

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: President Kolosh; Trustee Ehlers.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Appropriation Hearing of July 6, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 6, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Paris, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of July 6, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

All in favor.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Motion by Trustee Hudson, 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, in the vouchers e-mailed to her for review, it did not contain any of the ComEd bills.

Upon a request by Trustee Atkinson, Treasurer Frye explain the pay-back to the Thornton Library; touching on the personal property replacement tax received from the State. The Village receives this tax and must give the Library their share of this tax. It's typically paid out at the end of the fiscal year; and is reflected as a payable to FY '15.

Ayes: Trustees Hudson, Kaye, Paris, Piszewski.

Nays: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen Reinhold, 106 East Harriet Street, Thornton, Illinois. She expressed her concerns about the removal of the tree at 102 Harriet Street, and why she must complete a Foia to get information. Administrator Beckman explained it's a state law. She also expressed her concern regarding parking on Harriet Street along the railroad barriers and cited sections of the Village Code which enforces no parking there. Additionally, according to the Village Code, the cars that are parked there are double parked. Administrator Beckman will ask the Police Chief to enforce having cars park strictly along the curb in that area.

Ms. Reinhold stated she was told, if someone walks around the barriers over the tracks, they are trespassing. There is no warning telling people they are trespassing. Administrator Beckman commented the railroad is responsible for that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2015 Financial Report – No public comment.

Treasurer Frye reported, as of June 30, 2015, the Village's overall cash on hand was \$2,449,528.32. The General Fund had a cash balance of \$1,386,850.27. As requested, the utility billing accounts receivable balance is \$17,732.31. This is the second month of the Village's fiscal year, so the remaining percentages in the variances should be around 83 percent to be on target for the year. In the General Fund, the revenues for the month of July were \$247,567 with expenditures of \$414,592. This is the period of the year where there is very little tax money coming in. The water fund revenues were \$89,906 with expenditures being \$51,548; but this doesn't reflect the outstanding water bills that are being contested.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the June, 2015 Financial Report, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Hudson, Kaye, Piszewski, Paris, Atkinson.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

IDOT Resolution – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to approve the IDOT Resolution as discussed at the Committee meeting. This Resolution allows the Village of Thornton to do work on State routes within the Village without having to go through their permitting process.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Paris, to approve the IDOT Resolution, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

Historical Society Air Conditioning – No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Atkinson, to accept the proposal from D&K Sheet Metal, and to pay 100 percent of the \$3,800, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Ehlers.

Motion carried.

Boardbook – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman will get more information for the Board before asking for a vote on purchasing the Boardbook program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Acting President Pisarzewski stated, at the first meeting in August, the Board will be recognizing long-time resident and veteran Don Willing.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hudson commented that the Farmers Market is doing well this year.

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 Kaye, to adjourn the Regular meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Pisarzewski adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk