

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF FEBRUARY
Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Rich Sparr are present. Trustees Sue Small and Rick Symonds are both attending electronically. 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 January 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz read a Proclamation Establishing the Week of March 1, 2015 to March 7th, 2015 as: National Severe Weather Awareness Week in the Village of Justice.

The Village will participate in a Tornado Drill on Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00 am.

Wednesday, April 29th is IML Lobby Day in Springfield. The SWCM will host a luncheon with our legislators that day at the Springfield Hilton for those that attend the Lobby Day.

The SWCM in cooperation with CMAP will be providing Planning Commissioner Training Workshops. The workshops will likely commence in June and will be held on a weekday evening. More information will be provided when dates are set.

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission will provide Basset Training in cooperation with the Southwest Conference of Mayors on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th from noon until 4:00 pm in Orland Park. Training is mandatory with a few exceptions for anyone serving alcohol in Cook County. We will let our businesses know of the opportunity for the training as more detailed information becomes available

The annual Southwest Conference of Mayors Golf Outing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, 2015 at Silver Lakes Country Club. Please mark your calendars as we will support the event as is customary.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the National Weather Service of Chicago will host a Severe Weather Seminar for First Responders and residents at Toyota Park on Thursday, February 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Com Ed has asked that we notify residents of a Scam Alert. Com Ed customers are receiving calls that service will be disconnected unless they make immediate payment by a pre-paid credit card. Com Ed will never require a payment over the phone so please alert your senior neighbors not to become fooled by a scammer's threats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

- MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-12 in the amount of \$7,743.51, recurring expenses of \$82,470.12, and MFT expenses of \$5,673.50 for a total of \$95,887.13.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban
- VOTE:** Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch added that he will meet with Treasurer Kelly Zabinski on Thursday to review and reduce the budget expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year. On first pass we had a \$200,000.00 budgetary shortfall and we will need to reduce and tighten our numbers.

Revenues will not be as high as we expected due to State multipliers for income tax, sales tax and Motor Fuel Tax being reduced, adversely affecting our incomes from state distributions. A \$200,000.00 shortfall represents only 3% of our budget so Trustee Rusch is confident that we can indeed create a balanced budget.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small issued a reminder and a call for volunteers for the Greater Chicago Food Depository Food Distribution through Lyons Township that will occur at the Village of Justice on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Volunteers should arrive by 2:30 pm.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Matt Zarebczan provided details about the options for the Economic Development signs we will entertain purchasing this evening. In order to take advantage of the bulk pricing, we would need to purchase six of the 3X6 signs.

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the purchase of Economic Development signs from Ohland Signs, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 excluding installation and hardware, to be paid from TIF funds allocated for Economic Development initiatives.
- SECOND:** Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. Trustee Rusch voted no. Motion passed.

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the content of the Executive Session minutes for the dates of 2/06/2013, 5/13/2013, 5/28/2013, 6/24/2013, 7/08/2013, 7/22/2013, 9.23.2013, 11/12/2013, 11/20/2013, 01/13/2014, 2/10/2014, 3/04/2014 and 4/14/2014 and to release the minutes for public inspection no longer requiring confidential treatment to protect the public interest or privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential. The minutes and/or recordings shall be available for public inspection.

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

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Executive Session minutes for the dates of 01/27/14, 04/09/14, 06/04/14 and 06/09/14 to be placed on file but to be held until such time as they no longer require confidential treatment.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban
- VOTE:** Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Approximately 60 people representing 26 businesses attended the recent Business Appreciation Dinner and Expo held at the Lipinski Center on Thursday, January 26, 2015. It was a very successful and enjoyable event. A special thanks to Ed Shilka, Orley Betcher, Carolyn Judd, Melanie Kuban, Shirley Shilka, Brittany Abrams, Fran Mills and Matt Zarebczan for all their help setting up and cleaning up after the event.

Chamber President Orley Betcher will be honored with cake and coffee for the occasion of his 80th Birthday at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting this Thursday. Trustee Oszakiewski is hoping our elected officials will attend.

A meeting with representatives from PACE is tentatively scheduled for Monday at 10:00 am. They will provide an update regarding the Transit Center at Toyota Park.

Rosary Hill is doing their annual fundraising Dinner and Dance on Sunday, March 22nd this year at the Orland Chateau. Many of our elected officials will attend. Contact Rosary Hill for more information.

Chet's Melody Lounge will celebrate their 30th Anniversary this year and is anticipating a celebration in June. We will let everyone know when we have more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban had no formal report this evening.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Rich Sparr for Trustee Rick Symonds who is attending via teleconference.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve a RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE COST OF THE PHASE 1/ISTHA RAMP FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PROPOSED I-294 RAMP CONSTRUCTION.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Public Works Report for the dates of:

January 26, 2015 to January 30, 2015

February 2, 2015 to February 6, 2015

Public Works employees attended the Pipeline Training on January 30, 2015.

Snow plowing & salting was performed on all snow days.

Snow plowing occurred for 118 senior driveways.

At this time we have 100 tons of salt in the Public Works yard.

We are expecting 200 tons of salt to be delivered the week of February 9, 2015.

Several signs were replaced or repaired.

Asphalt recycling and filling for numerous pot holes, and many JULIE mark-outs were done.

Maintenance to several police vehicles was completed.

Truck #4 was repaired by Cesar's. We performed maintenance for truck #4 and truck #6.

Several sewers were jet-rodged, and four mailboxes were repaired.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Rich Sparr commented that our contact at the MWRD, Commissioner Patrick Thompson, is running for Alderman of the 10th Ward in the City of Chicago and we are likely to lose his representation at the MWRD. He has, however, sent us a letter assuring us that the

MWRD staff met with John Hoefflerle and will continue the progress for completing the drainage study and mitigating our flooding issues.

Trustee Sparr complimented and thanked Matt Zarebczan for stepping in and filling so many hats in the Building /Economic Development and Municipal Services departments.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda had none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch informed the board members that Clerk Svoboda has informed him that including a recent deposit of \$20, 000.00 there is around \$270,000.00 in the Sewer Improvement Fund.

Trustee Hank Oszakiewski thanked our Public Works employees for all of their efforts during the recent snowstorms. They did an excellent job plowing, salting and keeping our streets as safe and passable as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 18, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including the results of the insurance survey and discussion of a stipend for employees not electing village funded medical insurance.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

ED Updates, new business license application for Monumental Art Works at 7590 Archer Road and other matter before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding the 2015 Street Repair Program, the MWRD mandated INI Program and discussion of fees charged for extra chipping.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding a request for the village to vacate and sell 78th Street at Blazer Ave.

Executive Session: If necessary.

VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. John Small questioned the village's investment in matching funds that is anticipated for the Frontage Road Reconstruction Project. How much will we invest in the project and where will the funds be appropriated from?

Mayor Wasowicz replied that of the estimated \$844,000.00 cost of construction we will contribute 30% or around \$250,000.00 from TIF funds set aside for the project. In the event we have General Funds available to contribute, TIF funding for the project may be reduced or replaced.

Ms. Diane Powers asked what agency is responsible for maintaining 88th Avenue (Cork Ave.), south of 79th Street.

88th Avenue is a County Road.

Ms. Powers stated that the snowplowing efforts were poor at best.

A question was posed regarding repairs that were ongoing around the lift station off of 81st Street that will require restoration to be performed around the Asbury Woods subdivision.

President Wasowicz replied that there are tentative plans to allow Willow Springs to tie in to our sewer-line in that vicinity that will require an intergovernmental agreement between Justice and Willow Springs. Any restoration will need to occur in the spring and the timeline for that work may be affected by Willow Spring tying into our lines.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk