

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY
Minutes of Monday, January 23, 2017

The Second Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2017 was properly noticed and held at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center 7256 Skyline Drive in Justice due to work being performed at the Justice Village Hall.

President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE:

Village President Kris Wasowicz regrettably waived the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance due to our not having an American flag present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. Trustee Small abstained. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz had no formal report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-38 in the amount of \$39,710.19, recurring expenses of \$142,690.16, TIF #5 expenses of \$1,207.50 and MFT expenses of \$13,354.65 for a total of \$196,962.50.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payment of invoices to the Assurance Agency Ltd. for Public Officials Bonds inadvertently omitted from the 2017 Insurance renewal in the amount of \$100.00 each bond for a total of \$300.00.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2017-03, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE 2016 TAX YEAR DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2002, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2017-04, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE 2016 TAX YEAR DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$722,615.20 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2003A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2017-05, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE 2016 TAX YEAR DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$2,265,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2017-06, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE 2016 TAX YEAR DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$885,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008B, OF HE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Rusch confirmed the date of Wednesday, February 8th from 5:00 until 9:00 pm with Kelly Zabinski for the 2017 budget preparation.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small reminded all that we will reschedule the regular committee meeting of February 8th to 6:30 pm on February 13th prior to the board meeting due to the Budget Workshop.

Also, due to the short month of February, the second committee meeting of February usually occurring on the Wednesday before the second board meeting will be held at

6:30 pm prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting of February 27th, 2017, due to a conflict with police court. Both meeting dates will be back at the village hall.

The Argo Band & Orchestra Fundraiser is coming up on March 5th. We will discuss a donation to their cause at the next committee meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban commented that the most recent food pantry distribution on January 17th served 111 households representing at least 359 individuals. She communicated our most sincere thanks to Chief Jeff Ketchen and the Roberts Park Fire Protection District staff for lending us the use of the bays and working tirelessly during the distribution.

Kudos to Chief Ketchen for the excellent job of disseminating the proposed referenda for the Village of Justice to be fully incorporated in the RP Fire Protection District before the Court, and to request the order to place the referendum on the ballot. The next step in the process is to educate the public about the issue to elicit an informed response from voters to the binding public question on the ballot on April 4th.

The 5th District SWAT has been awarded \$500,000.00 worth of equipment from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security for their use. Some of the equipment included in the award is night vision goggles, medic's helmets, body armor, breaching equipment and possibly a robot (properly called a Probot.)

Employee appreciation luncheons are being planned for Friday, February 10th and Friday, February 17th for village employees. Additional information about who, what, where and when will be forthcoming.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr continues working with Building Commissioner Ed Shilka on the process to deal with any blighted or non-compliant properties in Justice. He has received a few addresses from trustees and has identified a few more.

The building at 8646 Roberts Road is in receivership. We will be corresponding with the receiver regarding violations and their responsibility for repairs already performed to the building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the two new members, David Shipyor and Karen Warner were in attendance at the Economic Development Planning Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm. He sincerely welcomes the two new members and looks forward to their participation.

The Business Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00 pm at the Lipinski Community Center; more information to follow.

Economic Development Director Matt Zarebczan added that the planning board is working on new resident packets that will include an opportunity for coupons and

promos from businesses in town to promote their businesses while welcoming new residents.

The next Justice Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9th, at 6:00 pm at the Justice Public Library.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE–Trustee Richard Symonds

- MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves: To authorize Public Works Director Joe Cekus to hire one Public Works Maintenance Worker from the applications reviewed and on file.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve submitting an application to reserve funds through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Energy Rebate Program to be used for the Village of Justice LED Streetlight Project.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Attorney Michael Cainkar had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Village of Justice
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SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Monday February 13, 2017, 6:30pm**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban
Any matters before the committee including travel expense legislation.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr
Any matters before the committee including the process to prioritize blighted properties and establish a program to help underprivileged homeowners with blight and code violation issues.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski
Any new business licenses or home occupation applications available for review and any other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Posted payables, update on the budget process and any other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including the employee evaluation process.

Possible Executive Session:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda, Village Clerk