
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 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 Garcia, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 9th, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(11-24)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #2, dated January 18, 2023, in the total amount of \$2,621,007.59, the list of manual checks dated January 5, 2024 through January 18, 2024 in the total amount of \$22,874.65, and the list of online payments dated January 6th – January 18th 2024 in the total amount of \$64.40 was accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(12-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,734,264.39 & Library \$23,398.74*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 1-04-24; action taken by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(13-24)

By Trustee Virruso:

RESOLVED, that the list of medical claims and the stop loss insurance policy premium for the month of December/2023, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$1,424,158.25, 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, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(14-24)

By Trustee Garcia:

RESOLVED, that the list of HMO medical claims insurance policy premium for the month of January/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$46,407.23, 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.

(15-24)

By Trustee Porod:

RESOLVED, that the life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance premium for the month of January/2024, prepared by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, in the total amount of \$5,952.79, 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

(16-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to St. Mary Frances Parish to sell alcohol at their event “St. Valentine’s Dance” on Saturday, February 10th, 2023 from 6:30PM to 11:59PM in the St. Frances of Rome School auditorium (*1401 S. Austin Blvd*).

(17-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted to Erie Neighborhood House to set up a table to provide information to the residents at the Town of Cicero Municipal Complex every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

(18-24)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted to Our Lady of Czestochowa & Charity Parish to sell alcohol at their event “St. Valentine’s Day Family Dance” on Saturday, February 10th, 2023 from 6:30PM to 11:59PM at the St. Mary of Czestochowa Social Center (*5000 W. 31st St*).

ORDINANCES

(“O” 8-24)

On motion of Trustee Porod seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Ordinance Authorizing And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Town Of Cicero And The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Of Greater Chicago For The Design,

Construction, Operation, And Maintenance Of The 2024 Green Alley Paving Project 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 Metropolitan Water Reclamation of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has awarded the Town Green Infrastructure (GI) Partnership Program funds for the proposed 2024 Green Alley Paving improvement project that will include the construction of green alleys at the following locations:

1. *1800 Block between 51st Avenue and 50th Court*
2. *1900 Block between 51st Avenue and 50th Court*

(“O” 9-24)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Cicero Public School District 99 and the Town of Cicero Regarding President Dominick’s Literacy Program 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 authorize the President or his designee to enter into the Agreement whereby the Parties agree to cooperate and conduct the Program to promote and foster literacy within the Town and to further authorize the President to take all steps necessary to carry out the terms of the Agreement and to ratify any steps taken to effectuate that goal.

RESOLUTIONS

(“R” 7-24)

On motion of Trustee Cava seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution Authorizing the Town President to Enter into a Certain Agreement with Neighborly Software for the Purchase of Software for the Town (*electronic estimating software to prepare bid specifications*)

and bid documents) was accepted, placed on file and approved for adoption by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

(“R” 8-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case of *Saul Diaz V. Town of Cicero* for the Town of Cicero, (Case No. 22-CV-03670), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 9-24)

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 of *Ruben Perez V. Town of Cicero* for the Town of Cicero, (Case No. 22WC025410), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

(“R” 10-24)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case of *Stephen Hendrick V. Town of Cicero* for the Town of Cicero, (Case No. 21WC012687), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Luis Velasquez a reporter from Cicero Independiente discussed how the local Koppers plant in Stickney has received over 10 violations in the last decade and asked board

members to provide any feedback on the toxic contamination this company emits and if they are taking any preventing measures.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the board then stood adjourned at 10:13 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK