
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

President: Dominick
Clerk: Punzo-Arias
Trustees: Cava, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas.
Absent: Trustee Cundari – Excused, Trustee Virruso - Excused

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 Vargas, the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

Town Clerk Punzo-Arias stated, for the record, Agenda Item 6(D) entitled “An Ordinance Declaring A State Of Emergency And Ordering The Reduction Of Liquor License Hours Of Operation For The Town Of Cicero, County Of Cook, State Of Illinois” had been stricken from the agenda per President Dominick.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(51-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #7, dated April 4, 2024, in the total amount of totaling \$1,325,335.84; the list of manual checks dated March 22, 2024 thru April 4, 2024 in the total amount of \$919,778.11, and list of online payments dated March 22, 2024 thru April 4, 2024 in the total amount of \$159.80, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(52-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,765,650.96 & Library \$23,398.74*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 3-07-24; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(53-24)

By Trustee Cava:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of March/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,470,027.78, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

Which was on motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(54-24)

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of April/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$46,591.20, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

Which was on motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(55-24)

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of April/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$5,518.11, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

Which was on motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

PERMITS

(56-24)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Our Lady of Charity School to host their Our Lady of Charity Spring Fundraiser Dance event on Saturday, April 20th from 7 PM to 11:59 PM.

(57-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Our Lady, the Mystical Rose Parish to host their Mi Kermes Parish Festival in the church parking lot, as follows:

Starting	Thursday, May 30 th , 2024	Times: 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM
	Friday, May 31 st , 2024	Times: 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM
	Saturday, June 1 st , 2024	Times: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Ending	Sunday, June 2 nd , 2024	Times: 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

(58-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Porod, permission was granted to Walmart Supercenter #3004 to host their Walmart Mobile Wellness event in the front of the store along the sidewalk located at 3320 S. Cicero Ave, on Sunday, May 5th and Monday, May 6th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

ORDINANCES

(“O” 19-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a printer for the Rodent Department (*One (1) Kyocera printer from EverBank N.A.; final payment amount of \$3,801.64*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“O” 20-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance authorizing, approving, and ratifying the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement (*It provides emergency telecommunications personnel and resources to a stricken unit of local government when natural or man-made occurrences create emergencies that exceed the resources, equipment and/or Telecommunications personnel of that unit of local government*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“O” 21-23)

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Porod, the Ordinance amending Chapter 94, entitled “Traffic”, Section 94-276 entitled “Parking In Municipal Parking Lots” of the Code Of Ordinances of the Town Of Cicero, Illinois regarding parking in municipal parking lots for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(Purpose of Ordinance)

(The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 94, Section 94-276 of the Town Code to update the existing regulations regarding parking restrictions and fees for the municipal parking lots located in the Town and to authorize the President and other Town officials to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance).

Section 94-276: Parking In Municipal Parking Lots.

- (a) Commercial vehicles, vehicles of the second division and tow trucks, as those terms are defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code (65 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.), are prohibited from entering, stopping, standing and parking in municipal parking lots and at all other property now or hereafter owned and/or controlled by the Town of Cicero, regardless of the designation of such property as a parking lot. Notwithstanding the forgoing, commercial vehicles, vehicles of the second division and tow trucks which have been issued a parking permit by the town collector may park in the municipal parking areas commonly known as the L-Strip and the municipal parking lots where such parking is authorized by the town

~~collector. set forth below and designated as Lots A, B, C, D and E.~~ The town collector is authorized to oversee permit parking in municipal parking lots and shall create any policies and guidelines deemed necessary in his or her sole discretion in order to effectuate the purpose of permit parking in municipal parking lots. Applicants for municipal parking lot permits shall comply with all policies, rules, and guidelines set forth in the permit application provided by the Collector's office.

- (b) Vehicles of the second division having class B registration and vehicles making a delivery or service call to a municipal building are exempt from subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) All vehicles are prohibited from parking in all municipal parking lots and at all other property now or hereafter owned and/or controlled by the Town of Cicero, regardless of the designation of such property as a parking lot, for a period of time exceeding 23 consecutive hours. With the exception of subsections (d) and (e) of this section, any vehicle parked in any municipal parking lot and at any other town owned property between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. must display a valid town vehicle sticker.
- (d) No person shall park a vehicle in that certain parking lot located at 2525 South Laramie Avenue for a period of more than one hour between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Any vehicle parked in such lot between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. must display a valid town vehicle sticker. Notwithstanding subsection (f) of this section, any person parking a vehicle in violation of this subsection (d) shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each violation. In addition to these penalties, any vehicle parked in violation of this subsection (d) is declared to be a hazardous vehicle and is subject to immediate tow without prior notice in accordance with the procedures for towing hazardous vehicles as set forth in division 7 of this article.
- (e) No person shall park a vehicle in those certain parking lots designated as Lots A, B, C, D and E as set forth below for a period of time exceeding 23 consecutive hours. Any vehicle parked in such lots between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. must display a valid town vehicle sticker, a valid permit parking sticker or a valid guest parking pass as set forth in Chapter 106 Article II. Vehicles that are parked with a guest parking pass are valid so long as the vehicle is not registered to the town. Any person who shall purchase from the town a permit parking sticker for the municipal parking lots designated Lots A, B, C, D and E shall be exempt from the parking limitations in this section. ~~A decal shall be supplied by the town collector's office which shall be affixed to the vehicle being parked in the lower right hand corner of the inside of the glass of such motor vehicle.~~ The fee for such permit shall be \$1 daily, \$30 monthly or \$360 annually or as otherwise for town residents parking passenger vehicles and \$100 monthly per space for all others. established by the town collector.
 - (1) *Lot A.* The municipal parking lot located at the southeast intersection of 50th Avenue and 26th Street shall be designated Lot A. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in those spots designated for permit parking unless they have a valid permit parking sticker and a valid town vehicle sticker, if required, issued by the town collector's office.
 - (2) *Lot B.* The municipal parking lot located at the southwest intersection of 50th Avenue between 26th Street and West 25th Place shall be designated Lot B. Permit parking shall be based on signage. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in those spots designated for permit parking unless they have a valid permit parking sticker and a valid town vehicle sticker, if required, issued by the town collector's office.
 - (3) *Lot C.* The municipal parking lot located at the northwest intersection of 50th Avenue and 25th Place shall be designated Lot C. Permit parking shall be based on signage. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in those spots designated for permit parking unless they have a valid permit parking sticker and a valid town vehicle sticker, if required, issued by the town collector's office.

- (4) *Lot D.* The municipal parking lot located at the southwest intersection of 50th Avenue and 25th Street shall be designated Lot D. Permit parking shall be based on signage. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in those spots designated for permit parking unless they have a valid permit parking sticker and a valid town vehicle sticker, if required, issued by the town collector's office.
- (5) *Lot E.* The municipal parking lot located at the southeast intersection of 50th Avenue and 25th Street. Permit parking shall be based on signage. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in those spots designated for permit parking unless they have a valid permit parking sticker and a valid town vehicle sticker, if required, issued by the town collector's office.

Notwithstanding subsection (f) of this section, any person parking a vehicle in violation of this subsection (e) shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each violation. In addition to these penalties, any vehicle parked in violation of this subsection (e) is declared to be a hazardous vehicle and is subject to immediate tow without prior notice in accordance with the procedures for towing hazardous vehicles as set forth in division 7 of this article.

- (f) With the exception of subsections (d) and (e) of this section, any person parking a vehicle in violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$750.00 for each violation. In addition to these penalties, any vehicle parked in violation of this section is declared to be a hazardous vehicle and is subject to immediate tow without prior notice in accordance with the procedures for towing hazardous vehicles as set forth in division 7 of this article.

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 35-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution supporting House Bill 5345 for the elimination of the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers for the Town (*The Corporate Authorities urge the General Assembly and the Governor to enact House Bill 5345 to eliminate the tip credit, offer a fairer wage for tipped service industry employees, and give a much-needed boost to the restaurant industry*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“R” 36-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an agreement with ADB Entertainment, Inc. for festival services for the Town (*Main Stage sound equipment, video screen and tents of the Cinco De Mayo Festival 2024 (May 2nd thru May 5th), Cicero Fest 2024 (June 27th thru June 30th), Mexican Independence Day Festival 2024 (September 12th thru September 15th) and Houby Fest 2024 (October 3rd thru October 6th)2024 Cicero Fest (July 11th thru July 14th) and the 2024 Houby Fest (October*

3rd thru October 6th)), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 37-24)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution appointing Gene Talsma as Deputy Superintendent of the Gang Crimes Unit was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 38-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 24-24 and authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Klandestino Entertainment, Inc. to provide services to the Town (*Musical artist engagement services, 2nd sound stage, lighting and sound equipment for the Cinco De Mayo Festival 2024 (May 2nd thru May 5th), Cicero Fest 2024 (June 27th thru June 30th), Mexican Independence Day Festival 2024 (September 12th thru September 15th) and Houby Fest 2024 (October 3rd thru October 6th)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 39-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution correcting a scrivener’s error in Resolution no. 23-24 regarding certain agreements with Entertainment Management Group to provide services to the Town (*Logistical supervision of musical concert of the 2024 Cicero Fest (correcting July 11th thru July 14th to **June 27th thru June 30th**) and the 2024 Houby Fest (October 4th thru October 6th)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“R” 40-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an agreement with Frontline Security Inc. to provide services to the Town (*As listed in Exhibit A*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“R” 41-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation in the case of William Dukes V. Town of Cicero for the Town of Cicero, (*Case No 2021 CV 3672*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 42-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation in the case of Luis Roldan V. Town of Cicero for the Town of Cicero, (*Case No 2017 CV 03707*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 43-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing and approving a Firearm Revocation Enforcement Grant application to the Illinois State Police for the Town (*Funding for local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with ISP regarding enforcement operations against persons whose Firearm Owner’s Identification Cards (FOID cards) have been revoked or suspended*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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

*Cicero Flood Advisory Committee member Frank Kraut provided a summary of an ongoing issue with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's recent construction of their railyard and its connection to the excess water seen in the Cicero's streets and sewer system. He, also, reported on what the Town has done to address the matter as to date. **This was a committee report summary not public comment.*

Young comic book business owner invited President Dominick and the Town Board to one of their movie events at the Hawthorne Works AMC movie theatre. President Dominick advise them to speak with Town Collector Fran Reitz to arrange something with the Morton College to host their future events.

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the board then stood adjourned at 10:30 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK