

## VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

### MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 6, 2015

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kolosh asked for public comment on any item not listed on the agenda. There was no comment.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

**MWRD Update** – Engineer Hus reported on a new MWRD Ordinance and its effects on all MWRD tributary Villages, including Thornton. He distributed copies of a presentation regarding this ordinance (attached); and reviewed for the Board what is going to be required from Thornton.

Engineer Hus stated, basically, MWRD is mandating that every tributary Village institute annual inspection and reporting programs aimed at reducing and eliminating sources of I&I. Thornton will be required to physically inspect 2-3 percent of their sanitary system annually, report on those inspection findings, and repair any high-priority deficiencies found within a certain amount of time, depending on the defect.

In speaking with Superintendent Oberman, Engineer Hus stated annual inspections performed already by the Village will be applicable toward compliance. These mandates are unfunded. Ultimately, no MWRD permits will be issued to any town that is not in compliance.

Trustee Pisarzewski commented the Village of Thornton has been proactive since it started working with MWRD years ago. Extensive work has already been done by the Village on its sewer mains, and much of the system has been replaced. The storm and sewer systems are separated; so Thornton has a good jump on these mandates. Superintendent Oberman stated he is in the process of getting pricing together for the manhole inspections and doing the repairs of what was found in the first inspection last year. The sanitary manholes and repairs will be complete, and be under the amount budgeted for this year.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**FY '16 Appropriation Ordinance** – Attorney Dillner reported the Board had the public hearing, so it's okay to pass the Appropriation Ordinance tonight. Basically, it's the same as what was distributed at the last meeting with the addition of the library numbers. Also, Attorney Dillner stated the contingency fund was added and budgeted at \$75,000; and the water and sewer from the draft ordinance were combined into one.

**2014 Plumbing Code Ordinance** – Attorney Dillner provided an ordinance which by reference adopts the 2014 version of the Illinois Plumbing Code. The original Illinois Building, Electrical and Plumbing codes are very voluminous, so they are adopted by reference. Basically, their code is our code.

**TIF Agreements – Rodzilla Properties** – Attorney Dillner stated he is still working on the Rodzilla Properties TIF.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**IML Conference** – Administrator Beckman reminded the Board the IML conference will be held in Downtown Chicago at the Hilton from September 17th to the 19th. If any trustees are interested in attending, he asked they let the clerk know as soon as possible.

**Rain Barrel IGA** – Administrator Beckman stated he emailed the trustees a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD regarding free rain barrels. A resident can get up to four rain barrels for his home at no charge.

**Chicago Heights Water Bills** – Administrator Beckman stated Thornton received an invoice from Chicago Heights for April in the amount of \$17,925.68. Thornton also received an updated March bill in the amount of \$7,772, because they billed Thornton at the incorrect rate. These bills do not appear on the voucher list.

For the Board's information, from this point forward, the only water bills that will appear on the voucher lists are the ones Thornton is releasing; because it must appear on the voucher list to have a check issued. There will be a memo to the Board of the water bills that will be held, and the water bills that are scheduled to be released will be on the voucher list for Board approval.

**Work at North Pump House** – Administrator Beckman commented the North Pump House has fallen into a state of disrepair. The proposal from Sarros Excavating, Inc. is for \$8,000, total labor and materials. Trustee Atkinson asked the purpose of the steel plate that is to be removed. Superintendent Oberman couldn't find any documentation as to why they used a steel plate. The guess is they were probably short when the foundation was built; but now it's expanded and lifting the bricks. The steel plate will be taken out, tuck-pointed and re-grouted.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kolosh has a few announcements but will bring them up at the Board meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hudson announced the food vendor at the Farmers Market will be Linnie Ques, which should hopefully work and be a regular.

### NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman was called by Mr. Serna, who purchased 315 N. Hunter a couple years ago. He would now like to build a house on this property and wanted to know if the Board would consider extending his reimbursement agreement. He will work with Attorney Dillner to draft a proposal for the Board to review. Attorney Dillner suggested for Mr. Serna to at least get a building permit or submit something to the Board to show he is going to build this house for his parents.

### 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 7:37 p.m.

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Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk