
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

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

Absent: President Dominick – Excused, Town Clerk Punzo-Arias - Excused

On motion of Trustee Cundari seconded by Trustee Garcia to appoint Trustee Robert Porod as temporary “Keeper of the Minutes”.

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia to appoint Trustee Emilio Cundari as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Thereupon, Chairman Pro-Tem Cundari 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 Francisco Herrera father of Media Director Alejandra Herrera.

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 10:00 o’clock A.M. and Special Meeting held Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 10:30 A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(1-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Reitz, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #24, dated December 19, 2024, in the total amount of \$1,975,261.56, 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.

(2-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #1, dated January 9, 2025, in the total amount of \$1,583,897.57, Payment Register dated December 11, 2024 thru January 14, 2025, in the total amount \$145,695.15; the list of manual checks dated December 6, 2024 thru January 9, 2025 in the total amount of \$119,880.00, and list of online payments dated December 7, 2024 thru January 9, 2025 in the total amount of \$381.92, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(3-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,875,866.63 & Library \$25,975.38*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 1-09-25; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(4-25)

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of December/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,722,128.89, 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: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(5-25)

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of January/2025, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$46,599.83, 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, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(6-25)

By Trustee Vargas:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of January/2025, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$6,031.15, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

PERMITS

(7-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the Our Lady, the Mystical Rose Parish to sell alcohol at their Valentines Dinner Dance event on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM (Midnight) in the Mary Queen of Heaven School Gymnasium (5300 W. 24th Place).

(8-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds Parish to sell alcohol at their event “Noche de Gala” Valentine’s Day fundraiser on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 11:59 PM in the school auditorium (1428 S. 59th Court).

(9-25)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted to Erie House to set up a table to provide information to the residents at the Town of Cicero Municipal Complex every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

REPORT

(10-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Collector's Office Report (\$181,686.55) and the Revenue Summary Report (\$825,202.73) for the month of December/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, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(11-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the 2024 Annual Collector's Office Report (\$1,672,754.54) and the 2024 Annual Revenue Summary Report (\$12,852,731.43), submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on file; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

("O" 1-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for the installation and maintenance of interagency signage for the Town of Cicero (*As listed under "Exhibit A"*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

("O" 2-25)

On motion of Trustee Cava 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: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None

(“O” 3-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance amending Chapter 94, entitled “Traffic”, Section 94-182 entitled “Stop Streets Generally; Schedule XII” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero regarding the installation of stop signs at various locations for the Town of Cicero 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 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 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:

[. .]

16th Street at 61st Court, for traffic traveling east and west on 16th Street, the intersection being a three-way stop street.

[. .]

(“O” 4-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance amending Chapter 2, entitled “Administration”, Section 2-860.4 entitled “Stormwater Advisory Board” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town regarding the Senior Advisory Board and the Stormwater Advisory Board of the Town 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 purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-860.4 of the Town Code to expand the Stormwater Advisory Board, and to authorize the President to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, and to ratify any action taken to further the goals of this Ordinance.)

DIVISION 16. – STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD

Section 2-860.4: Stormwater Advisory Board.

(a) *Created.* There is hereby created the Stormwater Advisory Board. The Stormwater Advisory Board shall consist of the Director of the Water Department serving as chair, and ~~four~~ five Town residents.

(b) *Compensation and Meeting Space.* The members of the Stormwater Advisory Board shall serve without compensation or health insurance, retirement or any other benefits. The Town shall provide the Stormwater Advisory Board with meeting space, supplies and equipment as may be suitable for the operation of the Stormwater Advisory Board.

(c) *Powers and Duties of the Stormwater Advisory Board.* The purpose of the Stormwater Advisory Board is to study the stormwater flow within the Town and provide non-binding recommendations to the Town President and Board of Trustees concerning potential short-term and long-term solutions and improvements regarding such stormwater management. The Stormwater Advisory Board shall conduct meetings as deemed necessary with Town officials, residents, members of the community and/or such other persons as may be necessary to gather information regarding stormwater management. Members of the Stormwater Advisory Board shall perform such other duties as may be provided for in this Code or by the Town President and/or the Board of Trustees.

(“O” 5-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an agreement for the lease of printers for the Police Department of the Town (*One (1) Xerox C415dn from Xerox Financial Services, LLC for a monthly rate \$1,260.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“O” 6-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance granting a zoning map amendment from NI to BC-P for the operation of a day care center at 2410 South Central Avenue was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“O” 7-25)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Porod, the Ordinance granting a special use permit for the operation of a Dunkin Donuts franchise at 5820 West Ogden Avenue was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 1-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving certain invoices from Rehrig Pacific Company for equipment provided to the Town (*Purchase of seven hundred and two (702) navy blue toters in the total amount of \$38,006.00*) & (*Purchase of thermoplastic and line driver for street stripping in the total amount of \$30,729.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 2-25)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case of *Tamara Cuchna V. Town of Cicero* for the Town of Cicero, (*Case No 2018 WC 033436*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 3-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals for the Town (*Purchase of vaccines for the Cicero Health Department in the total amount of \$15,692.21*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 4-25)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying the use of funds in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for certain projects, vehicles, and equipment for the Town:

| <i>ITEM DESCRIPTION</i> | <i>VENDOR</i> | <i>AMOUNT</i> |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>14,599 – Water Meters</i> | <i>Core & Main</i> | <i>\$2,913,460.00</i> |
| <i>1 – Sutphen Heavy Duty 100’ Aerial Ladder</i> | <i>Sutphen Corporation</i> | <i>\$1,844,364.00</i> |

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| 8 – Cardia Monitors – 10yr lease | Zoll Medical Corp. | \$518,976.50 |
| 1 – Sutphen Heavy Duty Pumper | Sutphen Corporation | \$949,783.00 |
| 4 – Stryker CPR Machines | Stryker Emergency Care | \$83,675.16 |
| 70 – Model CF-33 laptops/equipment | CDS Office Technologies | \$527,760.00 |
| 10 – Up fitting squads, (2) drones/equipment | Axon Enterprize | \$465,936.20 |
| 4 – GPS System | Starchase | \$136,936.00 |
| RTCC furniture upgrades | Constant Technologies | \$72,400.31 |
| 20 – Radios and equipment | ABeep LLC | \$132,362.16 |
| 3 – 2025 Ford Transit HR 350 Vans | Gillespie Ford | \$176,595.00 |
| 10 – 2025 Ford Interceptor | Gillespie Ford | \$481,840.00 |
| 2 – F350 Pickup | Gillespie Ford | \$110,396.00 |
| 4 – F350 Pickup | Gillespie Ford | \$220,792.00 |
| | <i>Total</i> | <i>\$8,635,276.33</i> |

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

Community Development Block Grant Director Tom Tomschin highlighted on all the Town efforts since the Flood Disaster of July 2023. He announced the Town of Cicero was awarded \$96,004,000.00 in Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Diaster Recovery funding. Director Tomschin added there will be a formal process, public hearing process and an action plan process as to how these funds will be used. Trustee Cundari thanked Director Tomschin on all his efforts in making this possible and commended him on a job well done, since his appointment, in bringing in and managing all the additional grant funding the Town has received.

(12-25)

On the motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Board concurred with the recommendation by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote Captain Branislav Dragisic to the of rank of Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Police, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(13-25)

On the motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Porod, the Board concurred with the recommendation by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote Captain Armando Galvan to the of rank of Commander of Police, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(14-25)

On the motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Board concurred with the recommendation by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote Captain Michael Shrabacz to the of rank of Commander of Police, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(15-25)

On the motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Porod, the Board concurred with the recommendation by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote Detective Baldo Bello to the of rank of Sergeant of the Training Division of the Cicero Police Department, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(16-25)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Board concurred with the recommendation of Town Engineer, Tim Geary to award Landscape Structures, Inc. the contract for Inclusive Park / Phil Fuentes Park – Playground Equipment Purchase in the amount of \$94,444.00; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Chairman Pro-Tem Cundari opened the meeting to the public for their comments.

Resident Frank Kraut reported on the Stormwater Advisory Committee and thanked President Dominick and the Town Board for their efforts since the flooding in July 2023.

Resident Mario Castaneda reported on the many community improvements, the flood control program and thanked President Dominick and the Town Board for their service to the Town and its residents.

Water Superintendent Lido Manetti reported the Town has reimbursed over \$200,000.00 to its residents in connection with the Flood Control Program and announced the Town was awarded through Buildup Cook grant in the amount of \$1.2 million for water valve replacement.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the board then stood adjourned at 10:37 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

ROBERT POROD – RECORDER OF THE MINUTES
ATTESTED BY: MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK