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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

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The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, November 14th, 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, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

## ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

### **(171-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #21, dated November 9, 2023, in the total amount of \$1,808,909.86, the list of manual checks dated October 21, 2023 thru November 6, 2023 in the total amount of \$4,424.00, and list of online payments dated October 20, 2023 thru November 9, 2023 in the total amount of \$96.60, 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

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### **(172-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,667,993.02 & Library \$24,542.68*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 11-06-2023; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## ***PERMITS***

### **(173-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Our Lady of Czestochowa & Charity Parish to conduct (1) religious procession on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 starting at 2:00 PM on the route outlined in their request.

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### **(174-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Our Lady, the Mystical Rose Parish to sell alcohol at their event “Marian Council Christmas Dinner” on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the Mary Queen of Heaven School Gymnasium (5300 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Place).

## ***REPORTS***

### **(175-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Collector’s Office Report (*\$112,001.96*) and the Revenue Summary Report (*\$884,797.10*) for the month of October 2023, submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on file; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## ***RESOLUTIONS***

### **(“R” 150-23)**

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 Juan Soto V. The Town of Cicero et al. (*Case #2019-CV-08504*) for the Town of Cicero was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 151-23)**

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 Adam Marcolini V. The Town Of Cicero (*Case # 2021-L-001867*) 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

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**(“R” 152-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a certain agreement with Veteran Transportation Services to provide services to the Town (*To remove and haul away household items and debris for the Public Works Department*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 153-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$361,000.00 out of MFT Funds for the Town's 2023 MFT General Maintenance, Section No. 23-00000-00-GM, which includes the annual cost for the following listed items, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**2023 MFT Maintenance Items:**

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| 1) Traffic Signal Maintenance Cost on IDOT Routes (7 Intersections)          | \$ 56,000.00 |
| 2) Electrical Energy Costs (ComEd) for Street, Alley Lights & Traffic Signal | \$300,000.00 |
| 3) Emergency Vehicle Presumption Repair                                      | \$ 3,365.70  |
| 4) Maintenance Engineering   | \$ 1,250.00  |

Total Cost                    \$360,615.70

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**(“R” 154-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virusso seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a Maintenance Engineering Services Agreement with Frank Novotny and Associates, Inc. for the Town (*In connection with the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance, Section No. 23-00000-00-GM*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 155-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying the designation of signatories for an Illinois Housing Development Authority Grant for the Town (*Seeking funding through the IDHA Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund Home Repair Program to assist local eligible homeowners with home repair projects*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 156-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virusso seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement for the Town of Cicero’s Group Term and Voluntary Term Life Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for certain employees of the Town was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 157-23)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for Health Insurance for the Town, was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **(176-23)**

On the motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the 2023 Tax Levy Determination (*Proposed amount to be levied for fiscal year 2023 - \$45,055,749.00 and Town Assessor Emo Cundari stated that there is going to be a 0% increase on any land or property tax levy*), was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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### **(177-23)**

On the motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Board concurred with the recommendation by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote Matthew Ginnetti to the of rank of Engineer, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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

Resident and journalist Irene Romulo provided a brief summary regarding a recent air quality study conducted in various parts of Cicero, Chicago and a few other unmentioned suburbs.

Resident and journalist Luis Velazquez provided additional information in regards to air quality study and its affects to people with pre-existing health conditions.

President Dominick wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:19 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK