

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Kolosh called the Meeting to order at 7:50 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 especially Roland Carlson and our sick.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Police Chief G. Beckman.

PRIDE IN PROPERTY

On behalf of the Planning and Development Commission, Sue Hanson and Marge Loitz presented the 2016 Pride in Property Awards.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 3, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to accept the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of August 3, 2015, as presented and place on file.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, 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.

Administrator Beckman stated there were two bills for work done on the Scada System that should have been taken out of the water account. So ATSI invoice 4893 and the Philips Electrical invoice should be moved to 02747075, which is Water Professional Services.

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

Nays: Trustee Atkinson.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Andersen-Reingold, 106 E. Harriet Street, applauded the newest Village bulletin on the color format and the amount of information that was contained therein.

Also, she questioned the amount of money the Village was due to receive from the sale of Brown Derby Road. Administrator Beckman stated it's \$406,000 from Menards.

Tom Nason, 117 Laura Lane, suggested the money from Menards for Brown Derby Road should be given back to the residents to make this right. Administrator Beckman stated the Village Board wanted to make sure that money was designated for future capital improvements. It has not been allocated for any specific project at this point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2015 Financial Report – No public comment.

Treasurer Frye reported, as of July 31, 2015, the Village's overall cash position on hand was \$2,471,344.08. The General Fund had a cash balance of \$1,333,298.01. This is the third month of the Village's fiscal year, so the remaining percentages in the variances should be around 75 percent to be on target. In the General Fund, the revenues for July were \$562,649 with expenditures of \$782,167; with excess expenditures over revenues of \$219,518.

The auditors were in last week to do their field work. They should be getting back to Treasurer Frye with any proposed adjustments. Based on Trustee Atkinson's request, Treasurer Frye will be providing the Board with a revised year-end report.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the July, 2015 Financial Report, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Rodzilla Redevelopment Agreement – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported before the Board is a Redevelopment Agreement with Rodzilla Properties for the location at 525-599 North Williams. This agreement is for improvements to the parking lot, the parking lot drainage, and remodeling two units, based upon a minimum project cost of \$79,210. The total amount available for reimbursement is \$30,645. There were no competing proposals submitted to the Village. The only addition to the Agreement will be to add Exhibit C which will be the proposals received by the developer for each of the four aspects of the project.

Motion by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to approve the Redevelopment Agreement with Rodzilla Properties, for a total reimbursement of \$30,645, as presented.

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

601 Williams Street Special Use – No public comment.

After a brief presentation by John Melendez of JDM Collision Inc., Trustee Atkinson asked if there were any restrictions placed on the business such as hours of operation, the number of vehicles allowed to be parked outside, etc., like other similar businesses in the area had. Attorney Dillner commented the other businesses were in the Shoemake building where parking is not very plentiful. This building is to the north of that; and he is purchasing the property, not renting. Mr. Melendez stated there may be inoperative vehicles stored in the back lot; but for the most part, vehicles come in and parts are ordered so there is a nice, clean schedule and they don't get overcrowded. Also, hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays are strictly for estimates and deliveries to customers.

Trustee Ehlers attended the Planning and Development Commission hearing. Mr. Melendez conducted a very professional presentation; and the material he provided was excellent.

Attorney Dillner stated this ordinance allows a Special Use to Mr. Melendez and his business at 601 Williams Street.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the ordinance allowing for a Special Use to JDM Collision, 601 North Williams Street, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

No Cash Bid Resolution – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner reported before the Board is a Resolution which authorizes the Village's participation in Cook County's No Cash Bid Program for the property at 106 South Wolcott.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Ehlers, to approve the No Cash Bid Resolution, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

MWRD Real Estate Contract – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated, as discussed in Committee, before the Board is a Resolution which authorizes the transfer of Village-owned property to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. It's property located at the north portion of the north lobe, roughly 16800 Vincennes. It involves three parcels owned by the Village, a portion of an alley, and a portion of Michigan Avenue which is currently not used. The purchase price is \$5.00/sf which calculates to \$108,315.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Pisarzewski, to approve the Resolution allowing for the Village of Thornton to enter into a Real Estate Contract with MWRD for a total price of \$108,315.00, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Brown Derby Road Vacation and Transfer – No public comment.

Attorney Dillner stated there is an ordinance before the Board which vacates a portion of 175th Street and Brown Derby Road; and transfers the vacated property to Menards, Inc. The vacation is contingent upon Menards paying to the Village the sum of \$406,000.

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hudson, to approve the Brown Derby Road Vacation and Transfer Ordinance, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Kaye, Hudson, Ehlers, Pisarzewski.

Nays: Trustees Paris, Atkinson.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Cherry Lane Block Party – No public comment.

Administrator Beckman asked for a motion to allow the residents of Cherry Lane to have a block party on Saturday, August 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Cherry Lane Block Party on August 22nd, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anniversary Proclamation – No public comment.

President Kolosh asked for a motion approving the proclamation for Irv and Ruth Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were nominated by Ray Zander. The couple recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Motion by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Paris, to approve the Anniversary Proclamation for Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, as presented.

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

President Kolosh commented the Village newsletter was recently distributed, and a great job was done by Ms. Dunlop and Ms. Doud, and Village staff. It contained lots of helpful information.

Thornton Township is holding their annual picnic this Thursday at Nason Park from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers next dinner meeting will be September 10. If any trustees are interested in attending, please let Clerk Pisarzewski know by this Friday.

President Kolosh mentioned the IMLRMA Municipal Conference is September 17, 18 and 19. If anyone is interested in attending, please let the clerk know.

Wolcott School is back in school this Thursday. Make sure to look out for the students and crossing guards.

Lastly, President Kolosh announced the grand opening for Harsco Chemicals will be on Wednesday, August 26. Thornton is very excited to have Harsco Chemicals in town. They have done a tremendous amount of renovations and it's absolutely beautiful.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Atkinson mentioned, since the Board is moving toward the Boardbook program, she would like the administration to develop policy and procedures so the Board knows what will be distributed through Boardbook, what will be distributed through emails, how the community will access the information, etc. Administrator Beckman stated he will be sure to include that information in the next newsletter; and there will still be paper copies available in the hallway during the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Ehlers announced, besides the township doing the picnic at Nason Park for our Village residents, on Saturday, the township is having their program for all township residents at the main township facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

President Kolosh adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Robert Kolosh, Village President

Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk