
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

Clerk: Punzo-Arias

Trustees: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas.

Absent: President Dominick, Trustee Virruso.

On motion of Trustee Cundari seconded by Trustee Cava, Trustee Robert “Bob” Porod was appointed as President Pro-tem, action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Thereupon, President Pro-tem Porod 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 and a moment of silence for the recent passing of President Dominick’s son, Brian Dominick and Public Works Superintendent Sam Jelic’s wife, Mary Ellen Jelic.

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

PRESENTATION

Former Town Assessor John Kiocolko along with Trustee Victor Garcia presented certificates of appreciation to the following non-for-profits and businesses for making a significant difference in the community.

Boys Club of Cicero

Cicero Community Collaborative

Corazon Community Services

Erie Neighborhood House

CEDA

Cicero Furniture Liquidators

El Porvenir Grocery Store

Family Focus

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Rincon Family Services
Solutions for Care
A New Awakening
(Un Nuevo Despertar)

New Vision Community Church
(Casa de Oracion)
Salvation Army
United Scrap Metal

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(162-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #19, dated October 3, 2024, in the total amount of \$2,483,178.05, Payment Register dated September 24, 2024 thru October 8, 2024, in the total amount \$4,107,579.45; the list of manual checks dated September 6, 2024 thru October 3, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,217,207.87, and list of online payments dated September 6, 2024 thru October 3, 2024 in the total amount of \$114.52, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(163-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Garcia, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,837,787.37 & Library \$25,975.38*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 10-03-24; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(164-24)

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of September/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,617,613.59, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

(165-24)

By Trustee Cava:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of October/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$45,333.30, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

(166-24)

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of October/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$6,213.96, 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: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas.

Nays: None.

PERMIT

(167-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to El Valor to set up a table to provide information to the residents at the Town of Cicero Municipal Complex on every Monday of each month from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

(168-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted Our Lady, the Mystical Rose Parish to host a Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos Event on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 from 12:00 PM (noon) to 11:00 PM. Permission includes to

close off 53rd Avenue between 24th Street to 24th Place; approval contingent upon a certificate of insurance listing the Town of Cicero as an additional insure is provided.

(169-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the Salvation Army to conduct their annual Red Kettle Campaign from November 1st thru December 24th, 2024 (Monday thru Saturday) at various locations; approval contingent upon a certificate of insurance listing the Town of Cicero as an additional insure is provided.

(170-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted to SGA – Youth & Family Services to set up a table to provide information to the residents in front of 5620 W. Cermak Rd., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM; approval contingent upon a certificate of insurance listing the Town of Cicero as an additional insure is provided.

REPORT

(171-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Collector’s Office Report (\$970,308.39) and the Revenue Summary Report (\$115,745.88) for the month of September/2024, submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on file; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

(“O” 53-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance amending Chapter 94, Section 94-182 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero, Illinois regarding stop signs at various locations for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(Purpose of Ordinance)

(The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 94, Section 94-182 of the Town Code to add the Intersection to the list of stop streets for the Town to regulate traffic and to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of the corresponding stop signs)

Section 94-182: Stop Streets Generally; Schedule XII.

In accordance with section 94-278 and when properly signposted, the following streets or parts of streets are stop streets as designated in the following manner:

[. . .]

34th Street and 58th Avenue, all eastbound and westbound traffic on 34th Street shall come to a complete stop 58th Avenue, and all southbound traffic on 58th Avenue shall come to a complete stop at 34th Street.

[. . .]

58th Avenue and 34th Street, all eastbound and westbound traffic on 34th Street shall come to a complete stop at 58th Avenue, and all southbound traffic on 58th Avenue shall come to a complete stop at 34th Street.

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 101-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution establishing certain guidelines and the hours the 2025 Holiday Schedule (4 day work week) for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE(S)

Administrative Facilities Open for a Four-Day Work Week

January 1st	New Year’s Day
January 20th	Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
February 17th	President’s Day
March 3rd	Pulaski Day
April 17th	Easter Holiday (Observed)
May 26th	Memorial Day
June 19th	Juneteenth
July 3rd	Independence Day (Observed)
September 1st	Labor Day

October 13th	Columbus Day
November 11th	Veteran's Day
November 27th	Thanksgiving Day
December 24th	Christmas Eve
December 25th	Christmas Day
December 31st	New Year's Eve

("R" 102-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution establishing certain guidelines and the hours the 2025 Holiday Schedule (5 day work week) for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE(S)

Administrative Facilities Open for a Five-Day Work Week

January 1st	New Year's Day
January 20th	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
February 17th	President's Day
March 3rd	Pulaski Day
April 18 th	Easter Holiday
May 26th	Memorial Day
June 19th	Juneteenth
July 4th	Independence Day
September 1st	Labor Day
October 13th	Columbus Day
November 11th	Veteran's Day

November 27th	Thanksgiving Day
December 24th	Christmas Eve
December 25th	Christmas Day
December 31st	New Year's Eve

(“R” 103-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of gift certificates related to the Town of Cicero’s Holiday Food Assistance Program (*\$15.00 gift certificates from a local grocery store to eligible residents offset the cost of holiday meals*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 104-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from Legacy Fire Apparatus for services provided the Town (*Provided certain maintenance and repair services to the Cicero Fire Department – Fire Truck #2 in the total amount of \$21,099.61*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 105-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from West Central Municipal Conference for services provided the Town (*FY 2024-2025 Membership dues for the Town of Cicero in the total amount of \$25,450.07*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 106-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for Fire Department equipment the Town (*For additional grant funding from DCEO for the replacement of the Cicero Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$150,000.00*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 107-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an amendment to a grant agreement for a Lead Service Line Inventory for the Town (*Seeking funding through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00*), was placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 108-24)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, 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.

Nays: None

(“R” 109-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, 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.

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

(172-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the notice of Schedule of Meetings for Cicero Town Board of Trustees for calendar year 2025 was accepted, placed on file and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

President Pro-tem Porod opened the meeting to the public for their comments.

Town Clerk Maria A. Punzo-Arias congratulated all the recipients who were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication, and also thanked her assistant, Iris Archilla for all her coordinating efforts.

Cicero Community Collaborative Director Elia Ortiz thanked the Town Board and her staff for the support.

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the board then stood adjourned at 10:35 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK