

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Trustee Paris led the pledge to the flag. President Kolosh followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military and Baby Emma Goza, the great granddaughter of Tom and Kathy Ehlers; and our sick, including John Levon.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski.

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

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of May 4, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Ehlers, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

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

Trustee Atkinson did not view the vouchers and asked questions regarding some of the scheduled payments. She was particularly concerned because some department totals went over budget.

There was a bill from Harris dated from February which is included in the vouchers for FY '16.

Treasurer Frye explained this bill is for services for the 2016 fiscal year; but she will look into this.

Ayes – Trustees Kaye, Ehlers, Paris, Hudson.

Absent – Trustee Pisarzewski.

Nays – Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Department Promotions – No public comment.

Fire Chief Habecker was proud to promote two people from the Thornton Fire Department. This began a while ago when the department started a restructuring. The goal was better call management and better overall control over operations.

Art Schweitzer is being promoted to captain. Art started with the Thornton Fire Department in the mid-90s as a cadet. He’s worked as the fire inspector; and for about the last year, he has been working with the training program. Art is a certified fire officer one with the office of the State Fire Marshall, which involves a lot of training.

Glenn Schlessler has been with the Village of Thornton Fire Department for about five years. He was promoted to Lieutenant about two years ago. He has taken over the paramedic program. He is an EMS officer; and has taken over training. He also schedules paramedics for the ambulance.

Glenn is a certified fire officer one; but he just finished his certified fire officer two program.

Fire Chief Habecker presented the Captain badges to Fire Captain Art Schweitzer and Fire Captain Glenn Schlessler, who each had his respective wife pin the badge in place.

On behalf of the Board, President Kolosh thanked Art and Glenn for their hard work and dedication.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the promotions of Art Schweitzer and Glenn Schlessler to Captains, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

April 2015 Financial Report – No public comment.

Treasurer Frye stated the April 2015 report is a preliminary report. The overall cash position of the Village is \$2,770,137.95. The General fund has a cash position of \$1,695,172.82. Currently, the General fund is showing an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$424,789. The position of the water fund has already been discussed at Committee. It’s up to the Board whether it wants to vote to accept this report or use it for informational purposes until the final is available. Attorney Dillner recommended the Board wait for the final report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

587-589 N. Williams Street Variance – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported there is an ordinance before the Board regarding a variance at 587-589 North Williams. If there are no questions, a motion would be in order to pass the ordinance with the modifications discussed in Committee.

Motion by Trustee Ehlers, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Ordinance for the 587-589 North Williams Street variance with the modifications as discussed; specifically, adding Restriction 14, which would be no outside storage of vehicles.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

Village Sticker Ordinance – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported this ordinance adjusts the price of vehicle stickers in the Village of Thornton. The Board passed the changes at the last meeting, and the ordinance implementing the changes is before the Board for approval.

Trustee Atkinson asked what is Permit Section 9-1-2b. Attorney Dillner responded this is an ordinance that allows the parking of commercial vehicles in a driveway.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to approve the Village Sticker ordinance as modified.

Ayes – Trustee Kaye, Ehlers, Atkinson, Hudson, Paris.

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Piszczewski.

Motion carried.

Surplus Ordinance – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated before the Board is an ordinance that authorizes the sale of surplus Village property. The ordinance declares the property surplus and authorizes the sale of the property listed in Section 1 of the ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the Surplus Ordinance, as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Trustee Piszczewski.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

No report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Kolosh reported Public Works Superintendent Oberman hired a new full-time employee. After an extensive interview process, Superintendent Oberman felt Colleen Hill was the best candidate for the position. President Kolosh congratulated Colleen on behalf of the Board. He also thanked Superintendent Oberman for all the time he put into this hiring process. Public Works is now at full staff.

President Kolosh thanked Fire Chief Habecker for getting approval for Thornton’s Hazardous Mitigation Plan. It was approved through FEMA. This makes Thornton eligible for hazardous mitigation assistance grants through September of 2019.

The Village of Thornton received a really nice letter from the Village of Oak Forest for the hard work and professionalism of Thornton’s ESDA members. He thanked Janet Carlson, and asked her to pass along his thanks to the rest of the team.

This Friday is the first annual Memorial Day Breakfast the Village will be providing for all Thornton veterans. President Kolosh invited all trustees and department heads to also attend the breakfast. It’s going to be at Jimbooo’s at 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 25. Homer Dillard has spent a number of hours coordinating the parade; and President Kolosh invited everyone to come out and celebrate our veterans. The Parade kicks off at 2:00 p.m.; ending with a special ceremony in front of the Village Hall, and hot dogs at the Fire Department. Line up for the parade is between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Lastly, President Kolosh reminded the trustees the SSMMA dinner meeting is Thursday, May 28 at the Olympia Fields Country Club. Trustees should let Clerk Pisarzewski know if they are planning to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk