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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, October 26, 2021 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, Virruso.  
Absent: Trustee Banks – Excused, \*Trustee Reitz

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 12, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

## *APPROVAL OF BILLS*

**(145-21)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #20, dated October 21, 2021, in the total amount of \$1,665,939.51, the list of manual checks dated September 23 thru October 6, in the total amount of \$42,000.00, and the list of online payments dated October 8 thru October, in the total amount of \$0.00, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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\*Trustee Reitz entered the meeting at 10:01 AM

**(146-21)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,558,599.14 & Library \$27,265.75*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 10-21-21; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(147-21)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of September/2021, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,325,386.25, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

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**(148-21)**

By Trustee Cava:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of November/2021, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$33,815.85, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

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**(149-21)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of November/2021, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$5,284.66, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

**PERMITS**

**(150-21)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Virruso, permission was granted Car Clubs to conduct a “Trunk or Treat” event at the Town owned parking lot located at Laramie Avenue & 34<sup>th</sup> Street on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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**(151-21)**

On motion of Trustee Cundari seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted Insurance Navy to conduct a community Halloween event on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

**ORDINANCES**

**(“O” 67-21)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement between Cicero Public School District 99 and the Town of Cicero (*President Dominick Literacy Program*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“O” 68-21)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Ordinance approving and adopting an extension to the Redevelopment Plan; Projects; Redevelopment Project Area; and Tax Increment Financing for the Town (*In connection with the Cicero Avenue TIF District*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“O” 69-21)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance granting a parking variance for the operation of a flower shop at 6025 W. Cermak Road was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“O” 70-21)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Ordinance granting a height variance for the installation of an elevator at 1500 S. 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## ***RESOLUTIONS***

**(“R” 109-21)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a settlement agreement in the case Efrain Martinez-Torres V. Town of Cicero, et al, (*Case No 2019 L 1655*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 110-21)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a settlement agreement in the case State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., as subrogee of Sergio Rodriguez V. Juan Valdez and the Town of Cicero (*Case No 2021 M1 12925*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 111-21)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a settlement agreement in the case Hopeton O. Rowe Jr. V. Town of Cicero, (*Case No 2020 WC 019755*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 112-21)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a settlement agreement in the case Asalem Haleem V. Town of Cicero (*Case No 2020 WC 019001*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 113-21)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving a certain policy regarding mandatory vaccinations, weekly testing, or an approved exemption, against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for the Town of Cicero employees for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 114-21)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Resolution appointing certain individuals to specified positions, boards, commissions and/or committees within the Town of Cicero expiring at 11:59 PM on April 30, 2022, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD**

Alice Couch, Liaqueni Guzman, Kelly Graham, Gerri Owczarek, Frances Nowak, Mary Ellen Jelic, Lorraine Walsh

CULTURAL AFFAIRS / HISTORIC SITES COMMISSION

Francesca Cundari, Malika Manouzi, Nicole Pontillo, Jessi Weber, Rosemary Konz, Cynthia Salvino, Valia Maniadakis, Gina Prendergast, Tonya Elliot, Nicole Seno Chlada

BOARD OF HEALTH

Laura Bertone, Elvira Hunter, Michele Maniglia, Christopher Banks, William Ostler, Gretchen Aviles, Maria Vargas, Vlasta Mangia, Raymond Prancik

HOUSING BOARD

Maureen Carroll, Lido Manetti, Dominick Buscemi, Isabel Aguilar

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE BOARD (FORMERLY BUILDING & BLIGHT COMMISSION)

George Owczarek, Alan Neal, Dawn Czarkowski, Brian Dominick, Mary Durkee, Michael Wolff, Anna Benedick, Wolf Iklov, Joe Florio, Christina Reitz, Lisa Musial, Tom Eukovich Sr., Robert Porod, Jr., John Walsh, Wayne Wentz

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Nicole Chlada, Kelly Giovanelli, Maria Punzo-Arias, Whitney Delong, Joe Virruso, Elizabeth Lopez, Mary Hernandez

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Dominic Cannova, Rolando Hernandez, Rich Malicki, Lenny Rutka, Jose Luis Arias, Dominick Buscemi (President)

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Nino Scimone, Jerry Chlada

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Mike Piekarski, Greg Fithian

SENIOR COMMISSION (SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD)

Diana Dominick, Larry Dominick, Ryan Chlada, Dennis Raleigh, Fran Reitz, Bob Porod

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Tony Castellano, John Deganutti, Jacyclen Napelaneo, Lilly Ayala, Michelle Mastalerz, Gerardo Solis, Sue Banks, Jeanine Thomas

YOUTH COMMISSION (YOUTH SERVICES BOARD)

Maria Moreno, Patricia Sturdevant, Isabel Aguilar, Lisa Gianakopoulos, To Be Determined (vacancy)

ZONING BOARD (ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS)

Jose Alvarez, Lenny Cannata Jr., Jessica Jaramillo (Chair), Stephanie Vargas-Nava, Ruth Ortega, Tom Tomschin, To Be Determined (vacancy)

911 BOARD (EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD)

Stephanie Vargas-Nava, Eric Pagni, Dennis Raleigh, Dominick Buscemi, Nick Jelic, Rosemarie Esposito (Secretary), Dominic Schullo, To Be Determined (Chairman-vacancy)

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF LITERACY

Mary Gallegos (Program Liaison), Ada Candelaria (Chairman/Lead Coordinator), Elaine Pesek, Eric Porod, To Be Determined (vacancy), To Be Determined (vacancy)

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joseph Virruso, John Kociolko, Antonia Sawyer, Josephine Kraut, Frank Kraut, Mary Gray, Jack Petracek, Javier Bonafante, Ismael Chaparro, Socorro Gonzalez, Richard Bielawa, Mary Ann Bielawa, Mary Petracek, Antonia Briseno, Celio Rangel, Joan Devereux

SAFETY COMMITTEE

2 Trustees, Safety Director, Superintendent of Police, Fire Chief

ROOSEVELT ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barbara Harris – Town Resident, Lucy Schmidt – Business Owner, Louis Guido – Staff Member, Merrie Neal – Staff Member, Craig Pesek – Committee Liaison, Dominic Gatto – Business Owner

GRAFFITI TASK FORCE

Larry Dominick – *Ex officio* member, Ismael Vargas - *Ex officio* member (service without compensation), Derek Dominick – Public Works representative, Tom Tomschin - Community Development Block Grant Program representative, To Be Determined – Police Department representative, Sonia Centeno – Community member, Pam Pila - Community member, Don Mangia – Community member, Lori Pila – Community member, Doris Tenbrock - Community member, Gene Talsma – Community member

VACANT BUILDING APPEALS COMMITTEE

Donna Pawleski, Rich Sova, Julio Aguirre

IDENTITY THEFT COMMITTEE

Amy Bancroft, Randy Felbinger, Danielle Santos

LOCAL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Paulie DiMenna, Jim Baker, Ben Borbor, John Papagolos, James Terracino, Sr., Jeff Davis, Dan Seropian, Craig Pesek (Liaison) Charlie Hernandez (Honorary member)

DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Fran Reitz, Rocio Perez, Laura Gonzales, Terry Peterson, Jose Campos, Director of the Office for People with Disabilities, *Ex officio* member

ACCIDENT REVIEW BOARD

Luis Gutierrez (Chairman), Designee of Police Chief, Department Head of Applicable Department

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Town Attorney  
Business License Director (License Officer)  
Community Development Director  
Commissioner (Superintendent) of Public Works  
Data Processing Manager (Manager of Information Services)  
Electrical Foreman  
Fire Chief  
Deputy Fire Marshal  
911 Coordinator (Emergency Alarm Administrator)

Del Galdo Law Group, LLC  
Ismael Vargas  
Tom Tomschin  
Sam Jelic  
Amanda Wolff  
Nick Telitz  
Mike Piekarski  
Greg Fithian  
To Be Determined (vacancy)

Director of Health (Commissioner of Public Health)	Sue Grazzini
Human Resources Director	Sarah Kusper
Superintendent of Maintenance (Director of Maintenance)	James Wood
Municipal Complex Facilities Manager	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Mental Health Director	Maureen Carroll
Parking Enforcement Supervisor/Officer	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Superintendent of Police	Jerry Chlada, Jr
Sign Department Supervisor/Town Sealer	Nick Jelic
Director of Special Events	Patti Sturdevant
Director of Senior Services	Ryan Chlada
Deputy Director of Senior Services	Jim Terracino Jr
Director of Senior Activities (Dpty Dir of Senior Srvc)	Diana Dominick
Community Center Director	Patti Sturdevant
Supervisor of Water Department (Superintendent of Water)	Lido Manetti
Youth Commission Director (Director of Youth Services)	Patti Sturdevant
Project Director(s)	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of People with Disabilities	Ryan Chlada
Deputy Liquor Commissioner	Cindy Dembowski
Building Commissioner	Karyn Porod
Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of Vehicle Towing and Storage Department	Barrett Marlar
Office Manager of Vehicle Towing and Storage Department	Mary Rita Ryan
Purchasing Agent	Mary Lou Schvach
Safety Director	Jeffry Pesek
Director of Rat Control	Christopher Wasicki
Commissioner of Fleet Maintenance	Dan Wolff
Chief Inspector (Inspections Department)	To Be Determined (vacancy)

TOWN APPOINTED POSITIONS

Chief Animal Control Warden	Erika Rosas
Revenue Director	Ismael Vargas
Cellular Telephone Coordinator(s)	Ryan Chlada
	Dominick Buscemi
Director of Delinquent Accounts	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of Translation Services	Diana Dominick
Civilian Hearing Officer	Anthony Bertuca
Collection Clerk	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Collection Clerk	Elizabeth Lopez
Collection Clerk	Lori Santana
457 Plan Trustee	Sarah Kusper
Director of Financial Affairs / Chief Financial Officer	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of the Special Investigation Division	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Enterprise Zone Administrator	Craig Pesek
Executive Director of PSO Building	Ryan Chlada
(and/or such other persons as designated by the Town President)	
Hearing Officer	Anthony Bertuca
Hearing Officer to Hear Personnel Appeals	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Hearing Officer to Hear Liquor License Matters	Richard Pellegrino
IMRF Agent	Sarah Kusper
Ethics Officer	Michael J. Kasper
Plan Review Specialist	SAFEbuilt Illinois, LLC



Plumbing Inspector	Tony Caruso
TIF Administrator	Craig Pesek
TIF Administrator	To Be Determined (vacancy)
First Deputy Superintendent of Police	Luis Gutierrez
Deputy Superintendent of Police - Detectives	Francisco Diaz
Deputy Superintendent of Police – Traffic	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Deputy Superintendent of Police - Administration	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Gang Crimes Unit	Francisco Diaz
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Administration	Dominic Schullo
Deputy Superintendent of Patrol	Nino Scimone
Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Patrol	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Watch Commanders	Rhonda Kosenesky
Watch Commanders	Matt Ramirez
Watch Commanders	Chris Wojtowicz
Watch Commanders	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Watch Commanders	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Water Commanders	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Captains	Dave Leuzzi – 1 <sup>st</sup> Shift
Captains	Eddy Lopez – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift
Captains	Mike Skrabazz – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift
Director of the Community Service Officers	Serge Rocher
First Deputy Superintendent of Community Service Officers	Oscar Clay
Deputy Superintendent of Community Service Officers	Christopher Tomascino
Deputy Superintendent of Community Service Officers	Ricardo Pina
Deputy Superintendent of Community Service Officers (Nights)	Armando Grajeda
Executive Community Service Officer	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Corporal of Community Service Officers	Bob Smith
Corporal of Community Service Officers	Eduardo Munoz
Corporal of Community Service Officers	Benny Raya
Corporal of Community Service Officers	Marcos Andrade
Corporal of Community Service Officers	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Corporal of Community Service Officers	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of the TIF Task Force	To Be Determined (vacancy)
First Deputy Superintendent of the TIF Task Force	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Corporal of the TIF Task Force	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Building Maintenance Supervisor of the Cicero Senior Center	James Terracino, Jr.
Community Center Deputy Director	Lisa Gianakopoulos
Ambassadors for Senior Citizens	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Immigration Supervisor	Arcadio Z. Delgado
Assistant Fire Chief	Tim Rolewicz
Assistant Fire Chief	Paul Lyttek (5/31/21)
Assistant Fire Chief	Tom Santoro
Assistant Fire Chief	Jeffrey Penzkoffer
Director of Police Records	Rose Marie Esposito
Assistant Fire Chief of Administration	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Assistant Fire Chief of Fire Prevention	Harry Rutz
Assistant Fire Chief of Maintenance	John Miller
Elevator Inspector	Urban Elevator Services LLC
Fire Inspector	Harry Rutz
Fire Inspector	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Director of Programs and Recreation	Jeffry Pesek
Director of Training and Education	To Be Determined (vacancy)

Crime Victims Assistance Director	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Emergency Response Coordinator	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Inspector (Inspections Department)	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Inspector (Inspections Department)	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Chaplaincy Program Coordinator	Ismael Vargas
Shelter Supervisor	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Community Outreach Coordinator	To Be Determined (vacancy)
Office of Professional Standards - Chief Administrator	Paul Dembowski
Office of Professional Standards - Investigator	Tom Boyle
Health Department Administrator	Vanessa Parrish

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**("R" 115-21)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution appointing certain Trustees of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero to specific committees for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH APRIL/2022**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Virruso (C)  
Victor Garcia (M)  
Fran Reitz (M)

LICENSES, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Larry Banks (C)  
Joseph Virruso (M)  
Emilio Cundari (M)

PUBLIC WORKS, BLDGS. & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

John Cava (C)  
Joseph Virruso (M)  
Bob Porod (M)

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Fran Reitz (C)  
Joseph Virruso (M)  
John Cava (M)

WATER, LIGHTING, UTILITIES & AIR POLLUTION COMMITTEE

Joseph Virruso (C)  
Larry Banks (M)  
Emilio Cundari (M)

ANTI-GANG COMMITTEE

Fran Reitz (C)  
John Cava (M)  
Larry Banks (M)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Bob Porod (C)  
Fran Reitz (M)  
Emilio Cundari (M)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Larry Dominick (C)  
Joseph Virruso (M)  
John Cava (M)  
Fran Reitz (M)  
Bob Porod (M)  
Maria Punzo-Arias (Clerk)  
Emilio Cundari (M)  
Victor Garcia (M)  
Larry Banks (M)

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Virruso (C)  
Victor Garcia (M)  
Bob Porod (M)  
Larry Banks (M)

FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE

Fran Reitz (C)  
John Cava (M)  
Victor Garcia (M)

RULES COMMITTEE

Emilio Cundari (C)  
Fran Reitz (M)  
Victor Garcia (M)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Joseph Virruso (C)  
John Cava (M)  
Fran Reitz (M)

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Emilio Cundari (C)  
John Cava (M)  
Maria Punzo-Arias (M)  
Joseph Virruso (M)

***NEW BUSINESS***

**(134-21)**

Retired Police Officer Mike Holub, representing the Department of Defense presented Cicero Police Watch Commander Matt Ramirez with a Patriotic Employer Award; nominated by Staff Sergeant Luis Martinez.

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

The following residents addressed the Board:

Brenda Bedolla, 20 year resident; Leslie, 20 year resident; Gerardo, 27 year resident; Ms. Cortez, 29 year resident; Bridgette Bedolla, 15 year resident; Delis Barajas, 30 year resident; and Senior Gloria, 30 year resident; all expressed their concerns covering Cares Act Funding expenses and the lack of community input as to how those funds would be spent. They requested a later Town Board meeting time, to have a translator present at said meeting, and reported conducting an online survey polling their recommendations as to how the Cares Act Funding should have been spent. Some of the survey responses were read to the Board. A copy of a 465 signature report was provided to the Board for their review.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Cava, the board then stood adjourned at 10:45 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK

