

## VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2015

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

President Kolosh led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants and military, sick and recently deceased; and especially for Trustee Ehlers' great-granddaughter who has been recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

#### ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: President Kolosh, Trustees Kaye, Hudson, Ehlers, Pisarzewski, Kolosh, Atkinson; Building Commissioner Oberman; Fire Chief Habecker; Assistant Public Works Superintendent Roberts; Police Chief G. Beckman; Recreation Director Dunlop. Also in attendance: Administrator D. Beckman; Attorney S. Dillner.  
Absent: Treasurer Frye.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of January 5, 2015, as presented and place on file.  
All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2015, as presented and place on file.  
All in favor.  
Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Administrator Beckman asked the Correspondence list be amended to include the December 31, 2014, Treasurer's Report.  
Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to accept the Correspondence as amended, and place on file.  
All in favor.  
Motion carried.

#### VOUCHERS

**Line Item Adjustment Requests** – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve the line item adjustments as requested in his January 16, 2015 memo to the Board; specifically, to increase the Audit fund (01-53-7069) by \$250 and decrease the Contingency fund (01-73-8006) for actuarial work regarding the audit; to increase Vehicle Maintenance (01-67-7002) by \$3,000 and Canine (01-67-8012) by \$2,000 and decrease the Motor Fuel fund (01-67-7002); to increase Memberships (01-67-8002) by \$1,000 and decrease Printing (01-67-7067); and increase

Salaries-Overtime (01-67-6002) by \$30,000 and decrease regular Salaries (01-67-6001). This is due to a shortage of officers in the Police Department necessitating the need to pay overtime.

Motion by Trustee Kolosh, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the line item adjustments as indicated in Administrator Beckman's January 16, 2015, memo to the Board.

AYES – Trustees Kolosh, Kaye, Atkinson, Hudson, Ehlers, Pisarzewski.

NAYS – None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, for the warrants to be drawn, the Vouchers paid and placed on file for audit.

Trustee Atkinson stated she will not approve the vouchers without a current cash position statement.

AYES – Trustees Pisarzewski, Ehlers, Hudson, Kaye, Kolosh.

NAYS – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### **Proclamation of Appreciation**

President Kolosh thanked Arlene Hudson for initiating the whole process of having the Village recognize outstanding Thornton residents.

President Kolosh thanked Mr. Pete Panozzo and his entire family and their friends for attending the meeting this evening. On behalf of the Village of Thornton and after reading the Proclamation of Appreciation, President Kolosh presented Mr. Panozzo with the document honoring many of his accomplishments.

Mr. Panozzo commented he has been in Thornton for 58 years, and thanked the Village for presenting him with this honor. He then sang "Our Kind of Town, Thornton Is" to those in attendance.

President Kolosh called for a 15-minute break at 7:40 p.m. to allow those in attendance to congratulate Mr. Panozzo, take pictures and enjoy refreshments.

President Kolosh resumed the Regular Board meeting at 8:02 p.m.

##### **Proclamation of Appreciation** – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to approve the Proclamation of Appreciation for Pete Panozzo, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### **December, 2014, Financial Report** – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman reported, as of December 31, 2014, the Village's cash position was \$2,075,209.49. The General Fund had a cash position of \$1,356,886.56. This is the eighth month of the fiscal year, so the remaining budget variance should be around 33.4 percent.

In the General Fund, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$137,846.61. The Village should be receiving property tax money when the bills come out – either late February or early March.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the December, 2014, Financial Report, as presented.

AYES – Trustees Pisarzewski, Kaye, Kolosh, Hudson, Ehlers.

NAYS – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

#### ATTORNEY’S REPORT

**American Legion TIF Agreement** – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated before the Board is a Redevelopment Agreement between the Village and the Thornton American Legion. Under the TIF law, prior to passing any redevelopment agreement, a public hearing needs to be held.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Dillner called the Public Hearing to order at 8:06 p.m.

Notice of the Agreement was published in the local newspaper. Anyone with competing projects was invited to submit proposals. The deadline was at 4:30 p.m. today, January 21<sup>st</sup>. There were no other proposals submitted.

Attorney Dillner asked if there was anybody in the audience that would like to submit a competing proposal for the American Legion work. The Agreement provides for reimbursement of certain kitchen and heating equipment for the American Legion, not to exceed \$6,800. There was no response from the audience.

Attorney Dillner closed the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m.

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Attorney Dillner stated before the Board is a Redevelopment Agreement providing for reimbursement of TIF eligible expenses to the Thornton American Legion on Williams Street.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the American Legion TIF Agreement, as presented.

AYES – Trustees Pisarzewski, Kaye, Kolosh, Atkinson.

NAYS – Trustee Ehlers.

ABSTAIN – Trustee Hudson.

Motion carried.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**Mad Bomber Contract** – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve the Mad Bomber Contract. This same company has provided the Village's fireworks display for quite a few years. The contract is for \$7,500/year for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Kolosh, to approve the Mad Bomber Contract, as presented.

AYES – Trustees Kaye, Kolosh, Hudson, Atkinson, Pisarzewski, Ehlers.

NAYS – None.

Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

No report.

## NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman reminded everyone of the Methodist Church Dinner tomorrow evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kolosh reviewed some grants received by the Village in the last six or eight months. There was a parks grant for \$60,000 that was submitted in 2007 which the Village has not received any money from. Staff is still working on trying to secure these funds.

President Kolosh reported that in 2013 the Village submitted a Street Resurfacing Grant for \$175,000. The Village of Thornton was awarded \$43,750 in September; and last Thursday, the Village received a check for \$131,250 to close out the grant. There is also a \$30,000 Street Resurfacing Grant that was submitted in 2014 by James Hus, the Village's Engineer. There was a check for \$7,500 that was awarded in November; and the final payment of \$22,500 is expected in February of 2015. President Kolosh especially thanked Melissa Doud for her contributions in obtaining some of this grant money. He also thanked Administrator Beckman for having the foresight to send so many of our employees to the Grant workshop in Chicago Heights last summer. It was very beneficial.

President Kolosh announced he will be out of town from February 17 to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, a motion was made by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to adjourn the Regular meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.