
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, September 26th, 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: Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Absent: Trustee Cava - 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 Garcia, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(149-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #18, dated September 21, 2023, in the total amount of \$3,850,971.64, the list of manual checks dated September 8, 2023 thru September 21, 2023 in the total amount of \$63,020.40, and list of online payments dated September 8, 2023 thru September 22, 2023 in the total amount of \$72.45, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(150-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,669,500.27 & Library \$27,626.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 9-21-23; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(151-23)

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of August/2023, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,654,290.48, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None

(152-23)

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of September/2023, prepared by Blue Cross & Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$36,475.36, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None

(153-23)

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance policy premium for the month of September/2023, prepared by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$6,065.49, 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: Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

PERMITS

(154-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to conduct their Fall Product Door to Door Sales from September 22 – October 15, 2023 and their Cookie Program from December 15 – January 14, 2024.

(155-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to Our Lady of Czestochowa & Charity Parish to conduct two (2) Family Fall Dances to be held at the Social Center located at 5000 W. 31st Street; 1st Dance will be on October 7th from 6:30 PM to 11:59 PM; 2nd Dance will be on November 4th from 6:30 PM to 11:59 PM (*permission includes the sale of food, alcoholic beverage sales and live music*).

(156-23)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted Mary Queen of Heaven – Marian Council to host an “America Needs Fatima” event in the CVS parking lot located at 5524 W. Cermak Road on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM, where no more than fifty (50) participants are permitted to attend the event.

(157-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to The Children’s Center for the use of Town owned property - Safety Town Park located at 5444

W. 34th Street, Cicero, IL to conduct ongoing safety trainings for families, which includes policies and procedures to ensure children and parents practice pedestrian safety.

ORDINANCES

(“O” 59-23)

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Ordinance amending Chapter 1, entitled “Administrative”, Section 1-12, entitled “General penalty; continuing violations”, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero, Illinois, regarding Interest Rates for the Town of Cicero, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(Purpose of Ordinance)

(The purpose of this ordinance is to update and clarify the Regulations and to authorize the President and other Town officials to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.)

Section 1-12: General penalty; continuing violations.

- (a) Whenever in this Code or in any town ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or whenever in such Code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided, the violation of any such provision of this Code or any ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$750.00. Each day any violation of any section of this Code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection (a) of this section, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Code or any ordinance shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated by the town as provided by law, and each day that such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.
- (c) If any person fails to pay to the town any tax, fee, or other debt when due, and if no specific interest rate is referenced within this Code or imposed by a court of law, interest shall accumulate and be due at the rate of one percent per month. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any specific interest rate specifically provided by Ordinance adopted on or after January 1, 2021 shall supersede this section.

(“O” 60-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Ordinance authorizing and approving the Disposal of Obsolete Personal Property for the Town (*Obsolete IT Department Computer & Office equipment as listed under “Exhibit A”*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“O” 61-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Desk Aides between the Town of Cicero, Illinois and the Illinois Council of Police for the Town of Cicero, County of Cook, State of Illinois (*4 Year Agreement 01/1/22 thru 12/31/25*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“O” 62-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Cicero, Illinois and the Truck Drivers, Oil Drivers, Filling Station, and Platform Workers Union, Local No. 705 (*3 Year Agreement 01/1/23 thru 12/31/25*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“O” 63-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing approving, and ratifying an amended side letter agreement to the 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Laborer’ International Union of North America, Local 1092 and the Town of Cicero, Illinois (*Amends Appendix A: Wage Rates of the Side Letter Agreement as listed under Exhibit “A”*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 135-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from West Central Municipal Conference for services provided to the Town (*FY 2023-2024 Membership dues 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

(“R” 136-23)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying certain invoices from the Heating and Cooling Works for services provided to the Town (*Provided emergency repairs on behalf of the Town to the homes of senior citizens which were damaged as a result of the extreme weather events*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 137-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to execute and enter into an agreement with CCS International, Inc. for construction management services for Town (*In connection with the Inclusive Park located at 1800-1900 S. Laramie (RFP No. DOH-062623)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 138-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Resolution establishing certain guidelines and the hours for Halloween Trick or Treating on October 31, 2023 for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Frank Kraut reported on his experience of being on the senior float and thanked the Town for the fest. He commended the organizers on a job well done.

Trustee Vargas thanked the Public Works and Water Department on a job well done during and post the extreme weather event(s). She congratulated Town Assessor Cundari on hosting his property tax appeal event.

Gaby thanked President Dominick, Ismael Vargas and Diana Dominick for the recent FEMA event.

Town Clerk Punzo-Arias thanked Special Events whom organized the Mexican Independence Festival and the Police Department in keeping the neighborhood safe.

Trustee Reitz congratulated Public Works, Superintendent Sam Jelic and her employee Itzel on a job well done.

Trustee Virruso thanked the Police Department for the great job that they do.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:21 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK