



**TOWN OF CICERO  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

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

<b>Present:</b>	Eric Hayden	<b>Absent:</b>	Joseph Cox
	Dennis Johnson		Christopher Lutz
	Emily Pearson		

**Declare a Quorum Present:** Vice President Johnson declared a quorum with three 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
- Keith Bryant, Town Engineer
- Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President
- Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:**

**Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2025, 7:00 PM**

**Town Council Executive Session Memorandum, March 18, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of 4/1/25 Claims:** Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve claims dated 4/1/25 as presented. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Council Committee Reports:**

1. OTC Report – Ms. Pearson reported that Friends of the Park have created a dining guide trifold of places to visit in Cicero and had some to distribute.
2. EDC Report – President Cox was not present.
3. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President Freeman had nothing to report. Mr. Hayden asked that they check out the area in Stillwater Cove. President Freeman will do that.

**Legal Counsel Report** – Mr. Culp was not present.

**Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report - Director's Report – March 2025**

Permit Revenue: March 2025 = \$5,191 YTD: \$8,063

March 2024 = \$4,453 YTD: \$11,028

Difference: Month = \$738 YTD: -\$2,965

A total of 18 building permits for March 2025. Eight were within the corporate limits (of which 0 was for a new home). Ten permits were issued in Jackson Township (of which, 0 was for a new home). Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$772,391.

The Planning Commission next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2025, at Red Bridge Community Building.

**Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant**

1. Tamarack – Mr. Bryant asked that this be removed from the agenda in the future as the council accepted the infrastructure of the final section 4 at the prior meeting.
2. Water – Mr. Bryant had nothing new to report.
3. Wastewater – Mr. Bryant stated that Reynolds continues to work at the wastewater treatment plant and that he emailed a copy of Reynolds progress report for March to the council. The concrete pours are complete in the new oxidation ditch #1, Clarifier #3 excavation is nearly complete, the sludge press building foundations are poured and miscellaneous power and pipe work progresses. Mr. Bryant also stated that the sludge press equipment delay until October reported at the last meeting has been moved to August delivery. Mr. Bryant said that he emailed a copy of the IDEM Noncompliance Letter as well as the draft response and asked the council to sign if they approve. Mr. Hayden then made a motion approve and allow VP Johnson to sign the letter. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 3-0.
4. West Jackson Street – Mr. Bryant reported that Midwest Paving did not start construction this week as planned but reportedly will start next Monday. They will start at Byron on the south side with the water main installation that ends at Washington Street. The concrete subcontractor will then begin on the south side of Jackson at Peru Street and continue working westward one block at a time. They will then move to the north side and work eastward. Mr. Hayden inquired about the timeline and whether they are accounting for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. Mr. Bryant replied that they are planning a good stopping point at that time.
5. 2025 Community Crossings Matching Grant – Mr. Bryant relayed that the field work is done for Morse Landing Drive and Catherine Street. They are working on plans, specifications and bid documents. He hopes to set a bid date for the project at the first council meeting in May. If not, he will have them at the second meeting.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

- a. Ordinance 04-01-2025-01 Water & Wastewater Budgets – Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-01-2025-01. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

- b. Ordinance 04-01-2025-02 Employee Handbook Amendment – Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-01-2025-02. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 3-0.
- c. RHI Water Skiing Clinic Agreement – Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the agreement and allow VP Johnson to sign. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Miscellaneous:** There was nothing.

**Comments by Citizens:** There were none.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Hayden made the motion. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Signatures on Official Documents!**

***Signatures of Cicero Town Council***

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

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

**The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.**