

# VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 4, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 9:46 p.m.

### PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Trustee Kolosh led the pledge to the flag. President Kolosh followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our recently deceased or sick residents in the Village of Thornton.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of April 20, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kolosh, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to accept the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 27, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Abstain: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Trustee Kolosh, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, 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.

Trustee Atkinson thanked staff for noting the payments for fiscal years '15 and '16.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## OFFICIAL RESULTS OF APRIL 7, 2015 ELECTION

Motion by Trustee Kolosh, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to certify the official results of the April 7, 2015, Municipal Election, as presented.

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

Nays – none.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh thanked Trustee Dave Kolosh for his service to the Village for the last four years. He then welcomed Dave Hudson, Debra Paris and Ernest “Bo” Kaye as recently elected Village of Thornton Trustees. Clerk Pisarzewski administered the oath to the three trustees; who then presided for the remainder of the Board meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

## ENGINEER’S REPORT

No Report.

## ATTORNEY’S REPORT

### **Menards Purchasing Agreement & Resolution**

Public Comment - Judy Diekelman, 809 Cherry Lane, stated she only attended the meeting tonight to ask for a town hall meeting for transparency to let the residents know the facts.

Marty Pratchard, 44 Chippewa Drive, he also asked for a town hall meeting so the residents could be represented.

Linda Kammertt, 36 Arapaho Drive, stated she doesn’t feel like this is her town anymore. The residents are only asking for a meeting. President Kolosh commented he has lived in Thornton for 39 years and loves the Village. The difficult decisions come with his position, and the positions of the Board.

Jack Swan, 223 North Hunter, commented it’s sometimes difficult for Board members to make decisions. He came here this evening to ask the Board to hold a town hall meeting. He asked for the trustees to do the right thing and vote for a meeting.

Trustee Hudson stated then Mayor Swan voted against a town hall meeting for the senior center.

Leonard Jamrock, 101 North Kinzie, stated this town hall meeting has nothing to do with the last one. There should be a town hall meeting if the people want it.

Harry Nelson, remarked Homewood does not own the quarry going to Halsted Street. The portion of the road on 175<sup>th</sup> immediately behind the fence is Thornton. Why can’t Thornton make a road going around 175<sup>th</sup> Street to Halsted?

Colleen Schickel, 17440 Chicago Road, stated she has lived in Thornton her whole life and felt like everyone here was family. The town hall meeting is something that definitely needs to be done because there are a lot of residents interested in the outcome.

Shiela Glynn, 119 Indianwood, commented Village residents get robocalls for a pancake breakfast or something at the Legion. Why can't there be a robocall for a meeting that residents may be very interested in. Secondly, there is a Village of Thornton Newsletter and a website which says "Have a Happy Spring!" Why couldn't there have been something on there about a big important meeting at the Village Hall. There is no communication.

Attorney Dillner reported, as discussed in Committee, the Resolution authorizing entry into the Menards agreement is before the Board.

Trustee Atkinson commented this is a once in a lifetime decision. Once this property is sold, this road will never be put back. The residents deserve to be heard.

Trustee Pisarzewski believed there should be a town hall meeting to explain to the residents, if this road closure does not go through, there will be higher taxes that need to be paid for Thornton to keep the road open. The state wants to put a traffic light at Ridge and Brown Derby with street lights down Ridge Road, which Thornton residents will have to pay half of. Engineer Hus provided figures for the Board that equated to close to \$800,000 to fix Brown Derby Road in the near future. He asked what it would hurt not to vote on this tonight and hold a town hall meeting, if that's what the residents want. Let the residents know exactly what this is going to cost each household in this town.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the Resolution to enter into the Menards purchasing agreement, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to table this discussion until after a town hall meeting can be conducted so the residents have all the information.

Ayes – Trustees Atkinson, Pisarzewski, Paris.

Nays – Trustees Kaye, Ehlers, Hudson, President Kolosh.

Motion failed.

Attorney Dillner reported the motion to table discussion failed. The motion on the floor is to approve the Resolution authorizing the signing of the Menards purchasing agreement.

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

Nays – Trustees Atkinson, Pisarzewski, Paris.

Motion carried.

### **Homewood Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution** – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated, as discussed at Committee, the second Resolution before the Board authorizes Thornton to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Homewood for sales tax sharing pertaining to the Menards expansion.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Paris, to table this discussion until after a town hall meeting can be conducted so the residents have all the information.

Ayes – Trustees Atkinson, Paris, Pisarzewski.

Nays – Trustees Ehlers, Hudson, Kaye, President Kolosh.

Motion failed.

Attorney Dillner reported a motion would be in order to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Homewood.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Homewood for sales tax sharing pertaining to the Menards expansion, as presented.

Trustee Ehlers commented the Village explored trying to open Bretz Drive with Homewood; the Village looked at having the road go straight. He felt this is the best opportunity for the Village to get something from this deal. He appreciates everyone's work on this and supports this motion.

Trustee Atkinson thought passing this without the IDOT information for that road and putting this in place is trying to influence the IDOT decision to be made differently than it possibly would have been made without the agreement. This does not serve the public.

Ayes – Trustees Hudson, Kaye, Ehlers, Pisarzewski.

Nays – Trustees Paris, Atkinson.

Motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**Vehicle Sticker Prices** – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman read the increased vehicle sticker prices: Automobile from \$15 to \$20; senior/disabled from \$1 to \$5; motorcycle from \$10 to \$15; RV from \$30 to \$35; transfer from 50 cents to \$5; A-truck \$25 to \$30; B-truck \$70 to \$75; C-truck \$85 to \$90.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to increase the Thornton vehicle sticker prices, as presented.

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

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

**Public Works Vehicle Purchases** – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the purchase of a 3-ton dump truck Public Works had requested to replace the 21-year old vehicle they currently own.

Trustee Atkinson commented the Village is spending money that hasn't been received yet.

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

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the purchase of the Public Works Superintendent's utility response vehicle for the quoted price.

Trustee Atkinson commented the Village is spending money that hasn't been received yet.

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

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Appointments** – No public comment.

President Kolosh recommended the following appointments:

Village Administration

Doug Beckman, Administrator  
David Habecker, Fire Chief  
Sharlee Dunlop, Recreation Director

Glenn Beckman, Police Chief  
Russ Oberman, Supt. of Public Works  
Debra Pisarzewski, Collector

Melissa Doud, Executive Asst./Dep. Clerk	Arlette Frye, Treasurer
David Habecker, Building Commissioner	Bernie Lubawy, Electrical Inspector
Jerry Tienstra, Plumbing Inspector	Jon Koniarski, TEMA Coordinator
Scott Dillner, Village Attorney	David Brauer, Administrative Adjudicator
James Hus, Village Engineer	Edwin Lugowski, Jr., Village Architect

Planning and Development Commissioners (2 year terms)

Maribel Lorenzo, Marge Loitz and Fred Walker.

Trustee Appointments

Trustee Kaye, Public Safety	Trustee Pisarzewski, Streets & Sanitation
Trustee Hudson, Buildings & Grounds	Trustee Atkinson, Recreation
Trustee Paris, License & Utility	Trustee Ehlers, Econ. Dev. & Budgeting

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the aforementioned appointments.

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

Nays – None.

Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

No report.

### NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Hudson welcomed newly elected Trustee Paris.

President Kolosh announced the Village Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 until 4:00. Anyone wishing to participate, call the clerk's office.

President Kolosh invited everyone to enjoy refreshments in the hallway.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

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Robert Kolosh, Village President

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Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk