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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, January 24, 2023 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, Virruso.  
Absent: Trustee Vargas \* Late arrived at 10:09 AM

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, January 11, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

## ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

**(11-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #2, dated January 19, 2023, in the total amount of \$1,657,252.93, the list of manual checks dated January 5 thru January 19, in the total amount of \$0.00, and the list of online payments dated December 10 thru January 19, 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, Virruso.

Nays: None.

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**(12-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,657,686.20 & Library \$27,536.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 1-19-23; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

***PERMITS***

**(13-23)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted SNIPES USA to conduct their Grand Opening at 4757 W. Cermak Rd. on Friday, January 27 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM; contingent that all Building & Business License requirements have been met.

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\*Clerk Punzo-Arias mentioned for record purposes, Trustee Vargas entered the meeting at 10:09 AM.

**(16-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish to host a Valentine's Day Family Dance event to be held in their Social Center on Saturday, February 4, 2023 & Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 11:59PM.

***ORDINANCES***

**(“O” 7-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Ordinance amending Chapter 22, entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Article VII, entitled “Fences”, fencing 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 22, Article VII “Fences” of the Town Code to reflect that the fencing regulations have been consolidated into the Unified Development Code (UDC).)*

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**(“O” 8-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance amending the Grant Administration Policy for the Town of Cicero (*As listed in 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.

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Agenda item (7A) An Ordinance Approving A Plat Of Dedication For Certain Real Property Known As 21<sup>st</sup> Place Between Austin Boulevard And 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue In The Town Of Cicero, was stricken from the agenda.

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**(“O” 9-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for the installation of certain equipment on and around an existing freestanding cellular tower at 2501 ½ S. Cicero 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” 2-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a third amendment to the real estate sale contract between the Town of Cicero and Vequity, LLC for the sale of real property (*Northwest corner of Cicero Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Street*), 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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**(“R” 3-23)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of a claim by the Hanover Insurance Group on behalf of David E. Gaeger against the Town of Cicero was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 4-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case *Edgar Vera v. Town of Cicero (Case No 2021 WC 004694)*, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 5-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing intervention in property tax assessment proceedings (*Allows the Town to intervene in the appeals and proceedings in order to protect the Town’s revenue interest in the assessed valuation of the Property as set by the applicable Township Assessor or Cook County Board of Review*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 6-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into and approve an agreement with Ryan, LLC to provide consulting services for the Town (*To analyze and assist the Town on certain economic development and financial matters including but not limited to, preparing the tax increment financing district; formerly known as Kane McKenna and Associates, Inc.*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 7-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing the Consolidated Primary election scheduled for February 28, 2023 to be held on and in concert with the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election for the Town was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 8-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to execute and enter into an agreement with Specialty Consulting, Inc. for environmental consulting services for the Town (*Per the recommendation of the Community Development Block Grants, Specialty Consulting, Inc. was the lowest responsible respondent to (RFP No. DOH-111022) “Inclusion Park” park & playground redevelopment project located at 1834 S. Laramie Avenue*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 9-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to execute and enter into an agreement with Terra Engineering Ltd. for architectural design services for the Town (*Per the recommendation of the Community Development Block Grants, Terra Engineering Ltd. was the lowest responsible respondent to (RFP No. DOH-111022) “Inclusion Park” park & playground redevelopment project located at 1834 S. Laramie Avenue*) 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***

**(14-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the authorization was given to amend the 2023 Holiday Schedule to reflect that Cicero Town Hall shall remain open on April 6, 2023 and shall be closed on April 10, 2023, was accepted, placed on file, and action taken by the following vote:

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

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**(15-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the notice of Schedule of Meetings for Cicero Town Board of Trustees for calendar year 2023 as amended (*amending Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>*) was accepted, placed on file and action taken by the following vote:

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

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

Public Relations Director Ray Hanania announced Trustee Joe Virruso was celebrating his 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday and on behalf of President Dominick and the Town Board, he was presented with a cake.

Resident Nielia Garcia along with her mother expressed concerns with the recent theft of catalytic converters in their area.

Business owner Rigoberto Reyes reported he was in the process of reopening his business and requested assistance in reserving the diagonal parking along the building for his customers.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:33 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK