
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, February 27th, 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, 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 Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(30-24)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #4, dated February 22, 2024, in the total amount of \$1,980,894.68, the list of manual checks dated February 08, 2024 through February 22, 2024 in the total amount of \$0.00, and the list of online payments dated February 07, 2024 through February 22, 2024 in the total amount of \$127.50 was accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(31-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,742,417.74 & Library \$23,398.74*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 02-22-24; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

PERMITS

(32-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, permission was granted UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago to host “UCP Seguin’s Garage Sales” in the parking lot located at Central/Ogden & 31st Street on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00AM to 3:00PM from March 16, 2024 thru December 15th, 2024 which includes authorization to have two (2) vendors to sell food during the event providing they obtain health clearance from the Health Department.

(33-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted to Our Lady, *the* Mystical Rose Parish to conduct two religious processions on Friday, March 29th, first procession at 12:00 PM (“The Stations of the Cross”) and second procession at 8:00 PM (“Silent Procession”) on route outlined in their request.

(34-24)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted to St. Anthony Catholic Church to conduct two religious processions on Friday, March 29th, first procession at 9:00 AM (“The Stations of the Cross”) and second procession at 7:00 PM (“Silent Procession”) on route outlined in their request.

ORDINANCES

(“O” 12-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of an Ambulance for the Town of Cicero, County Of Cook, and State Of Illinois was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(Purpose of Ordinance)

The unit as proposed by PL Custom (Alexis) - or item #2 - meets both the specifications and needs of the Cicero Fire Department for providing ALS protection for the citizens of the Town of Cicero. Therefore it is our recommendation to award PL Custom the contract for this ambulance at a cost of \$366,141.00. Please see attachment for the specifications to this ambulance.

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 17-24)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution Authorizing The Town President To Enter Into A Certain Professional Services Agreement With Saema T. Qadri, D.D.S. To Provide Services to the Town, (Dentistry at the Town’s Health Department) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“R” 18-24)

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 of *Anthony Garcia V. Town of Cicero* for the Town, (*Case No. 23WC021395*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

(35-24)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Board concurred with the recommendation of Town Engineer, Timothy Geary to award to A & M Fence Corporation the contract for the Town's Fleet Maintenance Site Fence Improvements in the amount of \$65,500.82; 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.

Resident Frank Kraut thanked the Town President for being appointed to the Storm Water Advisory Board.

Executive Director of Dept. of Housing, Mr. Tom Tomschin gave an update on the 1.7 Million grant that was applied for and handed out flyers that had more information on assistance, showing if approved, a homeowner can receive up to \$60,000.00 in home repair assistance with a 0% interest rate loan that can be forgiven after 3 years. Department of Housing is applying on behalf of the Town of Cicero to the Morton Arboretum for a grant in the amount of \$511,200.00 for the cost of conducting an inventory of public trees within the towns boundaries, create an urban and community forest management plan and to plant an additional 250 trees throughout the town.

Resident Steve W., asked for assistance on how to remove his son who is overseas from the voting list.

President Dominick wished Town Collector Fran Reitz a Happy Birthday.

Superintendent of Police Thomas Boyle provided a brief summary on recent carjacking incidents, and how with the help of the Chicago PD- Helicopter, town residents and the Cicero Police Dept., they were able to set a quick perimeter and have made some arrests.

Resident (Ernestine) thanked the Cicero Police Department for a quick response in regards to towing away the vehicle who parked in her handicap spot.

Town Trustee Blanca Vargas thanked Cicero PD for quick response on a fatal accident that happened Friday February 23. Victim was a good friend of hers.

Town Clerk Maria Punzo-Arias thanked the Cicero PD for catching the criminals that keep coming from Chicago and expressed how grateful she is to them for always keeping us updated on what is going on.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:19 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK