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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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, August 22<sup>nd</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***

### **(141-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #17, dated September 7, 2023, in the total amount of \$4,088,157.84, the list of manual checks dated August 15, 2023 thru September 7, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,200.00, and list of online payments dated August 17, 2023 thru September 7, 2023 in the total amount of \$120.75, 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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**(142-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,654,875.51 & Library \$27,626.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 9-7-2023; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

## ***PERMITS***

**(143-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted Cristo Rey Jesuit High School to set up a table to provide information of their services at the Town of Cicero Municipal Complex.

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**(144-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted the Our Lady of Charity Parish to conduct a Flea Market on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, in the school parking lot.

## ***REPORTS***

**(145-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Collector's Office Report (*\$170,125.65*) and the Revenue Summary Report (*\$993,190.23*) for the month of July/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.

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**(146-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Collector's Office Report (*\$153,557.87*) and the Revenue Summary Report (*\$891,292.28*) for the month of August/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” 56-23)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance amending Chapter 22, entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Section 22-281 entitled “Definitions” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero regarding real estate transfers for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

#### Article VI. Certificates of Compliance and Certificates of Occupancy

##### Section 22-281: Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Building commissioner* means the duly appointed town building commissioner or his duly appointed agents or assistants.

*Familial transfer* means a transfer of any interest in real property by one spouse to another, or from one or more parents to one or more children.

*Real property* means all improved real estate located within the corporate boundaries of the town.

*Substantial rehabilitation sewer and water connection requirements* shall mean sewer and water connections and piping systems required to be improved or upgraded where the underlying property is: demolished; rehabbed at a value of 50 percent or more of building's assessed value; any increase in habitable space (additional bedrooms, sleeping rooms, or bathrooms); and any changing of the interior supply lines (not including minor repairs). These requirements shall also apply to properties left vacant for three months or more.

*Transfer* means any conveyance of real property, whether by deed, articles of agreement for deed, or assignment of the beneficial interest under a land trust; any transaction in which real property is used as collateral for a loan; and any transaction in which a present beneficiary is added to a land trust. However, a conveyance of real property in which one (1) or more individuals or entities hold an ownership interest or a present beneficial interest in the conveyed real property both before and after the conveyance does not constitute a transfer as defined within this subsection.

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**("O" 57-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Board of Education of Cicero School District 99 and the Town of Cicero (*For the administration and funding of the School Crossing Guard Program*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for the passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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**("O" 58-23)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance granting a special use permit for the operation of a basketball court within an existing shoe store located at 4757 West Cermak Rd, Cicero, Illinois, 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***

Paul Rosenthal of Tai Ginsberg & Associates, LLC updated the Board on a 2.3 million dollar Water Main Improvement grant project lead by the US Army Corp. of Engineering. He thanked Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar along with Water Department Superintendent Lido Manetti and all the state and federal elected officials for their assistance in expediting the emergency declaration that was signed on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**("R" 119-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Tai Ginsberg & Associates, LLC to provide consulting services to the Town (*To provide lobbying services*), 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" 120-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Resolution appointing Larry Starnes, Steven Waldenga, Sonia Centeno and Frank Kraut as members to the Stormwater Advisory Board, 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" 121-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the resolution authorizing, approving and ratifying an invoice from Veteran Transportation Services for hauling services provided to the Town (*To remove and haul away household items services for the Town due to the extreme weather events*), 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" 122-23)**

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into an agreement with Benford Brown & Associates, LLC for the Town (*To conduct the official annual audit of all public records, books, papers and evidence of the Town treasury for the year 2021*), 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" 123-23)**

On motion of Trustee Reitz seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Resolution authorizing the Town President to enter into a professional services agreement with Katherine Skurski, DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC to provide services to the Town (*To provide health examinations and medical services to adult and minor residents of the Cicero Health Clinic*), was 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" 124-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving a change order to the agreement with Specialty Consulting, Inc. for environmental consulting services for the Town (*In connection with the All-Inclusive Park located at 1800-1900 S. Laramie*), was 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" 125-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying certain invoices from National Power Rodding for services provided to the Town (*For emergency sewer cleaning services provided to the Town due to the extreme weather events*) was 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" 126-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying an amendment to a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the Town (*Seeking to extend the timeframe for the use of grant funding from DCEO for the replacement of the Cicero Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)*), was 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” 127-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Resolution authorizing and approving a retail theft grant application for funding from the Illinois Attorney General for the Town (*For the purchase of new radios, pole cameras and training to develop a Real Time Crime Center in the total amount of \$1,162,360.00*), was 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” 128-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the acceptance of grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Town (*Seeking funding from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors for the Cicero Fire Department in the total amount of \$156,000.00*), was 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” 129-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of police tactical equipment for the Town (*For the purchase of active shooter kits and ballistic shield from Mallory Safety and Supply LLC in the total amount of \$17,429.00; funded by the Chicago/Cook County Partners 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)*), was 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” 130-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of a drone for the Town (*One (1) DJI Matrice Drone from Axon Air for the Cicero Police Department in the total amount of \$47,456.00*), was 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” 131-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of a security system for the Town (*For the purchase of additional security cameras and access panels for the Cicero Fleet Maintenance Department from Current Technologies Corporation in the total amount of \$45,915.06*), was 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” 132-23)**

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution granting permission to Mexican Cultural Committee for the Mexican Independence Day Parade on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM, was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote: Clerk Punzo-Arias reported that parade route had been changed, therefore, On Motion of Trutee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas to amend the parade route that will begin at 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and proceed west on Cermak Road to 59<sup>th</sup> Court;

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

Nays: None.

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**(“R” 133-23)**

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution granting permission for the J. Sterling Morton High School for their Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM, 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” 134-23)**

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution granting permission for the 54th Annual Houby Day Parade on Sunday, October 8, 2023, 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***

A Public Bid Opening was held on 07/31/2023 for RFP: DOH-062623 Construction Management Services related to the Construction of New Park: Inclusive Park located at 1800-1900 S. Laramie. The following bids were received and reviewed by the Project Team:

<u>CONTRACTOR'S NAME</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
CHIN & Associates	\$102,191.00
CCS International, Inc.	\$ 99,060.00
Vision Construction	\$896,000.00

**(147-23)**

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Board concurred with the recommendation by Project Team to award the lowest responsible bidder CCS International, Inc., the contract for RFP: DOH-062623 Construction Management Services related to the Construction of New Park: Inclusive Park located at 1800-1900 S. Laramie, in the amount of \$99,000.00; action taken by the following vote:

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

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**("R" 148-23)**

Fire Chief Jeff Penzkofer and Deputy Fire Chief Fithian recognized the following with letters of commendation for exemplary services on two separate life-saving incidents that occurred on 08/28/2023:

Lieutenant Kenneth Pererya	Firefighter / Paramedic Adam Lavery
Engineer Michael Stahl	Firefighter Jon Marcolini
Firefighter / Paramedic Bryor Purdy	Firefighter / Paramedic Christopher Vaval
Acting Lieutenant (that day)	Firefighter Edward Ross
Firefighter Steve Krygsheld	

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

Trustee Vargas thank President Dominick and his wife for hosting the FEMA event at Morton College Friday, September 14th.

Town Clerk Punzo-Arias thanked the first responders for their service and reported on the 911 ceremony held the day before.

Town Attorney reported on his recent visit to the Cristo Rey high school and complimented the school.

Representative from the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue Condo Association requested status on their street improvement request.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:31 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK