

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Trustee Atkinson led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants and military, our recently deceased including resident Jenny Compos, and our sick.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of June 15, 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 June 15, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Trustee Atkinson to accept the Correspondence with the omission of Number 10 because the Appropriation Ordinance was not provided to the Board before the meeting.

President Kolosh stated the correspondence sheet lists the ordinance as being provided the 6th, which is today; and it was provided to the Board before the meeting today. After Board discussion, President Kolosh called for a second to the motion. Hearing no second, the motion failed.

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

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

Nays: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Chicago Heights Water Bills – No public comment.

As part of the vouchers, Administrator Beckman asked for the Board to approve paying the previously held August, 2014, Chicago Heights water bill in the amount of \$17,050.86; and he will later ask for a motion to hold the newest water bill from Chicago Heights.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to include the August, 2014, Chicago Heights water bill in the amount of \$17,050.86 in the vouchers for approval by the Board tonight.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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 stated she will be voting no because there were manual checks issued without approvals.

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

Nyes – 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

No reports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

FY '16 Appropriation Ordinance – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported the Appropriation Ordinance is before the Board for approval.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to approve the FY '16 Appropriation Ordinance, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

2014 Plumbing Code Ordinance – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated this Ordinance incorporates the 2014 Illinois State Plumbing Code as the plumbing code for the Village of Thornton.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the 2014 Plumbing Code Ordinance, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Rain Barrel IGA – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion from the Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD, providing for rain barrels to Thornton residents, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Thornton and MWRD, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

North Pump House Repairs – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for Board approval of the \$8,000 estimate for repairs to the North Pump House, as discussed in Committee.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to approve the \$8,000 estimate for repairs to the North Pump House, as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Pisarzewski, Ehlers, Paris, Atkinson, Kaye, Hudson.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Chicago Heights Water Bills – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked the Board for a motion to hold the new Chicago Heights water bill from April of 2015 in the amount of \$17,925.68; and the second bill for March with the updated amount of \$7,772.00.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to hold the Chicago Heights water bill from April of 2015 in the amount of \$17,925.68; and the March, 2015 additional charge in the amount of \$7,772.00, as presented.

Trustee Hudson asked Attorney Dillner to clarify why Thornton just doesn't pay any of the bills until this situation is remedied. President Kolosh commented the attorney wanted the amount Thornton is holding near the amount the auditors have said Chicago Heights owes Thornton. Administrator Beckman commented, in case this ever does go to court, the Village showed good faith in that it's only holding what's due.

Attorney Dillner reported the contract does provide for a late fee, so that's why we are paying the late bills first. The contract also states Chicago Heights can shut off the water. The contract also says, if they ever have questions about Thornton's ability to pay, they can request money be escrowed. Trustee Ehlers asked if the Village expected the addition to the March, 2015 bill that was received. Attorney Dillner stated any increase that is passed onto Chicago Heights is passed onto Thornton.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kolosh thanked Mad Bomber and the Stonerock family for putting on a great fireworks display on the 4th of July. He also thanked the Village entire staff for their involvement in getting the celebration in order.

President Kolosh will be going out of town Wednesday, July 8, and will return July 27.

Next month, the Village is planning two proclamations: One for Mr. Willing on August 3rd; and one for Irv and Ruth Roberts, who will be married 75 years this month.

President Kolosh reminded the Board Mr. Yavenue's 90th birthday party is Saturday at the Legion from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Larry Zastro was recommended for a proclamation at a future time.

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

All in favor.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk