

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
April 29, 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 and Village Clerk Cathy Johnson

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. None

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Village wide garage sale is scheduled for June 13 and 14, 2025.
2. Clean up day is scheduled for May 17, 2025.
3. The Police Union lost their most current arbitration regarding an overtime question.
4. The Plat of Vacation for the Tributary "C" on the Midlothian Tpk. is in the process.
5. The plan for the area located at 142nd and Pulaski Rd. is taking a different approach, as Com Ed is way to slow, saying several years, to get permission to utilize the easement under the Com Ed lines.
6. We will be meeting with the insurance agent to go over all the Village assets.
7. We are working on a new ordinance limiting the new CBD shops that are selling the gummies that look like candy, etc.

COMPTROLLER 1. None

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the May 1, 2025 Board meeting was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. 127th St is officially closed for bridge repairs at the Cal Sag Rd.
2. The Playfield area has conveyed several complaints. Worried that traffic will begin to filter through the neighborhood.
3. There will be no PACE service during the construction at that corner.
4. Possible completion not until the spring of 2026.
5. The River walk cleanup is scheduled for May 10th and the Village cleanup is scheduled for May 17th.
6. Interest from a data center for the East side of Cicero on the Cal Sag.
7. Working on beginning Phase III water improvements, as soon as, possible.

8. We have hired Jason Ty to lobby for us in Springfield. Also still contacting our representatives to touch base on possible funds also.
9. Mayor also commented on the visibility of the Police dept. They are doing a great job.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Wasag mentioned several problems to address:
 - A. The area on Central Ave. and 131st St. right next to the road is washed out and deep.
 - B. There are several golf carts, mini bikes and four wheelers driving around the Playfield area regularly.

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Chief Sisk was in attendance in order to swear in Rich Wyman as the new Division Chief. Quite a few members of the Police Department and Rich's family were in attendance to observe the swearing in. Division Chief Wyman's son was able to pin on the new shield. The Mayor and Board were pleased to be present for the swearing in.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. Resident Diane Taczy was in attendance with the following questions or comments:
 - A. Brought in several old articles about the Howell Airport and its closing.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Benigno All in favor. Motion carried.