

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MARCH 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

President Kolosh led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for recently deceased Thornton residents, including Mrs. Carol Bambulis; and prayers for our sick, especially Trustee Ehlers' great granddaughter, and a speedy recover for Trustee Hudson's sister-in-law, and our public servants and military.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of February 17, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Ehlers, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Correspondence as presented, and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

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

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

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Works Superintendent Appointment – No public comment.

President Kolosh asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Russ Oberman as Public Works Superintendent.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the appointment of Russ Oberman as Public Works Superintendent, with the terms presented at the Committee meeting.

Administrator Beckman reported the PW total salary including IMRF, medicare and taxes will be \$83,860. He will get a copy of Mr. Oberman's resume to the Board.

Ayes – Trustees Piszewski, Kaye, Kolosh, Hudson, Atkinson, Ehlers.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

Clerk Piszewski administered the oath to Russ Oberman, the newly appointed Public Works Superintendent.

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION – Chaplain Gerard commented he has enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with John Levon. He is dedicated, given much time to the ESDA program and loved by his co-workers. This is truly owed to him. He has a good heart and is a good representative of the Village.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Proclamation for John Levon, as presented.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

After reading the Proclamation of Appreciation, President Kolosh presented John Levon with the document honoring many of his accomplishments with the Village of Thornton.

Mr. Levon thanked everyone for their support throughout his years here with the Village. He hopes to continue to serve and guide as much as he can.

President Kolosh called for a 15-minute break at 8:05 p.m. to allow those in attendance to congratulate Mr. Levon, take pictures and enjoy refreshments.

President Kolosh resumed the Regular Board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clock Tower Repair – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the second option on the proposal for a total cost of \$5,845, to be taken out of the Downtown TIF, as presented.

Trustee Ehlers asked if repairs could be done within 30 days, if possible. Trustee Atkinson confirmed that the clock will have the same face, just new internals and new dials.

Ayes – Trustee Hudson, Kaye, Atkinson, Ehlers, Kolosh, Piszewski.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

Generator Repair – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the repair of the generator behind Village Hall at a cost of \$2,972.11, as presented at Committee.

Ayes – Trustees Hudson, Kaye, Ehlers, Piszewski, Kolosh, Atkinson.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

Tri-State Disposal Contract – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to direct Attorney Dillner to draft a contract approving the option two proposal from Tri-State Disposal which includes the bigger recycle bins.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported, as discussed at Committee, before the Board is a Resolution adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to approve the Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented at Committee.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

Energy Settlement – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported this is a settlement with Azavar relating to the Nicor Natural Gas Use Tax audit. He asked for a motion for the Village to enter into the settlement agreement.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to enter into the settlement agreement regarding the Nicor Natural Gas Use Tax, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Water Meter Reader Replacement – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman requested a motion to replace the current Water Meter Reader device and accessories at a cost of \$5,495.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the replacement of the current Water Meter Reader device and accessories at a cost of \$5,495, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

MCSI Contract – No public comment.

In response to Board discussion at Committee meeting, Administrator Beckman commented that Assistant Police Clerk Oberman is only aware of the MCSI settling one bill and wiping out one other because the person was deceased. This occurred over the five-year span the Village has been using MCSI. The reduction in cost and adding comptroller's language are good reasons for the Board to approve the contract at this time.

Motion by Trustee Ehlers, seconded by Trustee Piszewski, to approve the MCSI Contract, as presented.

Ayes – Trustees Ehlers, Piszewski, Kolosh, Atkinson, Kaye, Hudson.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

Local Government Distribution Fund Resolution – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman explained this is a Resolution basically stating the Village Board of Thornton does not want the governor to cut Thornton's state income tax by 50 percent.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the LGDF Resolution, as presented.

Ayes – Trustees Hudson, Kaye, Atkinson, Kolosh, Piszewski, Ehlers.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman reminded those in attendance that the water rates will be going up in the next billing cycle. If you are south of I-80, it will be \$8.91/1000 gallons; and north of I-80 will be \$10.22/1000 gallons. This is a result of the rates being increased by South Holland and Hammond.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman announced the Village is now able to take Visa as a form of payment, and the rate is lower than what was previously charged by the E-pay program.

Administrator Beckman commented that the April 6 meeting is right before election day. There is always the need of the election people to get into the Board room early; so he is asking for Board discussion at the next meeting to possibly move the April 6 Committee meeting to 6:00 p.m., and the Board meeting to 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

President Kolosh stated the Spring Village Wide Garage Sale is set for May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers dinner meeting is to be held Thursday, March 19, at Glenwoodie. If any trustees are planning to attend, please inform the Clerk by Friday, March 6.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.