



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

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Mayor	Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk	Rose Ann Diederich	Trustee
Matt Welch	Attorney	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
John Ross	Trustee	Nick Goncher	Bldg. Director
Sally Marrufo	Trustee	Nora Gomez	Administrator
Tracy Bosco	Trustee		

Trustee Eric Stanton and Deputy Chief Robert Byrnes were absent. Fire Chief Vlietstra, Police Chief Joyce, and Director Martin were excused from this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION – WATER RATES INCREASE FOR NEW CONTRACT: Mayor Matthews asked Treasurer Dolasinski to explain. Treasurer Dolasinski explained that in December 2022 Hammond increased water rates but, South Chicago Heights customer water rates did not increase. Treasurer Dolasinski explained that the new water contract has been settled and approved with another increase to the village. Treasurer Dolasinski explained that with these two increases the village would need to increase the water rates 6.5%. Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding the increases, the new water contract, increasing water rates, the water fund shortage, and the type of increase passed on to residents; either 6.5% in June 2023 and no increase in 2024 or 3.25% June 5, 2023, and 4.44% in 2024. Treasurer Dolasinski stated he budgeted for 6.5% increase however the water rate should be increased 8.8% due to the new water contract and the December 2022 Hammond increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Bosco 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Catherine Linan, Village Clerk

Dated