

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
13800 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
March 3, 2026

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, Attorney Lauren DaValle, and
Village Clerk Cathy Johnson

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

1. Two members of the Elks Club were present and Rich Dykstra spoke regarding the new service industry for his business on Cicero and the new liquor license surcharge for the Elk's club. He listed the many good things that the Elk's club does for the Village and the surrounding communities. He does not feel the new charges are warranted and that his businesses should be exempt.

VILLAGE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

1. Bill reported that the Fire & Police Commissioner's started holding interviews for the lateral hire.
2. In the packet for this meeting is a new ordinance regarding the status of Commanders in the Police dept.
3. Every year we try to start the audit earlier so we can get it done on time. We are getting closer every year.
4. The Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center is moving one of it's part-time employees to full-time status, Faith Bruinius.
5. The Public Works department has repaired 2 main breaks in the past several weeks with speed and accuracy.
6. The Public Works dept. has been working at Ozinga Field, updating the stadium deck and adding new things for the kids.
7. Bill is going to get Com Ed to move their poles that are in the way where the new turn lane is going to go on 133rd & Cicero Ave.
8. Bella Brew has submitted their blue prints for the new location on the Cal Sag and the job is moving along.

COMPTROLLER 1. No Report

HUMAN
RESOURCES
FINANCE
COORDINATOR

1. No Report

VILLAGE
CLERK'S
REPORT

1. Board packet for March 5, 2026 was distributed.

MAYOR'S
REPORT

1. Mayor will be presenting Sean Casten with an honorary check for the Community Funding Grant we received from his office in the amount of \$250,000 on April 1, 2026.
2. Jason Tai our lobbyist is working diligently on monies for a new ambulance the addition or renovation to the firehouse and any other monies we can get for the water main replacements still needing to be done.
3. There several people interested in the old shuttle bus location on 127th St. for truck sales or just for storage/parking. Nothing solid yet!
4. The Mayor will be going to the MWRD meeting on Thursday again for the final vote on whether the liquor store can go in on the Cal Sag Rd.
5. Mayor has noticed the large amount of debris blowing around the Village and asked for a letter to go to the businesses on Cicero and RiverCrest in particular to try and keep their property and surrounding area clean.
6. Lindy's has opened and is still busy completing some things, but good to have them open for business.

VILLAGE
ATTORNEY

1. No Report

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

1. Trustee Wasag asked the Mayor and Board again regarding Dr. Noriega and his Medical business on RiverCrest Dr. in regards to the Service industry fee.

NEW
BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the new Collective Furniture Store and its Vendors that rent space at his warehouse. What type of business license they should have and what requirements the Village will have regarding food, jumpy houses etc.
2. Trustee Skala had some information on a Smart Cities app that has data centers and might be interested in a portion of the East side of Cicero Ave.
3. Mayor said that 1-55 truck is also interested in the east side of Cicero for truck parking and will assume the lease.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

1. None

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1. None

ADJOURN
MENT

There being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.. The Motion was made by Trustee Benigno and seconded by Trustee Caldario All in favor. Motion carried.