

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE – President Kolosh, Trustees Kaye, Hudson, Ehlers, Pisarzewski, Kolosh, Atkinson; Assistant Public Works Superintendent Roberts; Police Chief G. Beckman; Recreation Director Dunlop; Fire Chief Habecker; Building Commissioner Oberman.

Also in attendance: Administrator D. Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner.

Absent: Treasurer Frye.

President Kolosh welcomed the Panozzo family to the meeting this evening. He announced that there will be a special proclamation made to Pete Panozzo at the Regular Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kolosh asked for public comment. There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-State Disposal Contract Renewal – Trustee Pisarzewski reported the Board had been provided a proposal for the renewal of Tri-State Disposal's contract with the Village of Thornton. Tri-State provided three options: The current rate is \$20.63. Option 1 would be \$19.91 per home/unit and the service would remain the way it is now. Option 2 would upgrade the 35-gallon recycling toter to the 90-gallon recycling toter with a total cost of \$20.83 per unit. Option 3 would be the same as Option 2 except Tri-State is proposing a \$14,000 allowance for the demolition of two single-family residential structures in Thornton. This would be a five-year agreement during which they would raise the rate four percent annually.

Attorney Dillner commented the Village went with the current vendor after it was bidded out. This contract started at \$17.53/month in 2008, and is currently \$20.63, so it's gone up about one-and-a-half percent per year. This proposal has a 4 percent fixed cost raise which seemed excessive to the attorney. He suggested the Board review this contract and to continue to talk with Tri-State. There is also the possibility the contract can be bid out. Trustee Pisarzewski commented this cost is coming out of the property taxes, so it should be increased as little as possible. President Kolosh stated, past practice, Tri-State has provided the best job for the dollar as far as demolitions. After Board discussion and audience comment, consensus of the Board leaning toward Option 2. Administrator Beckman will contact Tri-State and continue contract negotiations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Frye, Administrator Beckman will give the Treasurer's Report at the Regular meeting. He apologized to the Board for not including the Treasurer's report and cash position in the packet on Friday or on the correspondence sheet. Trustee Atkinson commented the monthly cash position was available but not the current cash position sheet.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

American Legion TIF Agreement – Attorney Dillner prepared a TIF agreement for the American Legion based upon the Board's direction, and it will be on the agenda for approval at the Regular meeting. Attorney Dillner thought there was enough differentiation between the American Legion and a regular business to justify reimbursing 100 percent and not setting a precedent. It's a relatively low reimbursement amount. Trustee Atkinson stated the Board has had discussions in the past that, in all TIF agreements, applicants should be liable for at least 10 percent. President Kolosh stated there is no precedent setting because the American Legion is a not-for-profit and gives so much back to the community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Line Item Adjustment Request – Administrator Beckman reported there was some work done for the audit Treasurer Frye needed funded, so a transfer from the contingency fund is being requested. Also, the Police Department has had excessive vehicle maintenance this year and our K9 has had some health issues which sent that line item over, so it is requested to transfer money from motor fuel to cover those items. Under memberships, South Suburban Task Force changed the way they did billing and the Village received the 2014 bill in May and the 2015 in January which sent that line item over, so that money will be coming out of the printing line; and due to the staffing problems at the Police Department, overtime has increased greatly so a transfer is being recommended to transfer this from the regular salary line item. There were no questions from the Board regarding any of these transfers.

Mad Bomber Contract – As discussed at the last meeting, Administrator Beckman will be asking for approval of the Mad Bomber Contract at the Regular meeting. The cost will be \$7,500 each year for the next three-year period.

Water Fund – Administrator Beckman put together a water chart and summarized it for the Board. The water fund is currently under funded. On the front of the chart, are some costs that were incurred last year and some recommendations to raise revenue at the top. On the back there is an analysis of what's currently billed out, how much is taken in as water revenues, and what is spent. He asked the Board to review this information and encouraged any Trustees to contact him with any questions. Administrator Beckman will be putting together a proposal for the next Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kolosh will have a few announcements at the Regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pisarzewski thanked Public Works for keeping up with the snow and taking care of the town.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to adjourn the Committee meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk