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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, July 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

President: Dominick

Town 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 Garcia, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 27<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***

**(97-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #13, dated July 10, 2023, in the total amount of \$1,280,792.69, the list of manual checks dated June 22, 2023 thru July 5, 2023 in the total amount of \$70,598.90, and list of online payments dated June 23, 2023 thru July 5, 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, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso

Nays: None

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**(98-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,669,280.45 & Library \$27,626.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 7-5-23; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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**(99-23)**

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of May 2023, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,346,056.60, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

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**(100-23)**

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of June 2023, prepared by Blue Cross & Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$37,014.86, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

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**(101-23)**

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance policy premium for the month of June 2023, prepared by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$5,776.44, be accepted, placed on file and approved for payment.

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

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

Nays: None.

## ***PERMITS***

### **(102-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the board concurred with the recommendation of Project Manager Craig Pesek that the request submitted for the McDonald's Ritmo and Color 2023 Program meet the requirements of a temporary sign and may proceed with their art installation project at the 2827 S. Cicero Avenue through the Building Department.

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### **(103-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the Salvation Army to conduct their annual Red Kettle Campaign from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Monday thru Saturday) at various locations.

## ***BLOCK PARTY PERMIT***

### **(104-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted the residents in the 5200 Block of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to conduct a block party on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### **(105-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted the residents in the 3200 block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to conduct a block party on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

## ***REPORTS***

### **(106-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Porod, the Collector's Office Report (\$4,446,482.04) and the Revenue Summary Report (\$2,257,119.44) for the month of

June/2023, submitted by Fran Reitz, Collector, was accepted and placed on filed; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## ***ORDINANCES***

### **("O" 49-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving the purchase of a printer for various departments of the Town (One (1) PrimeLink C9065 with Business Ready Finisher from Xerox Financial Service, LLC), was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

## ***RESOLUTIONS***

### **("R" 91-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution supporting the Town President's proclamation declaring a disaster related to recent storms in 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" 92-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an engineering services agreement with Walker Consultants regarding Town Hall Complex parking structure repairs, 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" 93-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an engineering services agreement with Frank Novotny and Associates, Inc. regarding a Lead Service Line Inventory 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” 94-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution appointing Terry Higgins as Building Commissioner 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” 95-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution the Town President to enter into an agreement with Veterans Transportation services to provide services to the Town *(To remove and haul away household items services for the Town due to the extreme weather events; not to exceed \$25,000.00)*, 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” 96-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Resolution authorizing and approving a certain invoice from Perkins Manufacturing for equipment provided to the Town *(Provided new composite slide truck bed lifter assemblies for the waste collection vehicles for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$17,109.84)*, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**(107-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Porod, the Board granted the Town Engineer Authority to accept the lowest most responsible bid resulting from the scope of work and bid procurement process prepared by Walker Consulting Associated with the emergency repairs to the Municipal Complex parking structure; 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.

Cook County Commissioner – 16<sup>th</sup> District Frank Aguilar addressed the Board concerning the recent storms and thanked the Public Works & Water Department(s) for their efforts. He also encouraged all to reach out to the Governor's office to get the state declare Cicero a disaster.

A multitude of residents expressed their concerns covering the recent storms and requested assistance with the real and personal property damages that they experienced in the days after the water had receded.

Town Engineer Tim Geary and Water Department Director Lido Manetti provided information on past plans of the MWRD's Deep Tunnel and of current watermain improvements.

Town Clerk Punzo-Arias thanked the elected officials whom have assisted and provided information on the Federal Emergency Management Assistance process.

President Dominick announced he will bring back the rain barrel program and at the next meeting, raise the current Flood Control Program reimbursement from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

Trustee Cundari reported receiving confirmation from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, that Governor Pritzker had declared Cook County along with other various counties as a disaster area.

President Dominick announced he will host a public forum and invite representatives from the Governor's office, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Commonwealth Edison and the Cook County Assessor's office to address some of the issues expressed.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 12:50 P.M. to meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK