

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
May 13, 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, Kevin Wasag, Frank Caldario, and Denise Pietrucha

Absent: Trustees Madlener and Skala

Also present: Village Services Director Bill Graffeo and Village Clerk Cathy Johnson

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. None

VILLAGE SERVICES DIRECTOR

1. With spring comes the problem of people not cutting their grass or taking care of their weeds and general maintenance of their yard. We have been hard at work to identify these people and issue warnings for them to clean up.
2. Still working on cleaning up the area next to the canal and there is a lot of dirt in that area, the Village could use a dirt pulverizer, as our current one is an old refurbished one that is breaking down.
3. Working a grant for the recreation center to build an additional building and some outside courts.
4. Looking to raise the annual stadium license from \$65,000 to \$100,000.
5. There is some money available from IDOT, which hopefully, we can use to repair RiverCrest Dr. and to install the new turn lane at 133rd and Cicero Ave.
6. Work is being done on the Police ordinances, regarding drag racing, parking, the impound of vehicles and any other outdated items.

COMPTROLLER

1. None

HUMAN RESOURCES/ FINANCE COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

1. Board packet for the May 15, 2025 Board meeting was distributed.
2. Approached the Board with an idea regarding having a celebration on Cicero Ave. upon completion of the streetscape. Where the businesses can offer discounts or other such things and can sponsor a flag on the new street lamps. In the planning stage with possible time frame of September, 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The Police Dept. has been issuing speeding tickets in the residential districts.
2. Clean up day on the Canal went really well. Many bags of garbage were picked

up by the 25 or so people that came out. Representative Casten came out to assist and show his support for the program

3. Bold Age Pace on 135th and Long Ave. is looking beautiful and ready to begin their business, as soon as, all their licensing is in order.
4. Pure paradise on 127th & Cal Sag Road is also moving along and looking good.
5. The streetscape is showing much progress and we are hopeful of a completion date in the next few months.
6. The public hearing for the new TIF on 141st – 142nd and Pulaski Rd. will be held on May 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Board meeting.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Pietrucha mentioned that the car dealer on Midlothian Tpk. and Pulaski Rd. (Chi-Town Motors) had all their cars removed.
2. Also the new restaurant La Gondola will be closing. They will be opening a different type of restaurant.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
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There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Wasag All in favor. Motion carried.