
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF CICERO
PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met in a Public Hearing to discuss the 2024 Appropriation Ordinance on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 9:45 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, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.
Absent: * Trustee Garcia
Attorney: Michael Del Galdo

Thereupon, President Dominick declared a quorum present and the hearing duly convened.

Town Clerk Maria Punzo-Arias stated proper notice was given in the Lawndale News on March 14th, 2024 and a copy of the 2024 Appropriation Ordinance was on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office for ten days as required by law.

Finance Director David Gonzalez provided a brief summary of the Annual Budget, Appropriations and the Estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

He then opened the hearing to public and board members comments and / or questions.

No comments were made from the Town Board Members.

Resident Ankur S. spoke in regards to how there has been flooding every summer and is asking for more flooding help.

Resident Gerardo Nava, stated he collected petitions for Alley Improvements due to flooding complaints. Also stated some complaints about the public hearing being published with the Lawndale News.

Resident Irene Romulo shared some questions that she says she received from the community. Finance Director David Gonzalez tried to address each concern. She then read the email that she sent out to the Board of Trustees and brought up concern in regards to not posting the appropriation with at least a 30 day notice. Attorney Michael Del Galdo addressed that concern by citing the Illinois Municipal Code that states that since we are a Town that is Incorporated, that law does not apply to us and that The Town followed the correct regulations by posting within the 10 days of the public hearing.

Resident Martha Roman asked if it was possible to focus on flood issues.

Attorney Michael Del Galdo discussed how we should support bill 477 that would create a regional flood district group that would help assist with flooding issues between Town of Cicero, West Chicago, Berwyn, and Oak Park.

Resident discussed how he is a 17 year old who owns a comic book store and it has been hard to run due to social media and AI. Wanted to see if it was possible to get some help in funding instead of increasing police funding.

Resident Gerardo Nava questioned the budget for CPD and the residency requirements for CPD. Attorney Del Galdo responded and brought up the collective bargaining agreement that was placed that requires us to pay a percentage a year for CPD's pension and discussed how it is not a requirement for CPD to live in the town.

Resident Hugo Trevino spoke on climate crisis and how we should take that into account for future budget.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 10:40 A.M.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK