

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED
VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
13820 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
January 8, 2026 – 7:00 PM

**CALL TO
ORDER**

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

**ROLL
CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Trustees: Anthony Benigno, Linda Madlener, Kevin Wasag, Frank Caldario,
Brian Skala and Denise Pietrucha

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. A Crestwood resident was in attendance to ask the Mayor and Board if it would be considered to put in racquetball courts when the additions are made to the Recreation and Wellness Center. He said there is increased interest and decreased facilities.

**RECONVENE
BOARD
MEETING**

Mayor Klein called the regular Board meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

**VILLAGE
CLERK'S
OFFICE**

APPROVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 16, 2025.

A Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated December 16, 2025.

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

APPROVE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 18, 2025.

A Motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes dated December 18, 2025.

Motion by: Trustee Benigno

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE

REPORTS

BUILDING &

PLATS

Building & Plats – Trustee Madlener, Chairman

REQUEST THE CLERK TO NOTE THE CRESTWOOD PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2025, “AS A MATTER OF RECORD”

Request the Clerk to note the Crestwood Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled meeting minutes of December 8, 2025, “As a Matter of Record”.

BUILDING REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2025

The Building Report for the month of December, 2025 was read by Trustee Madlener with the following highlights:

Total Billed: \$6,290.00

Total Valuation: \$940,809.00

Number of Permits: 11

FINANCE

Finance – Trustee Pietrucha, Chairman

APPROVE AND PASS GENERAL FUND, MFT FUND, PLEDGED REVENUE FUND, WATER & SEWER FUND, VOUCHER LISTING, DATED 12/18/25, PAYROLL WARRANT, DATED 12/19/25, GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER LISTING, DATED 12/23/25, GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER LISTING, DATED 12/30/25

A Motion was made by Trustee Pietrucha to Approve and Pass General Fund, MFT Fund, Pledged Revenue Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Voucher Listing, dated 12/18/25, Payroll Warrant, dated 12/19/25, General Fund, Voucher Listing, dated 12/23/25, General Fund, Voucher Listing, dated 12/30/25.

Motion by: Trustee Pietrucha

Seconded by: Trustee Caldario

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

FIRE

Fire – Trustee Madlener, Chairman

No Report

**LICENSE &
ORDINANCE**

License & Ordinance – Trustee Wasag, Chairman

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR BUSINESS AT 4301 WEST 135TH STREET, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules of Order to consider an Ordinance granting a Special Use permit for an automotive repair business at 4301 West 135th Street, Crestwood, Illinois.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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A Motion to Approve and Pass an Ordinance granting a Special Use permit for an automotive repair business at 4301 West 135th Street, Crestwood, Illinois.

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF CLASS 8 STATUS PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE AS AMENDED FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 14001 S.KARLOV AVENUE, CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS

A Motion to Suspend the Rules of Order to Consider a Resolution approving renewal of Class 8 status pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance as amended for certain Real Estate located at 14001 S. Karlov Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried

**APPROVE AND PASS A RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF CLASS 8 STATUS
PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE AS
AMENDED FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 14001 S.KARLOV AVENUE,
CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS**

A Motion to Approve and Pass a Resolution approving renewal of Class 8 status
pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance as amended for
certain Real Estate located at 14001 S. Karlov Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois

Motion by: Trustee Wasag

Seconded by: Trustee Skala

Ayes: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

POLICE

POLICE – Trustee Benigno, Chairman

No Report

RECREATION

RECREATION – Trustee Skala, Chairman

No Report

**HEALTH &
SAFETY**

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Benigno, Chairman

No Report

EMA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – Trustee Caldario

No Report

**STREETS,
LIGHTS &
DRAINAGE**

STREETS, LIGHTS, & DRAINAGE – Trustee Skala, Chairman

STREETS, LIGHTS & DRAINAGE REPORT DATED, JANUARY 8, 2026..

The Streets, Lights, & Drainage bi-monthly report dated, January 8, 2026 was read by
Trustee Skala, highlighting the following work for the last several weeks:

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

Vehicle & Building Maintenance

- Maintained all Police, Fire, EMA and Public Works vehicles
- Maintained all Village buildings and empties exterior garbage cans
- Cleaned and organized the Public Works building and yard.
- Cleaned Public Works trucks, backhoes, and related equipment
- Cleaned the Police Station garage
- Greased and cleaned salt trucks and equipment

Streetlights, Streets & Stormwater

- Repaired or serviced 14 streetlights throughout the Village
- Performed additional streetlight work on Cicero Avenue
- Checked storm sewers Village wide
- Conducted daily inspections of storm drainage outfalls
- Jetted and cleaned 1 storm sewers
- Repaired 5 stormwater inlets
- Cleaned 9 stormwater catch basins
- Performed pothole and street repairs throughout the Village
- Completed 24 JULIE locate requests

Water & Sewer System Work

- Cleaned 2 sanitary sewers
- Worked on 4 fire hydrants and 32 valves
- Serviced and exercised 3 b-boxes
- Repaired 3 sanitary sewer manholes
- Investigated 3 residential leak report
- Performed sanitary drain and water line work at Ozinga Stadium
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Police Station Remodel

- Worked on the main entrance remodel
- Painted walls, doors and trim
- Started work in Police Garage
- Worked on Clerk's Office area

Additional Projects & Seasonal Operations

- Assisted with meter reading
- Held the monthly safety meeting and completed safety training videos
- Moved 27 loads of stone at Ozinga Stadium
- Moved 58 loads of gravel from Cal-Sag Road to the Public Works yard
- Hauled 9 loads of dirt to the dump
- Cleaned up Autumn decorations

- Coordinated with Farnsworth on streetscape planning
- Installed gas line components for Ozinga Field
- Performed snow removal during 3 winter event, applying 50 tons of salt
- Started taking down Christmas decorations at Village buildings

**WATER &
SEWER**

WATER & SEWER – Trustee Pietrucha, Chairman

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT DATED JANUARY 8, 2026

The Water Department report dated January 8, 2026, as submitted by Robert Knez, was read by Trustee Pietrucha, highlighting the following:

- Obtained 5 final readings
- Verified 3 meter readings
- Daily readings taken at pump house
- Maintenance performed on pumps
- Checked sanitary mainlines daily
- Located 210 requests for Village utilities per J.U.L.I.E. dig notice
- Replaced 4 transponders that was 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. Village of Crestwood Police Department

Alexandria Stergiopoulos, 11566 S. Nagle Avenue, Worth, IL 60482, to the position of part-time desk clerk @ \$19.00/hr.

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

Olivia Beltran, 5417 Janet Ct., Oak Forest, IL 60452, to the position of part-time Auxiliary Officer @ \$21.36/hr.

2. Village of Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

Faith Bruinius, 8950 Willow Glen Dr., Unit 204, Willow Springs, IL 60482, to the position of part-time building attendant @ \$19.23/hr.

Bridget Badke, 9521 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60643, to the position of part-time front desk @ \$15.45/hr.

“Subject to the filing of their Oaths”

OATHS

ACCEPTANCE OF OATHS

1. None

**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: 6

Trustees Benigno, Madlener, Wasag, Caldario, Skala
and Pietrucha

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

