**TOWN OF CICERO**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** President Strong called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. President Strong continued with roll call. Members were present or absent as follows:

**Present:** Chad Amos **Absent:**

Jerry Cook

Chris Lutz

Jack Russell

Dan Strong

President Strong declared a quorum present.

**Others Present:** Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

Jim Hunter, Police Chief

Lance Overholser, Fire Chief

Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director

Sam Haymaker, Park Superintendent

Aaron Culp, Town Attorney

Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:**

**Town Council Staff Meeting, September 10, 2020, 7:00 PM** – Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes from 9/10/2020. Mr. Amos seconded, motion passed

**Town Council Meeting, September 15, 2020, 7:00 PM** – Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the 9/15/2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

**Special Town Council Meeting, September 22, 2020, 7:00 PM** – Mr. Amos made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes from 9/22/2020.

Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.

**Approval of Claims:** Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the claims dated 10/6/2020. Mr. Amos seconded, motion passed.

**Council Committee Reports:**

1. OTC Report – Nothing
2. EDC Report **–** Nothing
3. SWU Management Board Report **–** Nothing

**Legal Counsel Report- Aaron Culp:** Mr. Culp stated that the Parks Dept has a trailer that is old, bent and worthless. He went on to say that Mr. Haymaker would like to dispose of it at no cost to the town. Mr. Culp would like for the council to declare it ‘worthless property’. Mr. Amos made a motion to declare the trailer worthless property and allow Mr. Haymaker to dispose of it. Mr. Russell seconded, motion passed.

**Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report –** Mr. Taylor submitted the following:

**Permit Revenue:** September 2020 = $16,638 YTD: $76,374

September 2019 = $3,958 YTD: $59,735

Difference: Month = $12,680 YTD: $16,639

A total of 42 building permits were issued during September 2020. Thirty-five were inside the corporate limits (of which 17 were new homes). A total of seven permits were issued in Jackson Township (of which 0 were new homes). First Farmers Bank & Trust has purchased the First Merchants building at 1100 S. Peru St. and plan to move in sometime in December.

**Town Engineer Report –** Mr. Bryant submitted the following report:

1. MI Homes / Tamarack Development: Section 3 construction work including sanitary and storm sewer installation is to begin shortly. Construction plan submittal for Section 4 has been made and is under review.
2. I & I Project – Payment Application #8 & Payment Application #9. The lining on Stringtown Pike of the final segment was successful. We are finalizing current contract costs and change orders for final quantities to see where we stand with funding balances. This will be emailed before the next Council Meeting so that we may review at the meeting. Contractor Pay Application No. 9 for $25,829 for payment to 3D Company, Inc. was recently reviewed and submitted to the Town with recommendation for payment. Mr. Amos made a motion to approve Pay Application 8 & 9. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Adopt 2021 Budget – Ordinance Number 10-06-2020-01– Mr. Amos made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 10-06-2020-01. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.
2. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve a roof for the Street Dept salt bin as it is in need of repair. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed. Mr. Freeman stated that SWU will contribute to the cost of the roof.

**New Business:**

1. Resolution No. 10-06-2020-2 Transfer of Funds – Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-06-2020-2 Transfer of Funds. Mr. Amos seconded, motion passed.
2. Parks –

Grant /Tennis Courts/Pickle Ball – President Strong talked about crowd funding for the tennis courts at the community park. The courts are being used and the Cicero citizens have inquired about a pickleball court. He spoke briefly about the (limited) grant. Council is ok with Mr. Haymaker and Mr. Russell doing additional research.

Salary Ord/Personnel Policy/Comm Bldg Rental Agreement – Mr. Russell

dispersed a handout which included a revised salary ordinance for the Parks Dept. as well as an updated/revised Red Bridge Community Building Rental Agreement. He also had handouts for rental requirements and an alcohol policy. After a brief discussion, the council decided to direct questions and concerns to Mr. Russell for further discussion. The council thanked Mr. Russell for the time and effort that he and Mr. Haymaker have put into the Parks Department.

1. Police Cars – Chief Hunter asked the council’s blessing on ordering his 2021 police cars that have been approved in the 2021 budget. The consensus of the council was yes that Chief Hunter could order the vehicles.
2. Public Safety Pontoon – After discussion of ownership, responsibility (financial and physical) and future funding, Mr. Amos made a motion to approve up to $48,000.00 for a pontoon, boat lift and incidentals. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.
3. Letter from Hamilton County Parks – President Strong presented a letter from Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Dept. (HCPRD). Conversation ensued and, in the end, council’s consensus is that they would like for the HCPRD to put some information together for their review.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Baseball Complex – Mr. Lutz talked about his role with the baseball complex. He also stated that he would like to step away to allow Mr. Haymaker and Mr. Russell to move forward. President Strong thanked Mr. Lutz for his contributions to the baseball complex.

**Comments by Citizens:**

1. Ms. Brockhoff asked about the status of the community pool. President Strong informed her that they are still working through the process as they are in fact finding mode i.e. location, pool, etc. Ms. Brockhoff asked if they found the source of the leak. President Strong said that they had not.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Russell made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

**Signatures on Official Documents!**

***Signatures of Cicero Town Council***

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Dan Strong, President

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Chad B. Amos

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Jerry Cook

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Christopher J. Lutz

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Richard J. Russell

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Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

**The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on October 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Red Bridge Community Building.**