
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

President: Dominick

Town Clerk: Punzo-Arias

Trustees: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Thereupon, President Dominick declared a quorum present and the meeting duly convened and requested that all present in attendance stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(184-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #23, dated December 7th, 2023, in the total amount of \$2,369,086.06, the list of manual checks dated November 22, 2023 thru December 7, 2023 in the total amount of \$103,111.40, and list of online payments dated November 22, 2023 thru December 7, 2023 in the total amount of \$56.35, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(185-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,704,539.86 & Library \$24,529.24*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 12-7-2023; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

REPORTS

(186-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Collector's Office Report (*\$86,194.64*) and the Revenue Summary Report (*\$643,656.76*) for the month of November/2023, submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on filed; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

("O" 73-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, for the Town (*Amount to be raised by taxation \$40,460,062.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

("O" 74-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave For All Workers Act for the Town (*It has been declared that in the best interest of the Town to clearly define the paid leave benefits that Town employees shall receive and to opt out of the Illinois Paid Leave For All Workers Act (820 ILCS 192/1 et seq.)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“O” 75-23)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance adopting an Information Security Policy for the Town (*Department of Housing recommends that the Town adopt a privacy policy for non-public financial information of program applicants and other individuals who provide non-public financial information to the Town*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“O” 76-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 70-23 (*Entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-465 And Section 2-860.4 Of The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero, Regarding The Senior Advisory Board And The Stormwater Advisory Board For The Town of Cicero, County Of Cook, State Of Illinois”*) by correcting a scrivener’s error contained therein for the Town was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 168-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the purchase of a property, worker’s compensation, and liability insurance policy with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (*ICRMT*) for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 169-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the purchase of a cyber security insurance policy with Chubb Insurance Co. for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 170-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Resolution authorizing and approving a quote from A Beep, LLC for equipment for the Town (*Funded through the FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program for updated radio equipment as listed in Exhibit A*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 171-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving a certain invoice from the Chicago Police Training Academy for the Town (*Total amount:\$15,730.00 for basic police training of five (5) police recruits*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 172-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying a Public Water Supply Loan Application for the Town (*Seeking funding through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Loan (PWSL) Application for an estimated cost of \$9.3 Million, to conduct the required removal and replacement of known lead service lines*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 173-23)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying an application for grant funding from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board for the Town (*Seeking grant funding through the Illinois Law*

Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB) National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) Advance Working Capital Grant for an estimated cost of \$25,000), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(“R” 174-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case Olivia Sandoval V. The Town of Cicero for the Town (*Case No. 2022-L-002544*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

(187-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, authorization was given to the Town Clerk’s Office for the issuance and payment of a List of Bills / Warrant to be voted on at the next scheduled meeting; action taken by following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(188-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Porod, authorization was given for the crossing guard holiday pay (*\$100.00 stipend for each crossing guard*); action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

(189-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, authorization was given to the Cicero Police Department to modify police uniforms; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

President Dominick opened the meeting to the public for their comments.

Public Relations Director Ray Hanania reported on the December 8th multi-dwelling fire that left several families homeless and thanked the Town & its residents for their quick response to provide aide to the victims. He highlighted on how the Town Chaplain Ismael Vargas & Director of Mental Health/General Assistance Carolyn Arias overseen the swift distribution of donations to the victims and their assistance in finding them immediate temporary shelter.

Town Chaplain Vargas, also, highlighted on how the Town as a whole came together; from donations of clothing and necessities, to the many Parent Patrol volunteers that came to their aide in sorting and prepping of all the donations to make ready for distribution. He reported on how the Clergy Committee too, came to the aide by providing 2 to 3 families each, additional services. Town Chaplain Vargas thanked Town Clerk Punzo-Arias for being there and showing support.

Trustee Porod commended Town Chaplain Vargas and Director of Mental Health/General Assistance Arias on a job well done in helping the victims of the fire and noted that they not only helped the victims but their pets as well.

Trustee Vargas thanked Town Chaplain Vargas and Director of Mental Health / General Assistance Arias for their service and congratulated Public Relation Director Hanania in getting the news coverage for the clothes drive.

Resident Ernestine Charles thanked President Dominick and Mrs. Dominick for the services provided to the seniors.

Resident Frank Kraut thanked the Town for their efforts in getting the help for those residents effected by the recent summer flood and fire. He, also, thanked Senior Services Department(s) for their generosity.

Resident Steve Waldenga reported on December 7th, an app on his phone alerted him three (3) times that Israel was being bombed by Hamas and appreciated that the Town had the flags half-mast.

President Dominick thanked the Cicero Fire Dept. for the handling and taking care of three (3) fires that had occurred in a matter of eleven (11) days. He, also, thanked the Cicero Police Dept. for the arrest of one (1) of six (6) men involved in the multitude of armed robberies taking place throughout the city and suburbs.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the board then stood adjourned at 10:25 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK