

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JUNE 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Trustee Hudson led the pledge to the flag. President Kolosh followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our recently deceased and our sick.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

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

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of May 18, 2015, as amended and place on file.

Trustee Atkinson amended the minutes to read “previous Chicago Heights water bills have been included in the report.”

All in favor.

Abstain: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Abstain: Trustee Pisarzewski.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

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

Administrator Beckman clarified the March , 2015, Chicago Heights water bill will be held; and the July, 2014, will be paid.

Ayes: Trustees Pisarzewski, Hudson, Ehlers, Paris.

Nays: Trustee Atkinson.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Anderson Reinhold, 106 East Harriet Street, stated her concerns about traffic on Harriet Street that enter in and exit Jimbooo's Restaurant. Also, why the Village blocked off the entire street on this side of the tracks on Juliette which inconveniences the residents. She commented the no-horn area for the trains should be enforced better; and the guardrail behind Jimbooo's has become a parking lot making it difficult for area residents to back out of their driveways. She requested that practice be stopped.

Ms. Reinhold continued that older houses in Thornton, such as the one owned by the Pisarzewski's, should be fixed up. There is federal aid available for the upkeep of such homes. Additionally, she is concerned with the removal of trees in the parkways throughout the Village. Why is this being done? Lastly, she suggested the Village put together a festival to raise money.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICERS

President Kolosh asked for any public comment regarding the swearing in of the two new police officers. There was no comment.

Police Chief Beckman introduced James Mullins and Kevin Paluch who are the two recently hired full-time Village of Thornton police officers. He summarized a little of each officer's background. President Kolosh commented how great it is that the two officers decided to work here in Thornton.

Clerk Pisarzewski administered the oath of office to Officer James Mullins and Officer Kevin Paluch; after which a five-minute recess was had for the taking of pictures at 8:10 p.m.

President Kolosh resumed the Regular Board meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chicago Heights Water Bills – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked the Board for a motion to hold the March, 2015, Chicago Heights water bill that was passed on the vouchers in the amount of \$14,842.57; and release the July of 2014 Chicago Heights water bill in the amount of \$17,276.95.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to release for payment the July of 2014 Chicago Heights water bill in the amount of \$17,276.95; but to hold the March of 2015 water bill in escrow, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Pisarzewski, Ehlers, Paris, Atkinson, Hudson.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

New A/C for Police Department – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked the Board for approval of the emergency air conditioning unit at the Police Department. The proposal is from D&K Sheet Metal in the amount of \$6,500.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to approve the proposal from D&K Sheet Metal for a new air conditioner at the Police Department in the amount of \$6,500, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Hudson, Pisarzewski, Atkinson, Paris, Ehlers.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kolosh commented on all the positive feedback the Village has received regarding the Veterans Breakfast and Memorial Day Parade. There were a total of about 28 people who attended the breakfast, and everyone talked, interacted and enjoyed.

President Kolosh was also proud of the sense of community pride Village residents displayed for our veterans during the Memorial Day Parade. He would like to thank everyone involved.

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 Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to adjourn the Regular meeting.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Kaye.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Clerk