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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Monday, December 28, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 S. Main Street, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Chester A. Dudzinski, Jr., Supervisor
James Corl, Jr., Councilman
Charlotte Tarwacki, Councilor
William Rybak, Councilman
C. Vernon Conway, Councilman
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

Others Present: Christopher Woznica, Highway Superintendent
Sharon Edick, Receiver of Taxes
Joseph Snell, Police Chief
Wayne Dean, Director of Planning & Development
Jeanne Kulesa, Comptroller
Brad Brennan, Assessor
Bonnie Smith, Secretary to Supervisor
Heather Cole, Esquire, Town Attorney
Gary Cannerelli, O'Brien & Gere

Absent: Jody Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation
Michelle Baines, O'Brien & Gere
Sarah Moses, Post Standard
Sarah Hall, Star News

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our troops that are in harms way.

Mr. Dudzinski indicated where the fire exits were and read the following statement:

The Cicero Town Board acknowledges the importance of full public participation in all public hearings and, therefore, urges all who wish to address those in attendance to utilize the microphones located in the front of the room. At this time please turn of your cell phones and be sure to speak into the microphones to enable all to hear.

S.E.Q.R.

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Conway, that all actions taken tonight are Type Two (2) or Unlisted actions and have a negative impact on the environment unless otherwise determined.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway: Yes
Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
Mr. Rybak: Yes
Mr. Corl: Yes
Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Rybak, seconded by Mr. Corl, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 town board meeting.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD INPUT

Highway - None

Police - None

Park & Recreation - None

Comptroller - None

Engineer – None

Zoning – None

Attorney – None

Assessor – None

Tax – Sharon Edick stated that the County Tax bills will be mailed January 1, 2010 and are due by February 1, 2010 with no penalty.

Town Clerk Tracy Cosilmon asked for approval of the 2010 SPCA Contract which is remaining the same as last year’s contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Rybak, to approve the 2010 SPCA Contract which has no financial change from last year.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #24 OF 2009

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Rybak, to approve Abstract #24 of 2009 as follows:

General Fund Voucher #2908 to Voucher # 2986 In the amount of \$404,744.57

Jeanne Kulesa stated that this includes a payment to C. Mattes in the amount of \$26,500.00 and a payment to GAR in the amount of \$37,500.00.

Highway Fund Voucher #675H to Voucher #694H In the amount of \$129,414.76

Jeanne Kulesa stated that this includes a payment of \$5900.00 to Sam’s Native American Tree Service and a payment to Burdick Ford in the amount of \$48,309.00 for the two new trucks.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Rybak to approve the following budget modifications as presented.

Budget Modifications

Parks & Rec

FROM	CODE	ACCT	AMOUNT	TO	CODE	ACCT
	B73101CO	Personal	\$ 118.40		B7310402CO	Program Supplies
	B73101CO	Personal	\$ 144.57		B7310403CO	Postage

FROM	CODE	ACCT	AMOUNT	TO	CODE	ACCT
	A35104	Dog Cntrl Contractual	\$ 500.00		A35101 OT	Dog Control OT
	A10104	TB Contractual	\$ 4,909.28		A81604	Landfill

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT AND ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR THE PICCIOTS PROPERTY LOCATED ON BARTEL ROAD
PARCEL ID. No. 109.-02-88.2**

Wayne Dean stated that the board has received a copy of the easement that the Town has negotiated with the Picciotts, to allow the Town to improve the drainage across their property. The agreement grants the Town a 25 foot easement and a permanent right of entry across their property to gain access to the easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski seconded by Mr. Conway, to accept the easement and access agreement for the Picciotts Property located on Bartel Road, Parcel ID No. 10-9.-02-88.2.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

APPROVAL FOR FIREWORKS'S DISPLAY TO BE HELD AT WYSOCKI'S LAKE
PARK MANOR ON JANUARY 9, 2010 AT 9:00 P.M.
(MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION IS APPLICANT)

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Conway, to approve the Make a Wish Foundation fireworks display to be held at Wysocki's Lake Park Manor on January 9, 2010 and to waive the fee.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

HIGHWAY PURCHASES
Genesis Scan Tool

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Conway, to authorize an expenditure of \$2,399.00 to purchase a Genesis Scan Tool from Genuine Parts from account code DB51102.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

45 loads of brush and leaves picked up 11/30 – 12/4/09

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Conway, to authorize an expenditure of \$3,375.00 to C. Mattes, Inc. for 45 loads of brush and leaves picked up between November 30, 2009 to December 12-04, 2009, account code DB5140.47.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

Misc. dealer fees & DMV Fees

Motion was made by Mr. Dudzinski, seconded by Mr. Conway, to authorize an expenditure of \$195.00 to Burdick Ford for miscellaneous Dealer and DMV fees, account code DB51102.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Ms. Tarwacki: Yes
- Mr. Rybak: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Mr. Dudzinski: Yes

Attorney Comments – Heather Cole expressed her pleasure in working with everyone and wished everyone well in 2010.

Engineer – Gary Cannerelli echoed Heather’s comments and stated that it has been a pleasure working with this board and many other boards of the past over the years and that he was very appreciative of their support. He also thanked all of the Department Heads and the Town Employees expressing that it has been a pleasure to work with them. Gary also stated that a town employee thanked him for the job we have done for the town over the years and said it is a result of team effort. I’d like to wish everyone good luck and a prosperous and joyful New Year.

Being that this is the last Town Board Meeting of 2009, the remainder of the meeting, lead by Supervisor Chet Dudzinski, met with laughter, levity, presentations and tributes to all departing Officials, all Department Heads and valued employees of the Town of Cicero.

Mr. Dudzinski stated that he always understood that when you were in politics that there are those, who take cheap shots at you and he accepted it as part of the game. Charlotte and I have had our differences in the past, but, it has always been fun. When we argued or discussed things between each other, we at least smiled at each other when we walked away. She called a spade a spade and I have to respect her for that. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Charlotte for her five years of dedicated service to the Town of Cicero as Councilwoman. In fun, Charlotte was also presented play money due to her concern for the town’s money, a soap box representing her addressing the public on issues that were important to her and a bottle of wine, with a picture of a Billy Goat on it to serve as a reminder to her, to think of Chet.

Charlotte Tarwacki – Laughingly said she would.

Mr. Dudzinski – As I said before, we always had fun though we may not have always agreed with each other and that is what’s important.

Mr. Dudzinski presented Bill Rybak with his Certificate of Appreciation for five years of outstanding service as Town Councilman. Mr. Rybak was a 21 year veteran of the Syracuse Police Department retiring as a Detective Sergeant. He also served four years with the Cicero Police Department and for two years as our Chief. He also served on the ZBA for one year, the Planning Board for one year and as a Councilman for five years. That’s a total of 32 years of public service that he has given not only to the Town of Cicero, but, central NY. That is something he should be proud of and is something everyone should respect him for as he has done more than his share to help people. Congratulations. Chet presented him with a couple of gag gifts, such as retirement planning cards and a light to wear at night.

Mr. Dudzinski explained that we have had some interesting Town Board Meetings too. We’ve also had some of our Department Heads call us a lot of different names that were all in fun. Chris Woznica called us Rocket Scientists one night. I gaveled him, told him he was out of order and he apologized. We didn’t take it personally, laughed about it and moved on. Chris was presented with rocket balloons.

Mr. Dudzinski explained that Chief Snell is always asking for cars, and this year the board gave him two. He was presented with a toy police vehicle, equipped with a siren and blinking lights.

Mr. Dudzinski addressed Jeanne Kulesa and presented her with an appropriate box of Pot of Gold chocolate candy. Jeanne is probably one of the best people we have ever had who has worked for the Town of Cicero in the Comptroller’s Office. She is someone who took a big project on, straightened it out and moved on. She was also presented with a bottle of wine and she was told to have a drink on us and to have her children enjoy the Pot of Gold. **Jeanne, you have done a fabulous job.**

Mr. Dudzinski explained that Jody Roger's wasn't in attendance, so her gift was given to Tracy to give to her. All Jody ever complains about is money, so, I bought her a little cash register and some play money, so she can count up all the money she won't have in the upcoming years.

Mr. Dudzinski went on to Heather Cole. For those who don't know, Heather is expecting. She was presented a bottle of wine for her husband and a make believe college fund check and some diaper bags.

Michelle Baines wasn't in attendance, so Chet gave Gary Cannerelli, his Pittsburgh Tickets, to give to her and a whistle, in case she wants to referee the game.

Mr. Dudzinski stated that he looked long and hard for a special gift for Wayne Dean. He explained that earlier today they received a call, where someone was complaining about Wayne being mean or nasty. Chet presented him a device where he could disguise his voice and they won't know if it's Brad or you. So, if somebody gets mad at you, just change your voice and then you can talk to them and they won't know who you are. Wayne was also presented a bottle of wine.

Mr. Dudzinski stated he couldn't really say anything bad about Brad because he hasn't been here long enough, but, he has done an excellent job pulling all the pieces together getting our reevaluation done, so that everyone is fair and equal in the town. I got you an Etch a Sketch so that when you're out in the field and you want to sketch somebody's house you can work on that.

Sharon Edick was called forward. Chet explained that whenever Sharon Edick had a problem she would track me down and most of the time I would hide, because I knew she was going to complain about something. Chet presented her with wind up chattering teeth, and told her whenever she came looking for him, and he wasn't here, she would have these.

Mr. Dudzinski then stated that we now have Tracy. I have always called Tracy, the Building Queen. She is in charge of all of the buildings, the grounds, the men's and women's rooms and anything that's broken. Tracy has to be there. Chet presented her with a pink crown, decorated with beads and fur and a bottle of wine.

Next is Gary Cannerelli.

Gary stated that he already got the shovel.

Mr. Dudzinski – There is more to that story. In case people don't know what the shovel is all about, we were at the basketball game. Both Gary and I park at Oakwood Cemetery. You can actually buy a permit to park in the cemetery and it's legal. We were driving Linda's car, a Pontiac, and thank goodness they've done away with them because this car was worthless. We were trying to get out of the cemetery and if anyone is familiar with Oakwood Cemetery, there are a lot of hills there and it's almost impossible to get out of that place. Well, I'm driving up this hill and the car loses traction and I start going backwards. I look in my rearview mirror and I see this huge white Cadillac. It was Gary. I couldn't go up, so, I just put it in reverse and backed up. Gary backed up into an unplowed road. He couldn't get out of it and we left him there.

Gary Cannerelli – I didn't know it was him.

Mr. Dudzinski – So, last year we bought him a shovel with a red handkerchief on it, so if he got stuck in there, he could hang it out the window. Gary was presented with a tow strap and stated that Linda now has an all wheel drive vehicle so we can pull you out.

Chet then recognized Vern Conway. He stated that the two of them have been talking about this for the past two months. He presented him with a checker set, so in case he becomes bored up here, you and Jimmy can play checkers.

Chet presented Jimmy Corl with a set of jacks to play in case he becomes tired of playing checkers but, was told not to bounce the ball off the dais and have it bouncing all over the room.

The Dog Catcher was presented a box of dog biscuits and a bottle of wine.

Everyone reacted with laughter at all of the presentations and comments with hardy applause.

Mr. Dudzinski thanked everybody that has helped him empathizing that that he wouldn't have been here for the last sixteen years if there wasn't for the support and the team work that he had. It has always been about team work. Some people think what we're doing is wrong but, I would have to disagree with them. We were heading in the right direction and I hope we continue to head in that direction. If we don't, this town will fail. It's a proven fact. With that in mind, I have one last thing. **Bonnie Smith was presented with a bouquet of flowers for being the best Administrative Assistant ever.** There wasn't a day that went by, that if I didn't come in and ask Bonnie where I was, I wouldn't have known which direction I was headed in because we were so busy. Because of Bonnie, things were done and done correctly. There were things that she took care of that people can't even imagine in that office. I'm sure that the town is really going to miss her.

Mr. Rybak – I have to tell you Chet, as I look around I'm the only person that didn't get a bottle of wine.

Mr. Dudzinski – I've got one down here for you.

Mr. Dudzinski stated in closing that last November something happened to him that has never happened to him before and that is he lost an election. Believe me, winning feels better, but, it is what it is and I wish nothing but the best for Cicero and its residents. I've been a member of the Town Board for 16 years, 10 as a Councilor and 6 as a Supervisor. Over the years I haven't always agreed with my Town Board Colleagues and at times our disagreements have been down right contentious.

But whether they've been an ally or foe, they've all shared one noble trait, a willingness to serve the public. There aren't many things we can do in life that are more nobler than public service. Whether it's sitting up here, volunteering for a good cause, helping a neighbor or simply showing up and participating in their government, more of us need to become involved.

I'd like to be able to sit here at the end of my tenure and tell you that everything we did was perfect and wonderful, but few of you would believe me, so, I won't try.

There is, however, much of which to be proud.

When I came to this town board, Cicero was a nice rural town, but a place where, quite frankly, not much was happening. Dramatic growth was occurring in nearby towns, especially in neighboring Clay, but not Cicero.

Today the Route 11 commercial district, Cicero's own miracle mile, is thriving and is one of the most vibrant in Onondaga County.

Our residential communities also have grown and today Cicero is the fastest growing town in Central New York and is one of the few places where, according to the U. S. Census, growth is occurring at all.

The town is free from the quagmire that was the Cicero Commons. While it was originally a good idea, the financial scheme the town and Commons became involved with was nothing short of an illegal scam, opinions that were later confirmed by a State Comptroller's audit and a Federal Grand Jury investigation.

When I voted in the minority against that financial deal, some called me short-sighted and labeled me an obstructionist. But it is one of the proudest and best votes I've ever made.

The Commons fiasco left Cicero with one of the worst bond ratings in the country. Working with Wall Street and our town attorney, we were able to improve that rating dramatically and the town once again can get money for street repairs and other improvement projects.

Once tax exempt and producing no tax dollars for the town, the Commons property is now back on the tax rolls where it belongs.

We also got control of out of control taxes and kept them low.

Only a few short years ago, Cicero taxpayers were being hit with yearly tax increases of 20 percent and more. We quickly got our spending under control and from 2004 to 2009 Town taxes have risen 0 percent.

Previously, town leaders were content to sit back and wait for the occasional grant to dribble in.

We changed that and began a program of aggressively going after federal and state grants which have paid for everything from a new boiler for the town hall to the redevelopment of Brewerton.

There are several other improvements we can be proud of, the reclassification of Cicero from a rural to a suburban town; the adoption of laws that keep convicted sexual predators from living near places where our children gather and the conversion of our town police department from a small part-time force to a full-time department that is among the best in Central New York.

They say when you get involved with politics you'd better be able to take it on the chin and shake it off when your opponents hit you with baseless accusations and false charges. That's just the way it is. It's OK and I accept it.

But something came up in the recent campaign that I need to address.

Allegations were made that my wife Linda and I took a vacation in Washington D. C. on the taxpayer's dime. This was even said anonymously to the state Comptroller's Office. This is an out right lie. All the money we spent on this vacation was our own and we did not bill taxpayer's one red cent. If you're so desperate that you have to accuse me of being a thief, so be it. But my wife, Linda, is not running for office and those who accused her and did not have the backbone to do so publically are nothing more than cowards.

I don't know who started this and they better hope I don't find out. This is one thing I won't forgive or forget.

Much has happened to me personally in the last 16 years. My father passed on, two daughters have grown up and both have gotten married and our house is empty. But starting Thursday our house will get a little fuller. With no more office hours to keep and no more night meetings to attend I'll be spending more time home and the pumpkin farm.

But, I love this town too much to simply sit back and watch the world go by. I don't intend to show up at every town board meeting to oppose the new administration at every turn. And I won't be speaking out on every issue for the sake of hearing my own voice.

But I will, when the situation calls for it, I'll speak out and fight. As I said, this has been my home for my entire life and I love Cicero too much to simply walk away.

With that, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, the best of luck in the future and rest assure, I'm not going away.

Ms. Tarwacki asked that Mrs. Gardner be allowed to speak for just a moment.

Deborah V. Gardner 705 Vernon Road South, Cicero, stated that she and her husband want to thank every single person who has served Cicero that is leaving the town, for their years of service. Some were short years and some have been long years. We especially want to thank Charlotte Tarwacki for her service because it has been so contentious and we want to thank her for being herself and for hanging in there. Good luck to everyone, and I mean that sincerely.

Ms. Tarwacki – Thank you Deborah.

Ms. Tarwacki stated that she didn't prepare a speech because she really didn't know what to say. I would like to say to young people here, particularly those in Participation in Government, and to all those people who might feel that it might be something they want to become involved in government, that it isn't what you think it is. It is a very difficult task to get elected and when people support you, you have to stand on your own feet and take your own course of action as to what you believe and not be influenced by a lot of other people. It is important for you to stand up in defense, or support and to participate in the things that you believe in, for the betterment of the citizens of the town that you live in. I am leaving and am going to Michigan and it isn't that I'm abandoning Cicero as I've lived here more than 24 years. My daughter is going to have a baby and she lives in Michigan as do my 10 brothers and sisters and Mother. It is now time for me to rejoin my family. I bought a house in the summer and decided to stay and finish my term as people had elected me. Now, I am going to be expecting to view the proceedings of what is going on, courtesy of Mrs. Gardner and I hope you continue to put the Town Board on the internet, so that I can see what's going on. I wish to thank the people who voted for me. It has been an amazing experience.

Mr. Rybak – As Charlotte said, I want to thank all of the voters who have supported me over the last five years. As I look back on my 10 ½ years of service to the Town of Cicero, as both an elected and an appointed Official, I find the list of loyal and supportive people to be very extensive. To the Department Heads, Receiver of Taxes, Sharon Edick and her entire staff, thank you. Assessor Brad Brennan and his entire staff, again thank you very much. You have only been here a short time and we've seen differences already. Wayne Dean and the entire Codes Office, although understaffed most of the time, always give 150%. I wish to thank Wayne and all his people, the entire Staff of the Justice Department who keep their system rolling, Jody Rogers and the entire Parks & Recreation Staff. Jody has set the bar at a level that all other towns and villages should attempt to emulate. The youth and elderly of our town are very fortunate to have her with us. Mr. Rybak thanked Chris Woznica and the entire Highway Department. Just look at the roads folks and you know what they're capable of and do every day of the year. Chief Snell and the men and woman of the Cicero Police Department were recognized. This department has grown from a small part time agency into a totally professional Police Department that the entire town can be proud of. Town Clerk Tracy Cosilmon and her staff, the glue that keeps our town together. During my five years as a member on the town board I've strived to always make the right decision that would benefit the entire town and its residents. I would have to say that during this period my best decision was the interviewing and endorsement of our current Comptroller, Jeanne Kulesa. In the past two years I have watched Jeanne evolve into one of the most professional Comptroller's this town has ever been blessed with. I'm sorry to say that the incoming regime, saw fit to dismiss her which is a great loss to the town and ultimately, to them. I want to personally thank you Jeanne, for all your hard work over the last two years. I'll also miss the fine work that Gary Cannerelli and his entire staff from OBG has done for the time that I've been in office. During the past months a great deal of controversy has been raised regarding our current attorney, the Wladis Law Firm. I am sure that history will show that the town received five fold, from anything invested with this Law Firm. Their professional relationship with both Federal and State Representatives have produced so many monetary grants, all of which have gone to furthering the towns growth. So, again, my sincere thanks to Mark, Heather, Jennifer, Justin and the entire firm. This now brings me back to our current Supervisor, Chet Dudzinski. I want to thank him for the confidence he had in me back in 2003, when he brought me into public service with the town. Actually it goes back into the 90's when he was one of the board votes that

installed me as Chief of Police. I know that our fathers work side by side for decades at Syracuse China and I know that Chet is one man that I will always count on as a true friend. Bonnie, I'm always going to miss you. You are the glue also that kept that office running. Whenever we had a problem, or we needed something done, you were always there. Last and by no means the least, I want to take a moment to recognize the most important person in my political and private life and that is my beautiful wife Mary. I'm man enough to admit that Mary, a medical professional in this town has undoubtedly touched more lives in the Town of Cicero than I ever will. She was always there to keep me on an even keel even though most of you know that I seldom lose my temper. Now that I'm retired I hope to give her back some of the serenity she has given to me over the years. Finally if I may, Tom Beaulieu, if you're watching this, I hope we can count on you to being as vociferous in the coming months as you have in the past. Thank you folks.

Mr. Dudzinski presented Bill with his bottle of wine and stated that he has known Bill Rybak many years ago. He was one of these people who would show up at meetings, would never complain, but, was a voice in the room. He represented the New Country neighborhood. I nicknamed him the Mayor of New Country. If there was a problem down there, everyone knew where to find him. Everyone went to him and he came in here and expressed the concerns for everybody in New Country. So, Billy, that's why I forgot to give you the wine, because I had another Plaque for you. Billy also reminded me of this when he was talking about Mary.

I would just like to thank Linda and my two daughters for all of their support they have given me. I'd also like to thank Michael Schulz, my newest Son in Law. Without their support, this would never have been possible. I remember my daughter and the Chiarizia's daughter painting signs behind the barn in 1993 with paint brushes, during pumpkin season, because we didn't have any money back then. We did it our own way. We copied stuff wherever we could do it for free, or as cheap as we could. We delivered everything hand by hand every night of the week until we got the message across. Chet thanked his wife, daughter, Son in Law and the Chiarizia's for letting him borrow their daughter. My daughter Ami isn't here, but, we're going to go and visit her this weekend. Without their support, this would never have become a reality.

Mr. Corl thanked the Department Heads and Jeanne Kulesa. He expressed to Jeanne, that she has done an excellent job and was very knowledgeable about what was going on. He found it enjoyable going through the Budget Process with her and the Budget Officer and will her rapport will be sorely missed. Mr. Corl wished Jeanne good luck in all of her endeavors. Heather, you have done an excellent job for the Town of Cicero and when you look for experience, you look for somebody who has a quick response and knows the law, can answer questions and if not, can get back to you in a very reasonable period of time. With the legal profession, that is sometimes missing. Heather, you have been right on top of everything and have gotten right back to us regarding Tax Certiorari's. You have been incredible and I've heard great things about you in the Court House, as I am down there quite a bit. I think the town will miss your services. It is amazing how much Gary knows about the town. I believe you were the Town Engineer before I was born.

Mr. Dudzinski asked Gary Cannerelli, when he started.

Gary Cannerelli – I believe I started coming to board meetings in 1973.

Mr. Corl – If you were to mention a swale up in Brewerton, he knows exactly where it is. I think his services will be greatly missed as well as his knowledge. I believe I was told that the Town of Cicero was O'Brien & Gere's first client and their knowledge will also be sorely missed.

Mr. Corl – Bonnie had done a fabulous job with communication, dealing with residents, getting back to them, e-mailing them about certain issues such as trash issues, recycling, or what ever issues come up. She will be greatly missed. She had a great rapport with the residents and she will be sorely missed by them, also. Thank you for your services.

Mr. Corl told the young people sitting out in the audience that should they decide that they might like to run for office that they should look up here at the three individuals who will no longer be on the board January 1st. When you vote, you look for somebody with integrity and someone, who will tell you like it is, someone who is honest and believes in doing what is best for their community. It has been a great honor and pleasure to have worked with Charlotte, Bill and Chet for the past several years. They are going to be missed. You have some great role models to look at when deciding if you want to run for public office in the future and just to set the record straight, Chet is not my Uncle. That rumor has been out there. I like to refer to Chet as the Iron Man of Cicero politics. In 16 years he missed only one board meeting, which is an amazing feat.

Mr. Dudzinski – That was because of a kidney stone.

Mr. Corl stated that Chet's dedication to the town where he grew up and resided has really been a true asset to the town. Very good things have happened in his 16 years, especially in the last few years as Supervisor. He has done an excellent job in seeing development and growth, meeting with Planning Boards and making sure things are in order and seeing that things are properly developed within the town. He has done an excellent job and his years of service should be greatly commended. Good luck to all three of you as you move on.

Mr. Dudzinski – Vern, thank you.

Mr. Conway – I would like to thank you, Charlotte and Bill. It has been a pleasure working with you and I'm sure you will be here at several of our meetings to make sure they run the way they should. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Dudzinski – Charlotte, it has been a pleasure, Mayor, it's always been a pleasure and Jimmy it's been great, Tracy, you do a fabulous job as does everyone else here. So, for the last time, tonight, I can tell you right now, I'm not going away. I will be around and I'm sure I will be gaveling again someday.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk

