



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Chad Amos
Jerry Cook
Chris Lutz
Jack Russell
Dan Strong

Absent:

President Strong declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer
Jim Hunter, Police Chief
Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director
CJ Taylor, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director
Sam Haymaker, Park Superintendent
Aaron Culp, Town Attorney – via Zoom
Keith Bryant, Town Engineer – via Zoom

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Russell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Amos seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

Mr. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve claims dated 12/1/2020. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

Council Committee Reports:

1. OTC Report – Nothing
2. EDC Report – Mr. Lutz stated that EDC will meet tomorrow (12/2/20). He also stated that Mr. Gordon’s appointment for the EDC is complete at the end of the year; if anyone knows of a replacement, let him know as Mr. Gordon is not planning to return. President Strong also noted that there are a few more appointments for other committees/boards that will come to an end this year. He has spoken with most of them and they are planning on returning.
3. SWU Management Board Report – Nothing

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp reported that he is working with President Strong for our public hearing scheduled for 12/15/20 to ensure the town is following social distancing guidelines yet allowing room for public comments. It’s in the works.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report – CJ Taylor – December 2020

Permit Revenue: November 2020 = \$6,644 YTD: \$98,827
November 2019 = \$2,594 YTD: \$70,120
Difference: Month = \$4,050 YTD: \$28,707

A total of 11 building permits were issued for November 2020. Ten were inside the corporate limits (of which 6 were new homes). One permit was issued for Jackson Township (of which 0 were new homes).

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant –

1. MI Homes / Tamarack Development:

- a. Section 3 construction work including sanitary and storm sewer installation continues but not a lot done since the last meeting due to the weather and the holidays.
- b. Section 4 – response to our prior comments has been partially received. Coordinated for the full response and review.

2. SRF – I & I Reduction Project: The contractor, 3D, has indicated that they have completed the additional manhole lining and Bayshore lift station work. We will inspect to be sure that they are completed per specifications.

Old Business:

- 1. Utility Rate Fees – President Strong presented a handout complete with a chart for rate comparison with surrounding communities’ which Mr. Hadler explained. Mr. Lutz inquired about the surrounding communities in Hamilton County. He would like to see those added to the chart. Mr. Hadler talked for a little bit about ‘why now’ for the water and wastewater expansion projects. He stated that Cicero’s infrastructure is old and getting older and the cost of delaying with inflation will only get to be more costly. Mr. Lutz also inquired about a FAQ sheet that he would like to have prior to the staff meeting on 12/10/2020 for review. Mr. Hadler said he would get this completed.
- 2. Ordinance 12-01-2020-1 Amending Chapter 50 of Title V of the Cicero Municipal Code of Ordinances – Removed from Agenda

New Business:

- 1. ADA Transition Plan – President Strong stated that Cicero’s ADA Transition Plan was last updated 8/2017. According to regulation, it should be addressed at least twice per year. Ms. Gary has put it on the calendar for review in February and October 2021. Mr. Lutz thanked President Strong for taking care of this. Mr. Amos made a motion to change the ADA coordinator from Mr. Munoz to Mr. Taylor. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.

Miscellaneous:

1. Parking – Mr. Amos reminded the council of his proposal to create seven handicapped parking spaces on Jackson Street. He didn't need a decision tonight. Mr. Russell said that they are good spots and Mr. Cook is not opposed to them.
2. Dredging – Mr. Amos and Mr. Lutz met via Zoom with Citizens Energy Group. Mr. Amos' concern is the number of dump trucks going through town as it is an eight-year project. He likes brought up the idea of a possible weight restriction on Jackson Street and Stringtown Pike which was discussed previously. They will reach out to the contractor. Mr. Lutz felt they listened to their concerns. President Strong thanked Mr. Amos and Mr. Lutz for their time and efforts. They are tentatively scheduled to start dredging in the spring. Mr. Amos has concerns about the dirt and debris this will create. He will reach out to them if this becomes an issue.
3. Pontoon – Mr. Amos stated that Chief Hunter and Overholser are looking at other options for a pontoon since the last ordeal didn't work out for the town. However, he would like to wait until they are available for discussion.
4. President Strong stated that there will be a 35-resident limit for the public hearing at Red Bridge for the next council meeting/public hearing on 12/15/2020. Social Distancing Guidelines impact the amount of available space.

Comments by Citizens: There were none.

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

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

Dan Strong, President

Chad B. Amos

Jerry Cook

Christopher J. Lutz

Richard J. Russell

Attested: _____
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on December 15, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Red Bridge Community Building.