



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



**MAY 18, 2020**

In recognition of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, the Village is making every effort to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents. To avoid the transmittance of the COVID-19 virus, residents of the Village are invited to attend this meeting telephonically.

Specifically, residents were encouraged to call into the following teleconference line (712) 775-7031 in order to listen to the live meeting. After dialing the teleconference line, they will be prompted to enter the following conference ID: 245-795. After they have entered this conference ID, they would be able to listen to the meeting.

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, May 18, 2020, by teleconference and at the Village Hall 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Village President
John Ross	Trustee
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk

**Dialed in by phone:**

Tracy Bosco	Trustee
Eugene Fazzini	Trustee
Matt Welch	Attorney
Eric Stanton	Trustee
Sally Marrufo	Trustee
Mark Martin	Public Works
Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief
Bill Joyce	Police Chief
Nick Goncher	Building Director
John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Nora Gomez	Village Administrator

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Mayor Matthews stated that residents were encouraged to email their questions and public comments to [clinan@southchicagoheights.com](mailto:clinan@southchicagoheights.com) prior to and during the meeting. The emails will be read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Clerk Linan stated that no questions were submitted electronically.

**DISCUSSION – WATER RATE ORDINANCE:** Mayor Matthews summarized a prior conversation that he had with Mayor Gonzalez about the water rates when our contract expires in 2023. Mayor

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Matthews stated that our delivery rate is currently \$.85 and that it has not been increased over the last 20 years and that other communities were paying \$1.13. Mayor Matthews explained that Mayor Gonzalez stated that our Village would pay for that difference in the delivery rate for the last 20 years. Mayor Matthews stated that to avoid a large increase in 2023, the Village Board discussed a rate over a three-year period. Finance Director Dolasinski summarized the discussion from 2018 at a Committee of the Whole meeting that the increase was 4.45% in 2018, 2019, and that he proposes another 4.45% for 2020. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding water loss percentage, the water meter program and the cost savings versus the water loss in revenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Ross motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Stanton. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



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Catherine Linan, Village Clerk



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Dated