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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, September 27, 2022 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: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

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 Vargas, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

## ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

**(153-22)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #18, dated September 22, 2022, in the total amount of \$3,000,370.30, the list of manual checks dated September 9 thru September 23, in the total amount of \$94,868.50, and the list of online payments dated September 10 thru September 22, in the total amount of \$0.00, 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.

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**(154-22)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,650,650.74 & Library \$26,723.94*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 09-22-22; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None.

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**(155-22)**

By Trustee Vargas:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of August/2022, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,379,038.06, 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.

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**(156-22)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of October/2022, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$37,425.76, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None.

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**(157-22)**

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of October/2022, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$5,912.68, 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, Virruso.  
Nays: None.

## **ORDINANCES**

**(“O” 53-22)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Town of Cicero and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Town of Cicero (*Allows for eligible reimbursements from Medicaid through the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“O” 54-22)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance granting a sign variance for the operation of Cermak Produce at 4605 West Cermak Rd. (this allows the installation of a lighted sign that is 531.25 sq. ft.) 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” 120-22)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation in the case Sergio Rodriguez v. Town of Cicero (*Case No 2021 L 006157*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Victor Reyes of The Roosevelt Group along with their State Government Relations Director Madeline Norris and 24<sup>th</sup> Representative District Lisa Hernandez highlighted on the 2022 Legislative Accomplishments for the Town of Cicero:

**REAPPROPRIATED GRANTS: \$1,355,500**

\$255,500 Costs associated with roadway improvements on Cermak Road

\$150,000 Costs associated with the Police Department upgrades

\$650,000 Costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$200,000 Costs associated with capital improvements  
\$100,000 Costs associated with capital improvements for Cicero East School

APPROPRIATED GRANTS: \$3,735,000

\$2,235,000 Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Town of Cicero for costs associated with the development of a park (*Inclusive Park at 19<sup>th</sup> Street / Laramie Avenue*)  
\$650,000 Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Town of Cicero for costs associated with infrastructure improvements  
\$150,000 Costs associated with the fire station improvements (Section 3981)  
\$150,000 Costs associated with the fire station improvements (Section 7451)  
\$150,000 Costs associated with operating expenses for Cicero Police Department (*Body cameras, license plate readers, forensic & ballistic testing, and mental health screening for officers.*)  
\$150,000 Costs associated with operating expenses for Cicero Fire Department  
\$250,000 Administrative costs for purposes permitted by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and related 14 federal guidance (*The Boys & Girls Club of Cicero (\$250,000.00), Corazon (\$250,000.00) and Domestic Violence Preventive Funding*)

ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIES:

- \$1.8 Billion for Family Relief Packages in grocery tax and property tax rebates
- ITIN filers are now included for a refundable credit regardless of legal status
- Local Municipal Distributive Fund which protects the Town from the rising cost of inflation will be permanently increased
- Teachers Tax Credit for classroom materials is doubled
- Morton College to receive additional funding
- \$2 Million for Trauma & Recovery Centers

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A Public Bid Opening was held on 09/13/2022 for 2022 Parking Lot Paving Improvements for 4921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 2944 South Laramie Avenue. The following bids were received and reviewed by the Town Engineer:

| <u>CONTRACTOR'S NAME</u>       | <u>BID AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| M & J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. | \$193,565.00      |

**(159-22)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Board concurred with the recommendation of Town Engineer, Tim Geary to award M & J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. the contract for 2022 Parking Lot Paving Improvements for 4921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 2944 South Laramie Avenue, in the amount of \$193,565.00; action taken by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None.

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**(160-22)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Board concurred with the recommendation of Board of Fire, Police and Public Safety Commissioners for the promotion of Firefighter Patrick Brophy to rank of Engineer in the Cicero Fire Department; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Fire Chief Penzkofer administered the oath of office to the newly promoted Engineer Patrick Brophy.

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

Crossing Guard Patricia Kosirog expressed her concern with dogs running around and not on a leash while she is crossing the children.

Senior resident Juana Martinez complimented the Town for doing an awesome job.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:34 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK