

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
September 16, 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. Resident Diane Taczynski was in attendance with the following items:
 - A. Complaint regarding garbage cans being left out and general upkeep of certain houses on her block.
 - B. Wondering if there is any update on the completion of the bridge on 127th Street, and when it might be opening.
 - C. Will the street lights on the Cal Sag be changed also?

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill Graffeo explained to the Board the time consuming problems he encounters on a daily basis. This one being the overcharging of Com Ed on the new installation of the light control boxes on Cicero Ave. at the three main intersections. Problems such as being charged before they were even up and running and charging large deposits.
2. The watershed project on Midlothian project, Phase 2, is close to being underway. We have received the grant money and along Bremen Township we will be paying for the engineering costs.
3. The property trade with Fred Jones is almost complete, just need to file the Plat of Vacation.
4. The grants for the infrastructure work to be done had to be resubmitted due to the time delay, but the money should still be coming.
5. We have two contracts in the works for property on Cal Sag just west of Aldi. Hopefully we can get these done and the property developed.
6. The Mayor and Bill will need to go downtown tomorrow for a meeting with our Attorney to close on the property on Pulaski Rd.

COMPTROLLER

1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for the September 18, 2025 Board meeting was distributed.
2. Cicero Avenue Celebration to be on October 25, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Mayor attended the annual Senior golf outing at Hollywood Park (At the Game) with the seniors. Everyone had a fabulous time and Hollywood Park goes above and beyond to make the day great. We very much appreciate their efforts.
2. Attorney Cainkar made Mayor aware of an issue with our tax levy and the error that has been in it for some time. A correction has been made and it will cause a loss of funds to our road portion of the levy.
3. Had a meeting downtown with Give to Get regarding the Pulaski property.
4. The new restaurant that bought At the Office, Fat Tommy's Bar and Grill should be opening soon. They are currently doing the hiring.
5. The Crave cookies and Total Wireless location next to Pot Belly's will be opening soon.
- 6 The Lindy's location at 13960 S. Cicero Ave. is still planning to open in December, 2025.
7. The MWRD meeting has been postponed until October 2, 2025 for the decision on the new businesses to go in next to Aldi.
8. Unfortunately the agreements made with the MWRD are quite unfriendly.
9. A longstanding business in Alsip, Stars & Stripes is interested in the property on the Cal Sag also.
10. Mayor had questions regarding the charges for the gaming machines.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. None

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Making plans for a pet parade in conjunction with the Cicero Avenue Celebration. on October 25th.
2. We will also be having a Halloween decorating house contest, again this year. Winners to be announce at the Board meeting on November 6, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Caldario and seconded by Trustee Benigno All in favor. Motion carried.