



**TOWN OF CICERO  
TOWN COUNCIL STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** President Lutz called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Christopher Lutz  
Joe Cox  
Eric Hayden  
Dennis Johnson  
Emily Pearson

**Absent:**

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

1. Town Council –
  - a. Annexation –
    - i. Tollgate – Council inquired about paving the path on Tollgate once the annexation is completed. Superintendent Hunter will work on that.
    - ii. Town – Mr. Johnson is working on annexation on the west side for the town. A lengthy conversation ensued concerning LIT, TIF, boundaries, etc. In the end, council discussed the next steps which is probably a fiscal study. Council entrusted Mr. Johnson to contact Baker Tilly to move forward.
  - b. 160 W Jackson – President Lutz would like to move forward with the demolition of the property. Council was in favor of this. President Lutz asked Mr. Strong to oversee this project. There was a brief discussion concerning training for police and/or fire. Chief Rednour will reach out to FBI and inquire if they have any interest.
  - c. Executive Session/Special Meeting – President Lutz will contact Ms. Gary to advertise an executive session possibly on 5/8/24.
2. Parks –
  - a. Park Board MOU and Ordinance – Superintendent Hunter would like to move forward with the Park Board MOU and Ordinance. He has put together a short list of members. After a brief discussion, council asked Ms. Gary to add this to the next council meeting agenda.
  - b. Marina Gas Tank – Superintendent Hunter stated that the grant to replace the gas tank at the marina will cover costs up to 50%. He and his team are working on that but there are lots of unknowns with this project. They are replacing the 3,000-gallon tank with a 5,000-gallon tank. The cost is approximately \$390,000.00.
  - c. Sick Time Payout – Superintendent Hunter inquired if council had an update for his proposal to revise the town's sick time policy. After a brief discussion, the council requested that Ms. Gary add it to the next staff meeting agenda.

3. Plan – Mr. Zawadzki stated that the town received the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) for the Jackson Street Downtown Revitalization Project. Conversation ensued concerning trees, sidewalks, lighting, outdoor seating, etc. Mr. Strong informed the council of the deadline for the next CCMG round.
4. Fire – Chief Overholser stated that there is a merit board meeting on 4/18/24 for a potential new hire.
5. Police – Chief Rednour had nothing new to report.
6. Water/Wastewater – Director Cooper reported that the new pump has been delivered and installed.
7. Clerk Treasurer –
  - a. ACH/E-billing – Ms. Gary had no update.
  - b. Water Usage (Peru St) – Ms. Gary informed the council of extreme water usage on Peru Street.
8. Project Coordinator – Mr. Strong stated that Stillwater Cove residents are interested in the town assuming ownership of Wellworth Drive as has been previously requested. President Lutz gave a brief intro for the new members of the council. He then recused himself as he is a resident of Stillwater Cove. There was a brief discussion concerning the condition of the roads, responsibilities, etc... In the end, council asked Ms. Gary to add this to the next staff meeting agenda.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Cox made the motion. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 5-0.

**Signatures on Official Documents!**

***Signatures of Cicero Town Council***

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_____	Christopher J Lutz	_____
_____	Joseph R Cox	_____
_____	Eric C Hayden	_____
_____	Dennis D Johnson	_____
_____	Emily K Pearson	_____

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