

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JANUARY
Minutes of Monday, January 12, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

PLEDGE:

Village President Kris Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas decorating and festivities.

Weather permitting; it is time to put the decorations away until next year.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda wished a sincere Happy New Year to all.

We are in receipt of a lovely thank you card from Mr. Jim Lurquin for the dinner, gift and most especially the kind words at the retirement party held for him at Szarotka's recently. Jim commented that he was pleased to have both of his families present. Jim's many brothers and sisters, Mayor Wasowicz and all members of the village board, Clerk Svoboda and so many of his co-workers at the village attended and it made for a lively event.

Jim will be greatly missed.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE JUSTICE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Chief Mike Kurschner stepped to the podium to speak regarding the acknowledgement of Police Chief Kraig McDermott's 20 years of distinguished service with the JPD. Mike spoke fondly of the many years he and Chief McDermott have worked together. Kraig has worked in every facet of the department. In 2009 Kraig received an award from the Cook County Sheriff for Bravery and Heroism for saving a drowning child. In 2012 Kraig became Chief to a discouraged department. In the two years since, the department morale has improved impressively. Kraig's hard work and dedication has made the difference.

Trustee Melanie Kuban, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, joined Deputy Chief Kurschner in his praise of Kraig's work for the department. She is honored to work with Chief McDermott. His service to the community and leadership of the department is of the highest caliber. He turned the department around to the high-functioning and frequently praised Police Department that it is today.

An impressive contingent of officers and dispatch staff of the Justice Police Department attended the presentation of the award Recognizing Chief Kraig McDermott's 20 Years of Commitment, Dedication and Loyalty to the Justice Police Department.

President Wasowicz added his congratulations to the Chief. He stated he hears many compliments from other mayors and police chiefs for the professionalism of our department. He thanked Kraig for his exemplary service.

(A brief Recess for cake and coffee in honor of Chief McDermott was observed.)

The meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-26 in the amount of \$17,943.95, recurring expenses of \$80,287.75, MFT expenses of \$5,182.09, TIF #3 expenses of \$4,728.75 for a total of \$108,142.54.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch commented that sewer collections continue to be successful. He has forwarded the proposed salary schedule to Kelly to be implemented in the budget numbers and hopes we may have a final budget in place by late February.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Sue Small announced that Treasurer/Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski will provide a class on General Accounting Principles for Municipalities for the benefit of staff and elected officials on Saturday, January 24th from noon until 4:00 pm. The original date of January 17th had to be changed due to conflicts in schedules.

The next Food Pantry Distribution will be conducted on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015, here at the village hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban announced that we are the recipients of an IPRF Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,531.00. She is working with our departments on a wish list of safety equipment to be purchased.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Mayor Kris Wasowicz called on Trustee Oszakiewski and congratulated him on the appointment of his son, Brian Oszakiewski, having been appointed as a Policy Advisor for Infrastructure on newly-elected Governor Rauner's team.

Trustee Oszakiewski announced that the next Planning Board Meeting will occur on Thursday, January 15, 2015 and items on the agenda will include discussion of streetscape planters and the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest theme.

Plans for the upcoming Business Expo in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce will be discussed. The Dinner/Expo is planned for Thursday, January 29th, 2015 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Public Works Work Report for the weeks of: December 29, 2014 to January 2, 2014

And January 5, 2015 to January 9, 2015

Public Works crews performed snow plowing on all snow days (miscellaneous dates).

180 tons of Salt was used.

220 additional tons of salt were delivered today, 1/12/15.

110 senior driveways were plowed.

140 manhole inspections are completed to date.

Sewer clean-outs were performed on Maplewood Drive and Marion Drive.

Stop signs were replaced and in addition several miscellaneous signs were also replaced.

New brakes were installed on the Chevy Tahoe.

Police vehicle #4 has been sent to Cesar's Equipment for repair to the hydraulic system.

Public Works employees would like to thank all those who attended our annual Christmas Party on December 23, 2014.

Trustee Symonds recommended holding the agenda item A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE AUTHORITIES TO SIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FRONTAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT for additional discussion in committee on 01/21/2015.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2015-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE SOUTH JUSTICE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. .

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Rich Sparr expressed concern regarding delaying the Resolution authorizing the Engineering Services Agreement and Local Agency Agreement for the Frontage Road Project. It is necessary to the grant to strictly adhere to the timing requirements. Jim Lurquin was in the audience and cautioned the board that delay could endanger the Federal Funding of the Frontage Road Project. Brief discussion occurred.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Resolution 2015-02, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE AUTHORITIES TO SIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FRONTAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustee Symonds voted no. Trustee Rusch abstained. Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, voted aye. Motion passed.

A request from a business interested in operating an Event Center for small, private events with food and occasionally liquor was explored.

Without ADA compliant restrooms and a liquor license, the use would not be approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Joe Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda had none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, budget updates, sewer collections updates and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including an update on the Schedule of Salaries for employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including review of the parking areas agreement for the Laurels and the Oaks of Willow Hill.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Any new businesses or ordinances available for review, any updates regarding Economic Development initiatives, plans for the upcoming Business Expo and discussion surrounding a non-home rule municipal sales tax.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING POSSIBLE DISCUSSION REGARDING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Executive Session: If necessary.

VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:

There were none.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk