



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



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Mayor	Sally Marrufo	Trustee
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk	Jake Kozinski	Acting Deputy Chief
Matt Welch	Attorney	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Eric Stanton	Trustee	Nick Goncher	Bldg. Director
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee	Nora Gomez	Administrator
Tracy Bosco	Trustee	Mark Martin	DPW Director
Rose Ann Diederich	Trustee	Bill Joyce	Police Chief
John Ross	Trustee	Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief

Deputy Chief Byrnes were absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DISCUSSION – PURPLE HEART -** Mayor Matthews stated that we had many conversation regarding rehabbing this building and we need to discuss again. Mayor Matthews stated that the building is in need of a roof and tucking repair if we keep the building. Mayor Matthews read the proposal. Discussion ensued regarding repairing the building, demolishing the building, and other repairs that the building needs. Mayor Matthews asked Director Goncher to get a plumbing proposal and asked the board to think about their decision and discuss it again.

**DISCUSSION – FLOOD BROTHERS RENEWAL CONTRACT -** Mayor Matthews stated that the Flood Brothers contract expires in December 2023 and that they presented a renewal contract. Mayor Matthews read the renewal proposal for 2014 \$21.75 and each year after that would be what the CPA index is in October each year. Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding the possible CPA index and having a cap on the increase. Mayor Matthews explained that even at the cap of 6.5% each year would put our rate in four years at \$27.99. Discussion ensued regarding Flood Brothers service and getting a price from Homewood Disposal. Mayor Matthews asked Administrator Gomez to get some pricing.

**DISCUSSION – SENIOR CENTER RENTAL -** Mayor Matthews asked the board if they wished to resume renting the Senior Center again and asked Administrator Gomez to explain. Administrator Gomez explained that she had a tough time finding a security firm but was able to find a firm that agreed to \$25.00 per hour. She stated that the office staff has agreed to a rotation schedule for opening and closing rental parties. Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding the cost to rent and wear and tear on building, competitive pricing, and revenue source or convience for the residents. Mayor Matthews asked Administrator Gomez to rates from other community rental properties for the board to compare.

**DISCUSSION – AMERICAN HOLIDAY LIGHTS -** Mayor Matthews explained that this is the same company that we used last year and that they are not raising the cost. Mayor Matthews explained that he reached out to

Exclusive Interiors and that they did not wish to submit a proposal. Mayor Matthews and the agree to put this on the next agenda for a vote.

**DISCUSSION – REVISED PERSONNEL MANUAL -** Mayor Matthews asked Administrator Gomez to explain. Administrator Gomez summarized the key topic that has been updated which were a Temporary Modify Light Duty Policy, Notary Policy multiple factor, cell phone policy and that the manual referenced an Internet Agreement that was not in the previous manual. Administrator Gomez summarized a few other minor changes that have been revised as well

**DISCUSSION – REFERENDUM QUESTIONS PUBLIC SAFETY -** Mayor Matthews explained that the referendum question would be for increase salaries and personnel for public safety departments. Mayor Matthews summarized the property tax increase amounts for just salaries and salaries and personnel. Mayor Matthews stated that if we run the referendum question he would need everyone’s support.

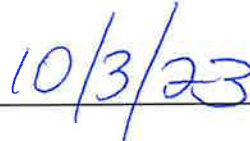
**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stanton motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Diederich. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Catherine Linan, Village Clerk



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