

STATE OF NEW YORK
ONONDAGA COUNTY
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 S. Main Street, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Judy A. Boyke, Supervisor
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor
C. Vernon Conway, Councilman
Lynn Jennings, Councilman
James Corl, Jr. Councilman
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

Others Present: Christopher Woznica, Highway Superintendent
Sharon Edick, Receiver of Taxes
Joseph Snell, Police Chief
Jody Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation
Wayne Dean, Director of Planning & Development
Shirlie Stuart, Comptroller
Brad Brennan, Assessor
Pamela Williamson, Secretary to Supervisor
Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney
Douglas Wickman, C & S Engineers
Catie O’Toole, Post Standard
Farah Pike, Star Review

Absent:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was observed in remembrance our men and women serving at home and overseas.

Ms. Boyke 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 off your cell phones and be sure to speak into the microphones to enable all to hear.

S.E.Q.R.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, 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
Mr. Jennings: Yes
Ms. Zambrano: Yes
Mr. Corl: Yes
Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 28, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Corl, seconded by Mr. Conway, to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2009 town board meeting.

The motion was denied as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Abstain
Ms. Zambrano:	Abstain
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Abstain

APPROVAL OF 2010 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF
JANUARY 4, 2010

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, to approve the Organizational Minutes of January 4, 2010.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD INPUT

Highway

Chris Woznica explained that he misspoke at the Organizational Meeting when he requested approval to purchase 4,000 tons of salt at a cost of \$16,800.00. The amount should have been \$165,440.00 and his purchase order was written correctly.

Motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Zambrano to authorize an expenditure of \$165,440.00 to purchase 4,000 tons of salt which is a correction to the amount requested at the Organizational Meeting.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Police - None

Comptroller – None

Park & Recreation

Jody Rogers explained that she needed board approval to adopt a resolution whereby the Town of Cicero will accept the conveyance of the Riverside Cemetery. In April of 2009 the town accepted an agreement to provide the maintenance. The state has asked if we could get a resolution of which you all should have a copy. Any funds they have had left have been accepted. The association has disbanded because of the lack of participants and the town has picked up their abandoned cemetery and will be responsible for it.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, to accept the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

Town of Cicero , County of Onondaga, State of New York

WHEREAS, there has been established in the town a cemetery known as the RIVERSIDE CEMETERY OF BREWERTON, ASSOCIATION, INC., which association maintains a public cemetery on Kathan Rd. in Brewerton, Onondaga County, New York, and owns real property in said Town, and

WHEREAS, said association had under its care certain funds for perpetual care, permanent maintenance, special trust, general fund, which have been transferred to the Town of Cicero.

WHEREAS, the association has been and still is unable to procure sufficient income from above investments, the members of the association and from the representatives of the deceased persons interred in the cemetery.

WHEREAS, the cemetery association has requested that the Town of Cicero, pursuant to Section 1506 (j) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, accept the conveyance of the cemetery premises in accordance with the survey dated August 13, 2009, completed by A. Scott Whitaker, and transfer of assets.

RESOLVED, That the Town of Cicero accept the conveyance of the cemetery premises and the transfer of the assets from the cemetery association, such conveyance shall be subject to all agreements as to lots sold and all trust, restrictions and conditions upon the title or use of the real property or assets.

The resolution was adopted as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

EMERGENCY PURCHASE
Repairs to 2002 pick up truck

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to authorize an emergency expenditure of \$1,369.98 for Bresee Chevrolet Co., to make the necessary repairs to the 2002 pick up truck.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Ice Melt

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings to authorize an expenditure of \$1,573.74 to Parrish Maintenance Supply, to purchase ice melt for the town facilities.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Staff Appointments

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, to approve the appointments of Julia Davidson, 219 Willey Road, Bridgeport, NY, effective January 6, 2010 and Alan Novitzki, 4978 Dahlia Circle, Liverpool, NY, effective January 13, 2010 as Recreation Attendants at the pay rate of \$7.25 per hour.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Smiley, 2891 Lamson Road, Phoenix, NY as a Recreation Attendant for the Youth Bureau at the CanTeen, effective January 19, 2010 at the pay rate of \$10.00 per hour part time at the average of 20 hours per week to be paid through the Youth Bureau Budget.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Attorney – None

Engineer – None

Zoning

Wayne Dean explained that at the Organizational Meeting the board approved an expenditure of \$190.00 for membership dues to the NY Planning Federation. An updated billing has been received and I would like to request approval of an additional \$250.00 to compensate for the updated fee.

Motion was made Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Jennings to authorize a corrected expenditure of \$250.00 for membership dues to the NY Planning Federation as the fees have been updated.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Wayne Dean requested approval for Steve Procopio and Maureen Wafer to attend the annual NYSBOC Training Seminar to be held in Liverpool, NY, April 20 – 23, 2010, for the cost of \$350.00 per person, which is a budgeted item. He also requested approval for him to attend a similar seminar to be held in Rochester, NY March 15 -18, 2010, which is at a different time. This would allow the ability to maintain coverage in his office and will cost of \$390.00 for the four days. Wayne stated that he would like to use a town vehicle to travel back and forth from Rochester, rather than to stay there and estimated a saving in doing that of approximately \$250.00. This is also a budgeted item.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to authorize an expenditure of \$350.00 for Steve Procopio and Maureen Wafer to attend the annual NYSBOC Training Seminar to be held in Liverpool, NY, April 20-23, 2010 and for Wayne to attend a training seminar in Rochester, NY March 15 – 18, 2010 at the cost of \$390.00 and to use a town vehicle, which is a budgeted item.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Assessor – None

Ms. Boyke explained that she has a Letter of Engagement from Mr. Rivizzigno's company that has been presented and that she would like to make a motion to accept it.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to accept the Letter of Engagement with Mr. Rivizzigno's Company.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Ms. Zambrano - All of the board members have received, an Engagement Letter from the Kirwan Law Firm, which is the proposed legal firm for the ZBA and have had an opportunity to look at. She wished make a motion to accept the proposal and the terms.

Motion was made by Ms. Zambrano, seconded by Mr. Conway to accept the Letter of Engagement Proposal and to accept the terms with the Kirwan Law Firm.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #25 of 2009

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve Abstract #25 of 2009 as follows:

General Fund	Voucher #2959 to Voucher #3019	In the amount of \$17,181.64
Highway Fund	Voucher #695H to Voucher #698H	In the amount of \$51,338.24

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #1 OF 2010

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve Abstract #1 of 2010 as follows:

General Fund	Voucher #1 to Voucher #89	In the amount of \$796,198.14
Highway Fund	Voucher #1H to Voucher #30H	In the amount of \$138,469.58

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

NO BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL FOR LAN-CO DEVELOPMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER WORK
PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
AT 6074 MARIGOLD LANE
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,899.41

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to authorize an expenditure of \$13,899.41 to Lan-Co for sanitary sewer work completed on September 17, 2009 at 6074 Marigold Lane.

Discussion:

Ms. Zambrano asked Wayne Dean to explain a little bit about this project.

Wayne Dean explained that this work was an emergency repair as they did not have sanitary service to their house. Lan-Co was called in after the situation was investigated by the county and by O'Brien & Gere. Lan-Co made the repair in this amount and you should have a letter stating that O'Brien and Gere approved it.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

ASSESSORS DISCUSSION TO DISCUSS NEW EXEMPTION LEGISLATION

Brad Brennan explained that some new legislation was passed in 2009 that he just became aware of. One of them that will impact us is Chapter 353 and we would like to get the word out to our Veterans that this is available and we will also try to do a direct mailing. I am not sure how this is going to work as it is new. If we contact all of our Veterans that have a disability rating already, they will probably be eligible for this enhancement. The board doesn't have to do anything and State Law made this effective immediately to this law that was already passed by the town. I just wanted to let you know and hopefully the press will pick up on this, that there is something new and available for them.

Ms. Boyke asked Brad if he felt that they were notified by someone else.

Brad Brennan didn't think so, unless the Veteran's Administration who has a good outreach program has. He hasn't heard from anyone that they have and suggested that the town may want to do that and will gather some numbers as to what it might cost and we can get together to discuss that.

Ms. Boyke stated that we'll take a look at that.

Brad Brennan explained that the other change will require a town board resolution for the Cold War Veteran Exemption that was adopted in August of 2009. At that time the maximum level full value for the exemption was \$12,000.00 and was what we and the County have adopted. Since then, the State has given us the option to increase that full market value cap from anywhere between \$100,000.00 and \$240,000.00. They would be in \$20,000.00 increments. The \$240,000.00 level is where the alternative veterans' exemption has been since 2007. The town may want to consider keeping it at the same level as the alternative veterans' exemption, or they may want to pick something in between. It is always advantageous and easier if the levels are the same for the Villages, County and the Town, but, the County had passed the Cold War Exemption rather late in 2009 and it doesn't look as though they are considering an increase. I don't think that has to be a deterrent to the town and we might as well take the highest level and keep it consistent with the alternative veterans'.

Ms. Boyke asked if this is something that needed to be investigated further, or if it is something that Brad was recommending.

Brad Brennan stated that he was recommending this as there isn't much more investigation that he could do. We don't have many and he didn't believe it would have a huge impact on the town as we have only five Cold War Veterans now and the deadline to apply is March 1, 2010.

Mr. Corl - It would be raising the level up to the maximum per state regulations.

Brad Brennan – Yes

Ms. Zambrano asked Mr. Jennings if he knew how many Veterans we have in the town.

Mr. Jennings stated that we have approximately 1,700 registered that he was aware of, but, these are not Cold War Vets.

Ms. Boyke asked Brad if he felt that this is because they are unaware of this.

Brad Brennan stated that he wasn't sure and that it has also been slow in the Town of Salina as well, with only 30 there. We have had things in the press and are trying our best to get the word out.

Ms. Zambrano asked if this could be addressed in the direct mailing that Brad was proposing.

Brad Brennan – Yes and we think we know exactly who are qualified as this exemption isn't tied to the Cold War Exemption. We can do a direct mailing to those people and will grab everybody who is eligible. There is an income limit to that and more to the process, but, we can let them know that they can come in for an application. We've done as much as we can for the Cold War Veteran and hopefully the press will pick up that the deadline is March 1, 2010.

Ms. Boyke asked if a motion was needed to move this to the highest level.

Brad Brennan – Yes, we would need a resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Corl, seconded by Mr. Conway, to increase the level for the Cold War Exemption to what is permissible under County and State Regulations as follows:

New laws from the 2009 New York State Legislative Summary regarding Exemption Administration for your review as follows:

Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes; Veterans Disability Pensions

Chapter **353** has expanded the availability of the exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes to include those taxpayers who are certified to receive a disability pension from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to federal law.

Senior Citizens; Reverse Mortgages

Chapter **259** provides that proceeds from a reverse mortgage are not to be considered income for purposes of eligibility for the Senior Citizens Exemption. It also correspondingly provides that payments of a reverse mortgage may not be deducted from such income, and that interest and/or dividends from the investment of the proceeds of a reverse mortgage shall be considered income.

Cold War Veterans

Chapter **235** amends numerous provisions of the Cold War veterans' exemption (RPTL 458-b), essentially, to conform certain provisions of the alternative veterans exemptions (RPTL 458-a) it provides that a trust beneficiary may receive the exemption, and permits the granting of the Cold War exemption to cooperative apartments. Continued below

<p>Once the Town has chosen the maximum exemption amount, the maximum amounts must be multiplied by the latest equalization rate for the current year.</p>

A veteran may not receive the Cold War exemption if they are already receiving the Eligible Funds or Alternative Veterans Exemption.

The following changes are for your consideration **to change Town policy**:

Cold War Veterans (Approved by the Town of Cicero on 08/24/09)

The most significant change relates to the limitation upon the amount of the exemption.

As originally enacted by the Town, the exemption is for 15 percent of assessed value up to the limit of \$12,000. Chapter 235 now permits the adoption of significantly higher caps, that is, the same caps that are currently available to the alternative veterans' exemptions (since 1/30/2007 the market value cap was raised to \$240,000 by the County however note that the County has only currently approved the limit of \$12,000 for the Cold War Veterans' Exemption).

The permissible increased caps would range from \$100,000 to \$240,000 in \$20,000 steps.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Ms. Boyke asked Brad Brennan if this covered all of the exemptions.

Brad Brennan – These were the only things that needed town approval. Some other legislation was passed, but, it isn't ready to be administered at this time, or doesn't have any real impact on us.

HIGHWAY PURCHASES

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to authorize an expenditure of \$413,600.00 to purchase 10,000 tons of salt from Cargill Salt for the year, Account Code DB5142.41 which is a budgeted item.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

RELEASE SECURITIES

Chris Woznica explained that we need to release securities in the amount of \$750.00 for Wallington Meadows, Sections 4 and 5 that was being held for Stop Signs that have been installed by the developer.

Ms. Zambrano asked if the board has received a memo on this.

Tracy Cosilmon stated that at the meeting of December 14, 2009, O'Brien & Gere recommended release of securities for Wallington Meadows. It was brought to her attention that when she sent the letters out to Wallington that the \$750.00 being held for stop signs was questioned and was found to have been done by the developer and was an oversight.

Motion was made by Ms. Zambrano, seconded by Mr. Jennings to release securities in the amount of \$750.00 being held for stop sign installation in Wallington Meadows, Section 4 and 5 as they have been installed by the developer.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

PUBLIC INPUT 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Don Snyder, Mud Mill Road expressed his pleasure by welcoming the new board members and Supervisor, but was disturbed with some of the comments that were in the paper. He wasn't able to attend the Organizational Meeting as he was out of town, but, had voted for the Supervisor and her two running mates. We talked about change and not having the board as it was in the past and yet I read in the paper today, that we did not put out an RFP for Lawyers or Engineering Service and that this was the way it was always done. Hopefully, this is something that you had to do because you had to get those people on board and that we don't use the past history of this board as why we would do something in the future. That's why we voted for a change and that's why we have a change and that is why you are sitting there as our Supervisor.

Mr. Snyder also stated that he didn't mind having a change in the meeting day, but, wondered if the board would re-consider going back to the 6:30 p.m. time for the meetings as it makes it easier for some of us.

Ms. Boyke told Mr. Snyder that it will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Mallette asked if there was a line by line accounting for the Brewerton Revitalization and the cost. He also asked Ms. Boyke if she had looked into this.

Ms. Boyke stated that she hadn't, but has scheduled a meeting in regards to this and will hopefully be brought up to speed.

Mr. Mallette stated that he heard that \$765,000.00 was going to take care of everything and that we have already spent \$490,000.00 for that project and that we have gotten back \$90,000.00. With the recession the way it is, are you going to continue with this project? There is no money in Economic Development so, how are you going to afford this project?

Ms. Boyke – Again, I have a meeting that is scheduled, so that I can be brought up to speed. The money that has been expended is from grants and we are putting together all of the financial parts of this program. As far as continuing with it, we're looking at it as well. We're finding that it would not be a good move to not consider going forward with it, but, obviously, we can't go forward with it if we don't have any money.

Mr. Mallette – You haven't received the grant yet.

Ms. Boyke – The grant has been received.

Mr. Mallette stated that he has been working on this for a year and felt this is something discriminatory towards this town. Where are you going to get the money?

Mr. Conway explained that the State still has the \$765,400.00 and that he didn't know where Mr. Mallette was coming up with the \$490,000.00 figure. We had two grants, one from Mr. Brown and one from Dave Valesky and each was for \$125,000.00. As far as paying Saratoga Associates, we borrowed \$30,000.00 in October to pay them \$15,000.00 in November and December and he referred to Mr. Corl, to see if he was correct.

Mr. Corl stated that he believed that was so and stated that when he and Mr. Mallette, spoke and that he told him, that he wanted an opportunity to sit down with Shirlie and go over things to see exactly where we stand.

Mr. Mallette understood that we owed Saratoga Associates \$225,000.00.

Ms. Zambrano explained that was their fee.

Mr. Conway agreed and stated that it was the fee for the complete project when it's fully designed.

Mr. Mallette asked if the engineer has been paid any money at all.

Mr. Conway – We paid them \$30,000.00, which is what I just brought up. We have a meeting tomorrow with them to go over this.

Mr. Mallette stated that in talking with the former Comptroller we've taken in \$490,000.00 for this project and \$90,000.00 came in via grants. I'm concerned about this and the cost during this recession and hope that there isn't going to be a need to borrow money for this project. Is there any way to stop this project?

Ms. Boyke assured Mr. Mallette, that she will be looking into this and will be happy to get back with him once they have the answers to what he is looking for.

Mr. Mallette – Whose going to be at the meeting tomorrow?

Ms. Boyke – Jody Rogers, Mr. Rivizzigno, Vern Conway, Shirlye Stuart and myself.

Mr. Mallette – Will there be any other board members?

Ms. Boyke – No, as Vern is the liaison.

Mr. Mallette – Three board members should be invited to be there and you can't stop the public from going in the meeting.

Mr. Corl – There would have to be a public notice

Board Comments

Mr. Corl - The Committee on Open Government and Open Meetings Law, pursuant to Public Officer's Law, Article 7, Section 100 Legislative Declaration, says that it's essential for a democratic society that public business be performed in an open an public manner so that citizens of the state should be fully aware and able to observe the performance of public officials and to attend and listen and deliberate about decisions that are made on behalf of the legislative body, which is inclusive of town boards along with any other form of government.

Mr. Corl stated that it was his understanding since the last town board meeting where he was approached by a Town Hall Employee on January 4, 2010, that there was a meeting in the Supervisors Office and that three board members were present. The only recourse under this current legislation under is 107, which is relative to an Article 8 proceeding, should a party feels aggrieved of that situation. Obviously, that isn't going to be pursued, but, any time decisions are made they should be done in a public forum, with all board members having complete information before them, before making a decision. I would ask my fellow board members that, that this provision of the law be followed.

Secondly, other residents have contacted me relative to the sharing of information amongst board members and recent news articles and things of that nature. During the process of any transition between and old and new administration, I was always up front, honest and open, about any information that was asked of me relative to any major decisions that would be presented to this board in the coming year. There was no information that wasn't shared that was asked for. Actually, I thought I was very cooperative in exchanging any information that was requested. None was requested though I did offer the opportunity. Hopefully we can move forward and all work together in the coming years and I hope we can start out on a positive note and that all decisions being made are with everyone having the proper information in a public forum.

Ms. Zambrano mentioned that they are concerned about open government and transparency in our town government and that they have been trying to get information from the past administration. It was always difficult and she realizes that she was one of the loudest critics, trying to get information and not being satisfied with what she got. She pledged along with the Supervisor that all agreements and contracts that the town has in force will be published on the Town's website. We are working on that though there seems to be some technical difficulties with doing that as it is a fairly large volume of information.

Mr. Conway stated that when he and Jim voted no on a couple of matters at the Organizational Meeting, it was not the people who were involved. We felt that as board members that it should have been a five board members that talked over these things. It wasn't that we were talking about anyone in particular.

Mr. Jennings stated that he was going to say the same thing that was said in the Star Review. It's a new year and for me it's a new position and I'm up here to do my best for the residents of Cicero. We've got a learning curve and we're going to use it and I want to echo what Jessica said, and that is that we're going to be transparent. We just need to get together and work together. I think I am going to be able to absorb a lot from the people that I'm working with. The Department Heads are excellent. I have attended meetings for over two years and you have a good group of people running this town and I thank you. We are going to work hard to do what we said.

Ms. Boyke explained that in becoming the Supervisor, she really didn't thoroughly understand procedures as there is no handbook, but, she has been here every single day and sometimes all day and is thoroughly enjoying every bit of it while learning as much as possible. She stated that she had asked for help and was denied. At the point and time that she met with Jim, it was five days before the first meeting and obviously, it was a misunderstanding. I believe everyone here tonight got copies of everything that they were supposed to get. Pam has worked very hard to see to it and has also had a tremendous learning curve. All of the Department folks have come forward and been very cooperative and generous in supporting us and I believe from today forward that we are going to have a very strong team up in the dais and within the Town of Cicero.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk

