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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, February 28, 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, Vargas, Virruso.  
Absent: Trustee Reitz (Excused)

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, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

## ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

**(27-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #4, dated February 23, 2023, in the total amount of \$577,655.58, the list of manual checks dated February 10, 2023 thru February 23, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,204,394.70, and list of online payments dated February 10, 2023 thru February 23, 2023 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, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None.

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**(28-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,645,301.99 & Library \$27,536.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 2-23-23; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(29-23)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the payment request, submitted by Thortons LLC, in accordance with the Illinois Economic Incentive Agreement for Thortons development located at 3503 Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804, (*Ordinance No. 12-18, duly passed by the Town Board on February 13, 2018*) for the second half of FY2022, in the total amount of \$69,591.25, 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, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

***PERMITS***

**(30-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted Inner City Impact to close 23<sup>rd</sup> Place from 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Laramie Avenue for their Day of the Young Child - Dia Del Niño event on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM.

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**(31-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted to Mary Queen of Heaven to conduct two religious processions on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, first procession at 12:00 PM ("The Stations of the Cross") and second procession at 8:00 PM ("Silent Procession") on route outlined in their request.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **(“O” 14-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance amending Chapter 94, entitled “Traffic”, Section 94-184 entitled “One-way streets and alleys” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero regarding the schedule of one-way streets for the Town of Cicero was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

*(Purpose of Ordinance)*

*(The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the schedule of one-way streets set forth in Chapter 94, Section 94-184 of the Town Code to declare that 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue shall be a one-way street from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street, and to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of the necessary corresponding street signs.)*

Section 94-184: One-way Streets and Alleys; Schedule XIV

51<sup>st</sup> Avenue to become a one-way street from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street, and to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of the necessary corresponding street signs

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### **(“O” 15-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Ordinance authorizing and approving the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Department (*One (1) Versalift VO-270-REV on an International HV607 Crew Cab with an Arbortech Chipper purchased from Power Equipment Leasing Co for the total amount of \$338,567.00.*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:  
Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

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### **(“O” 16-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance authorizing the Town President to enter into a certain agreement with 3300 S. Cicero, LLC regarding a redevelopment project located within the Town (*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, Vargas, Virruso.  
Nays: None

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**(“O” 17-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance granting a parking variance for the operation of a tobacco shop at 6019 West Cermak Road, was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

***RESOLUTIONS***

**(“R” 19-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from MABAS Division XI for annual dues for the Town (*MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) membership dues for the Cicero Fire Department in the total amount of \$10,000.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 20-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from Legacy Fire Apparatus Inc. for services provided to the Town (*Provided maintenance and repair services on Fire Truck #2 for the total amount \$32,555.91*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 21-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving an invoice from Computer Information Systems Inc. to provide services to the Cicero Police Department for the Town (*Records Management System Annual License Renewal and System Maintenance Support Agreement for the total amount of \$12,000.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 22-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving an application for grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program for alley paving for the Town was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 23-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving an application for grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program CARES Act for an Inclusion Park for the Town was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 24-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a fourth 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Place*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**(32-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, authorization was granted to set the Town of Cicero Appropriation Hearing for FY 2023 on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 9:45 AM: action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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

Cook County Commissioner – 16<sup>th</sup> District Frank Aguilar highlighted on the following:

FUNDING

- ARPA Funding - \$42,882,464.00
- Back To Business Funding - \$940,000.00
- Secured 11.4 Million for the purchase of a helicopter for the Sheriff's Department to be used for carjacking rescues and other emergency services
- Brought 3 Million to 16<sup>th</sup> District Gun Violence Reduction Grant
- Brought funding for returning citizens for rental assistance and re-entry services
- Brought Climate Plan funding in the form of grants to improve climate resiliency, including addressing flooding

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnering with County Sheriff's Office for safety training, car safety and information session on Sheriff Initiatives
- Partnering with Board of Review and Assessors Office to hold property tax appeal seminars and distribute information & access to residents to keep their taxes low
- Collaborated with Federal, State and Local municipalities to provide healthcare options and information for the Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, assistance for Businesses and help for the unemployed
- Hosts monthly Town Halls to discuss pressing issues with residents
- Published and distributed State of the District Reports

Resident Nelson Acevebo thanked the Board for the demolition of a property, reported on lighting issues at Warren Park and the Clyde Park District does not accept credit card payments for program fees.

Project Manager Craig Pesek announced Portillo's will be opening up a location in Cicero; within the next 5 years.

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On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:17 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK