



VILLAGE OF
SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES



JANUARY 6, 2020

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2020, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Village President	Tim Wehrle	Deputy Police Chief
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk	Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief
Matt Welch	Attorney	Bill Joyce	Police Chief
Eugene Fazzini	Trustee	Nick Goncher	Building Director
John Ross	Trustee	Mark Martin	Public Work Director
Eric Stanton	Trustee	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Tracy Bosco	Trustee	Nora Gomez	Village Administrator
Sally Marrufo	Trustee		
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee		

DISCUSSION – AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE FEES AND GAMING MACHINE FEES: Mayor Matthews stated that liquor license fees have not been raised in several years and that they were budgeted at a 50% increase in 2020. Finance Director Dolasinski stated that the revenue currently collected does not cover the cost of the liquor commissioner. Discussion ensued regarding the salary, how many liquor licenses are issued in town, and the fees charged in other communities. Trustee Fiorenzo stated that he felt the Village was too small to charge \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 for a liquor license. Trustee Ross stated that doubling the fee would hurt businesses in town but agreed to an increase over a few years. Trustee Marrufo stated that the Village's cost to enforce these licenses has increased over the last 10 years so increasing the liquor fees is necessary. Mayor Matthews stated that this item would be on the next agenda for a vote.

Mayor Matthews stated that the next item to discuss was the gaming machines and that our current ordinance allows the Village to charge \$25.00 per machine by state statute. Discussion ensued regarding what other communities charge, and the revenue from these machines. Mayor Matthews stated that the fee for a gumball vending machines is \$75.00 and a gaming machine is \$25.00. Mayor Matthews asked Attorney Welch to gather information on fees other communities are charging for our next meeting.

DISCUSSION – CREATING APPLICATION FEE FOR CLASS 6B TAX INCENTIVES: Mayor Matthews explained that other communities charge an application fee for processing a class 6B property tax incentive. Attorney Welch explained that these businesses save approximately \$100,000 in property tax saving and that an administrative fee should be charged. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the fee, the number of businesses with incentives, and the cost associated with processing this application request. Mayor Matthews stated that more information would be gathered and presented at the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stanton motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Bosco. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Catherine Linan, Village Clerk



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