

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MARCH 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

President Kolosh led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for recently deceased Thornton residents; and our public servants and military.

ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: President Kolosh, Trustees Kaye, Hudson, Pisarzewski, Kolosh, Atkinson; Public Works Superintendent Oberman; Fire Chief Habecker; Police Chief G. Beckman; Recreation Director Dunlop.

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

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of March 2, 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 March 2, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Kolosh, 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, Atkinson.

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harcros Donation – No public comment.

Mr. Dan Aring, Operations Manager for Harcros Chemicals, commented that, since Harcros has been pursuing moving their business to Thornton, their company has received lots of cooperation from Village staff. Harcros wholeheartedly believes in giving back to the community; and he introduced Bob Fitzgerald, District Manager for Harcros Chemicals, and Steve Weigel, also from Harcros. Mr. Fitzgerald stated, as a chemical plant, the fire department is typically the first responder. He presented Fire Chief Habecker with a donation of \$5,000 for the Thornton Fire Department. On behalf of the Village, President Kolosh thanked Harcros Chemicals for their contribution.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February, 2015, Financial Report – No public comment.

Treasurer Frye reported the overall cash position of the Village as of February 28th was \$2,154,478.36. The General Fund had a cash position of \$1,214,366.16. This completes the tenth month of the fiscal year, so the remaining budget variance should be around 16.67 percent. Overall revenues for the General Fund are at \$2,678,119.58 and expenditures are at \$2,662,080.75 showing an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$16,038.83.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the February, 2015, Financial Report, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Soltis Family Distillery Inducement – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported, as discussed at Committee, before the Board is an Inducement Resolution for the Soltis Family Distillery, pending an actual contract, as discussed at Committee.

Motion by Trustee Kolosh, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Inducement Resolution for the Soltis Family Distillery, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

American Legion TIF Reimbursement – No public comment.

Trustee Atkinson questioned whether there needs to be a motion for this reimbursement because it was already approved with the vouchers. Attorney Dillner commented making a motion clarifies the Board's intentions.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kolosh, to approve the American Legion TIF reimbursement in the amount of \$2002 to bring the American Legion's fire system up to code, as discussed at the Committee meeting.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Salvation Army Request – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman requested a motion to allow the Salvation Army to conduct "Donut Days" and "Red Kettle Campaign" for 2015, with the same restrictions imposed by the Board in 2014.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to allow the Salvation Army to conduct their events in 2015 with the same restrictions as imposed in 2014.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Building Commissioner Appointment – No public comment.

President Kolosh recommended the appointment of David Habecker as Building Commissioner. Chief Habecker served as the Building Commissioner when he was employed by Flossmoor.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the appointment of David Habecker as Building Commissioner for the Village of Thornton.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Beckman was proud to announce that the Village of Thornton once again received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association award for 2014.

Administrator Beckman thanked Public Works Superintendent Oberman for all his help with the Recreation Center. It's really looking good. President Kolosh also thanked everyone involved in the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pisarzewski asked Public Works Superintendent Oberman to start getting together a list of roads in Thornton that are in bad shape and need repair.

Administrator Beckman stated yard waste pickup begins after April 1st.

Administrator Beckman stated Christmas decorations will be taken down tomorrow (Tuesday).

Administrator Beckman asked the Board to move the next Committee meeting on April 6 to 6:00 p.m., and the Board meeting to 6:30 p.m. This time change would be to help accommodate the election people that have to set up for the April 7 election. Administrator Beckman mentioned, from this point forward, this time change will be for any time there is a meeting on Monday with an election on Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kolosh asked for a motion to convene into Executive session, to discuss the potential sale of property, not to exceed 15 minutes, with no action to be taken.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Hudson, for the Board to convene into Executive session, as discussed.

Ayes – Trustee Pisarzewski, Hudson, Kaye, Kolosh.

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Absent – Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh convened into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

President Kolosh reconvened the Regular Board meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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 8:41 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk