



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Cox called the meeting to order. Hamilton Heights Girl's Scouts were in the house tonight to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. President Cox dismissed the Girl's Scouts and then called for roll call. Members of the Cicero Town Council were present or absent as follows:

Present:	Joseph Cox	Absent:	Emily Pearson
	Eric Hayden		
	Dennis Johnson		
	Christopher Lutz		

Declare a Quorum Present: President Cox declared a quorum with four 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
- Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President
- Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2025, 7:00 PM

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2025, 7:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2025, 7:00 PM

Mr. Hayden made a motion to untable the minutes from January 7, 2025. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 4-0. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of 2/4/25 Claims: Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the claims dated 2/4/25 as presented. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Council Committee Reports:

1. OTC Report – Ms. Pearson was not present.
2. EDC Report – President Cox stated that they are meeting on 2/5/25, so he will have an update at the next council meeting.
3. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President Freeman had nothing to present.

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp had nothing at this time.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission - Director's Report

Permit Revenue: January 2025 = \$2,997 YTD: \$2,997

January 2024 = \$2,401 YTD: \$2,401

Difference: Month = \$596 YTD: \$596

A total of 14 building permits were issued for January 2025. Ten were inside corporate limits (of which 0 was for a new home). Four permits were issued for Jackson Township (of which, 0 are for a new home). Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$473,981.

The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 12th at the Town Hall. The next BZA meeting is scheduled for February 20th at the Town Hall. Both committees will meet and have items on the agenda. We are still looking for applicants to attend the Qualified Individual training held on March 11th at Flix brewhouse. All contractors should attend due to a new IDEM requirement. See me for registration details.

Town Engineer Report – Mr. Bryant was not present, but emailed the following:

1. Tamarack – MI Homes has indicated that the punch list for Section 4 is complete. When the weather allows and snow cover is gone, they will inspect and verify completion.
2. Water – No change in the test well process to report.
3. Wastewater – Reynolds continues construction. Concrete pours, sludge building/drying bed work, pipe work and many other tasks continue.
4. West Jackson Street – The preconstruction meeting was held, minutes prepared and distributed. Mr. Bryant is awaiting an updated schedule from Midwest Paving. He plans to have a business meeting when the construction schedule start date is known. There was a brief discussion concerning outdoor seating at which Mr. Zawadzki informed the council of the loss of two parking spaces on each side of Byron Street.
5. 2025 Community Crossings Matching Grant – Mr. Bryant reported that he has worked with Mr. Strong, Director Cooper and Ms. Gary on the application. Mr. Strong stated that he and Ms. Gary have submitted two grants: one for the Morse Landing Drive Project and one for the Catherine Street Project. He will advise the status as he is aware.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- a. Park Board Appointment – Removed from the agenda.
- b. Light at Park & Peru Street – Director Cooper presented a service agreement between the Town of Cicero and Duke Energy to upgrade the lighting at Park/Peru Street. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayden made a motion to allow President Cox to sign the agreement. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 4-0.
- c. Network Adjusters Offer – Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the offer from Network Adjusters, Inc. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion carried 4-0.
- d. SRF Distribution – Mr. Johnson made a motion to allow President Cox to sign the SRF Distribution Request Form. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Miscellaneous: There was nothing.

Comments by Citizens: Ms. Chance was present to inquire from the council if:

1. any members are meeting with Hamilton County in regard to annexation.
2. there is any quid pro quo is going on with Hamilton County.

In short, the answer to both of these questions was, “No”. However, President Cox acknowledged that he had spoken with Hamilton County, but that there are no agreements in place. Mr. Hayden and Mr. Cox thanked Ms. Chance for her questions.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Hayden made the motion. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

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

Attested: _____
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on February 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.