and seconded by Trustee Caldario All in favor. Motion carried.