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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, March 12, 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: 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, February 27, 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 7(B) entitled “An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance No. 5-24 And Authorizing And Approving Certain Agreements For The Lease Of A Printer For The Health Department Of The Town Of Cicero, County Of Cook, State Of Illinois” had been stricken from the agenda per Legal.

## ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

### **(36-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #5, dated March 7, 2024, in the total amount of (\$2,612,002.69 + \$383,067.11 EFT payment) totaling \$2,995,069.80; the list of manual checks dated February 23, 2024 thru March 7, 2024 in the total amount of \$0.00, and list of online payments dated February 23, 2024 thru March 7, 2024 in the total amount of \$85.00, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Present: Vargas

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**(37-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,736,592.25 & 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: Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Virruso.

Nays: None.

Present: Vargas

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**(38-24)**

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of February/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,454,694.42, 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, Virruso.

Nays: None.

Present: Vargas

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**(39-24)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of March/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$46,620.82, 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, Virruso.

Nays: None.

Present: Vargas

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**(40-24)**

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of March/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$6,307.15, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

## ***PERMITS***

### **(41-24)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted the Office of 2nd District State Representative Elizabeth “Lisa” Hernandez to host an Eco Friendly Disposal Event at the 34<sup>th</sup> Street & Laramie Avenue Festival Grounds on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM, contingent upon a copy of insurance naming the Town of Cicero as additional insured is provided.

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### **(42-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, permission was granted to El Shaddai Ministry to use Town owned property located at 1620-34 S. Laramie as additional parking for their annual church convention on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM, contingent upon a copy of insurance naming the Town of Cicero “as additional insured and loss payee” is provided.

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### **(43-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the request submitted by Inner City Impact covering the street closure of 23<sup>rd</sup> Place from 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Laramie Avenue for their annual Day of the Young Child event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM was tabled to the next scheduled Town Board meeting for further review.

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### **(44-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish to conduct an indoor / outdoor Flea Market on Saturday,

March 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, in St. Mary's Social Center located at 5000 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

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**(45-24)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church to conduct a religious procession on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on route outlined in their request. *(Note: Trustee Porod asked CPD if they were okay with this request, Superintendent Boyle replied "Yes").*

***REPORT***

**(46-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Collector's Office Report (\$62,868.08) and the Revenue Summary Report (\$497,975.00) for the month of February/2024, submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on file; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

***ORDINANCES***

**("O" 13-24)**

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 International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division for the Town *(10 Year Agreement – 01/01/22 to 12/31/32)* was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**("O" 15-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an Interagency Agreement between the Proviso Children's Advocacy Center and the Town *(In conjunction with the Cook County Protocol for Multi-Disciplinary Team Investigation in Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse Cases, the Proviso Children's Advocacy Center and the Town of Cicero Police Department, along with other 4<sup>th</sup> District Agencies will*

*work together as a multi-disciplinary team for reported abuse cases)* was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## ***RESOLUTIONS***

### **(“R” 19-24)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying an invoice from Restore Construction for demolition services provided to the Town (*In connection with an emergency demolition of a 18 unit apartment building that suffered structural damage due to a fire that occurred 12/01/23; in the total amount of \$211,774.75*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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### **(“R” 20-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying an invoice from Robert R. Andreas & Sons, Inc. for services provided to the Town (*In connection with an emergency demolition of a 18 unit apartment building that suffered structural damage due to a fire that occurred 12/01/23; in the total amount of \$18,985.00*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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### **(“R” 21-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing and approving an agreement for CourtSmart software for the Town (*Criminal law training and review software for the Cicero Police Department in the total amount of \$5,000.00 annually*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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### **(“R” 22-24)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the purchase of goods and services from 4Imprint for the Town (*Town event giveaway purchases. Not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the year*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 23-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into certain agreements with Entertainment Management Group to provide services to the Town (*Logistical supervision of musical concert of the 2024 Cicero Fest (July 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 14<sup>th</sup>) and the 2024 Houby Fest (October 4<sup>th</sup> thru October 6<sup>th</sup>)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 24-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Klandestino Entertainment Inc. to provide services to the Town (*Musical artist engagement services, 2<sup>nd</sup> sound stage, lighting and sound equipment for the Cinco De Mayo Festival 2024 (May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru May 5<sup>th</sup>), Cicero Fest 2024 (July 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 14<sup>th</sup>), Mexican Independence Day Festival 2024 (September 12<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<sup>th</sup>) and Houby Fest 2024 (October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru October 6<sup>th</sup>)*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 25-24)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Bright Lights Productions Inc. to provide services to the Town (*Main stage, lighting, and sound equipment for the Cinco de Mayo Fest 2024 (May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>) and Mexican Independence Day Festival 2024 (September 11<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>)*) was accepted, placed on file and approved adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 26-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation in the case of Leticia Dardon V. Town of Cicero for the Town of Cicero, (*Case No 2020 L 006685*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 27-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a professional services agreement with Christopher Galloway, DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CME, MOT to provide services to the Town (*To provide administrative services in the furtherance of objectives as listed in Exhibit “A” for the Cicero Health Clinic*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**(“R” 28-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Kenia Ugalde to provide dental services to the Town (*Health Department Dentistry Services*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 29-24)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution creating certain positions within the Health Department and appointing the following individuals to such positions for the Town:

*(The position of “Director of Health Management” was eliminated.)*

POSITION	NAME
Director of Public Health Operations	Vanessa Parrish
Director of Clinical Services	Marissa Rauba (Buscemi)

was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

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**(“R” 30-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying an application for grant funding from the USDA Urban and Community Forestry Service for the Town (*Seeking \$511,200.00 in funding through the United States Department of Agriculture Urban And Community Forestry Services Morton Arboretum Grant to perform tree inventories, create Urban and Community Forest Management plans and obtain additional trees to be planted throughout the community*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

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**(“R” 31-24)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution ratifying a grant application and authorizing and approving a grant agreement with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for the Town (*Seeking \$402,833.00 in funding through the ILETSB for the hiring, training, and retention of police officers*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

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**(“R” 32-24)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of security system technology from Current Technologies, Inc. for the Town (*A security camera system equipment and software upgrade in total amount of \$136,656.00*) 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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President Dominick opened the meeting to the public for their comments.



Crossing Guard Patricia Katie requested assistance with addressing her rental issues since being displaced from a fire at her last residence.

Resident Steve Waldenga reported on his brother-in-law who had celebrated his 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday and requested information on available Town grants and loans.

President Dominick congratulated Town Trustee Victor Garcia on his birthday.

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On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:21 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK