



**TOWN OF CICERO  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** President Blueher called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. President Blueher called for roll call. Members of the Cicero Town Council were present or absent as follows:

**Present:** Chad Blueher  
Jerry Cook  
Joseph Cox  
Eric Hayden  
Christopher Lutz

**Absent:**

**Declare a Quorum Present:** President Blueher declared a quorum with all members present.

**Others Present:** Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer  
Jeff Rednour, Police Chief  
Lance Overholser, Fire Chief  
Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director  
Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director  
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent  
Aaron Culp, Town Attorney  
Keith Bryant, Town Engineer  
Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

**Open Bids for Surplus Vehicle:** President Blueher opened the bid for the 2014 Chevy Tahoe. The bid was from Pendleton Pike Auto Sales in the amount of \$12,000.00. Mr. Cox made a motion to accept the bid. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.

**CCD Public Hearing:** Mr. Lutz made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried. President Blueher asked for any comments from the public. There were none. Mr. Hayden inquired about the frequency of reestablishing the CCD. There was no further discussion. Mr. Hayden made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried. Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve CCD Ordinance No. 03-07-2023-1. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Cook voting nay.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Cook seconded; motion carried.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:**

**Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**Town Council Retreat Meeting Memorandum, February 21, 2023, 6:00 PM**

**Town Council Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Mr. Cox made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the claims dated 3/7/2023 as presented. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried.

**Council Committee Reports:**

1. OTC Report – President Blueher stated that the OTC new president is Ms. Sally Bowden. He also stated that there are two seats available on OTC.
2. EDC Report – Mr. Cox said that the meeting last week didn't happen, but will be rescheduled for 3/23/23.
3. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President Freeman was not present, but SWU Board Member Mehlan was present with an update for the Brinton Street Project.

**Legal Counsel Report** – Mr. Culp stated that the agreement with the Farmer's has been ratified and ready for President Blueher's signature. Mr. Hayden made a motion to allow President Blueher to sign the agreement. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.

**Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report** – Director's Report - February 2023

Permit Revenue: February 2023 = \$5941 YTD: \$9959

February 2022 = \$16,063 YTD: \$27,348

Difference: Month = -\$10,122 YTD: -\$17,389

A total of 14 building permits were issued for February 2023. Eleven were within the corporate limits (of which, 2 were for a new homes). Three permits were issued in Jackson Township (of which, 1 was for a new home). Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$2,201,186. Additional updates – Auburn Estates Subdivision – all of these in section 1 have been permitted. Tamarack Section 4 – 69 lots, 12 left to be permitted.

**Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant –**

1. Tamarack – Mr. Bryant said that he received an email from the contractor for Section 3 stating that they are done with the punch list. MI Homes has been asked to confirm the status of Section 1 and 2 punch list (performed by a different contractor). At that point, United will inspect to verify before recommending infrastructure acceptance to the town.
2. Auburn Estates – Mr. Bryant has no information and has asked the developer for an update.
3. Water – Mr. Bryant hopes to gain access to the site to do the test wells soon with the recent town/owner agreement progress. Peerless Midwest is on standby to assist, weather permitting.
4. Wastewater – Mr. Bryant stated that design continues to include details, structural, mechanical and electrical design. We received effluent limits from IDEM and are awaiting construction permit review. He hopes to have a bond discussion with Mr. Culp in the next month or so. Mr. Hayden inquired about a timeline to finish the expansion. Mr. Bryant guessed 18-20 months for the construction period is anticipated.

**Old Business:**

1. Resolution No. 03-07-2023-02 Red Bridge Dock Fees – After a brief discussion, Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-07-2023-02. Mr. Hayden reluctantly seconded, motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Cook and Mr. Cox voting nay.

**New Business:** There was none.

**Miscellaneous:** There was nothing.

**Comments by Citizens:** Hamilton County Councilman Hall, District 3 Representative, was present to inquire about any issues that the council would like for him to address. Councilman Hall thanked Chief Overholser for his guidance in understanding safety issues. He also stated that a joint county council/commissioner meeting is scheduled for 3/13/23 at 9:30 am. He invite anyone wishing to attend.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Cook made the motion. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion carried.

**Signatures on Official Documents!**

***Signatures of Cicero Town Council***

AYE		NAY
_____	Chad M Blueher	_____
_____	Jerry G Cook	_____
_____	Joseph R Cox	_____
_____	Eric C Hayden	_____
_____	Christopher J Lutz	_____

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

**The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on March 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.**