

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: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski are present. Trustee Sue Small is attending electronically. Attorney Michael 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 February 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz had no formal report this evening.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-33 in the amount of \$12,793.55, recurring expenses of \$98,250.38, MFT expenses of \$45,455.06, TIF #3 expenses of \$3,524.00 and TIF #4 expenses of \$4,255.00, for a total of \$164,277.99.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To authorize the village clerk to publish notice of an Appropriation Ordinance Hearing to be conducted on March 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Either the Appropriation Ordinance or a formal document upon which the ordinance will be based will be available for public inspection on or before February 27, 2015.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

Trustee Kuban reminded all that the committee meeting of March 4th would not occur due to a contingent traveling to Springfield for Lobby Day on that date. She suggests we delay the Appropriation Hearing and passage of the Appropriation Ordinance until the meeting of the 23rd.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch agrees and Moves to amend his Motion: To authorize the village clerk to publish notice of an Appropriation Ordinance Hearing to be conducted on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Trustee Rusch asked Treasurer/Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski to provide a brief overview on the status of the proposed budget. On Thursday, she and Trustee Rusch met to review and reduce the budget expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year. On first pass we had a \$200,000.00 budgetary shortfall. With minor changes to the allocations, the shortfall was reduced to \$30-40,000.00. An updated document is being provided to the board members for their review. An asphalt-roller for Public Works and a squad car have been slated for purchase with financing to reduce expenditures and a few other suggested reductions in overall spending were incorporated. Please review carefully to form a consensus. The Appropriation Ordinance will have some additional amounts added to the line item totals to avoid having to revisit the appropriation for minor line item differences. The budget will be tighter overall.

Trustee Kuban commented that she has not received the updated document and Clerk Svoboda stated that she will make it available to all this evening, at the close of this meeting.

Trustee Rusch added that he is comfortable that we will begin with a balanced budget. He added that there is considerable sabre rattling occurring in Springfield and the Governor Rauner's intent to reduce LGDF by 50% would be devastating. It would cost us over \$600,000.00 in revenue.

President Wasowicz criticized the actions of the Cook County Clerk who is looking at fund balances of local municipalities without regard to the facts that much of those funds are unavailable for general operating expenses.

Kelly Zabinski added that the Governor's proposed reduction in revenues is an actual absurdity. We must be mindful that some cuts are likely and we need to preserve cash reserves at all costs. Non-home Rule communities would be the hardest hit.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small sincerely thanked Special Events Coordinator Janet Cervantes and all of the volunteers who turned out for the Greater Chicago Food Depository distribution through Lyons Township that occurred at the Village of Justice on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. The number of households served by the distribution was at a record high that day.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Monumental Art Works doing business at 7950 Archer Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Machos Tacos doing business at 8350 S. Roberts Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To initiate a cost sharing program in conjunction with the Justice Chamber of Commerce providing planted flower pots to businesses and agencies within the village.
- Businesses that participate will contribute \$65.00 per flower pot, per year.
 - The village will purchase the pots at a one-time cost of \$75.00 per flower pot (with a 10 year manufacturer's warranty) not to exceed \$80.00 per pot including shipping and handling costs.
 - Betcher Landscaping will manage the program, maintain the pots and provide and plant flowers. They will receive \$40.00 annually for each pot for the services.
 - The Justice Chamber of Commerce will install and maintain Building Justice Together signs on each flower pot.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban had no formal report this evening. She will be sending out an e-mail with a few ideas to save a few dollars.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To ratify the Agreement with Al Warren Oil to purchase a gas pump reading system for the amount of \$18,999.00.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Symonds will table the ordinance to amend the process and fees for branch-chipping. The legislation requires some fine-tuning and there is no rush.

Public Works Work Schedule for weeks of:

February 9, 2015 to February 13, 2015

February 16, 2015 to February 20, 2015

Snow plowing and salting continued. There is currently 300 tons of salt in the Public Works yard. Repairs were performed on a few mailboxes.

The Hot-box was sent to Falcon Co. for repairs that are covered under the warranty.

Potholes were repaired on Frontage Rd.

Police vehicle maintenance continues. The #10 backhoe hydraulic system was repaired.

Street signs in few locations have been restored. Monthly maintenance as required to our small equipment is completed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Ordinance 2015-03, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF 15 FEET OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7259 S. 86TH AVENUE, 7301 S. 86TH AVENUE, AND 7307 S. 86TH AVENUE, JUSTICE, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

Trustee Symonds asked about the proposed restoration of the parcels being acquired. The restoration will be minimal and will occur as a part of the road construction project.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda read a letter from Congressman Daniel Lipinski asking the village to participate by sending a few judges for the All American Boy and Girl Program to be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Hickory Hills Village Hall. We will be happy to participate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch asked about the purchase of the gas pump reading system. Is it being paid for with MFT funds? The system is being purchased with a surcharge of 12.5 cents per gallon of gas. There is no interest or handling fees being incurred. The reader is more than half paid for but no formal action by the board was taken to approve the program at the inception. This is merely a housekeeping item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to the Village's participation this year in Lobby Day on Wednesday, March 4th in Springfield, committee meetings will be deferred to 6:30 pm, prior to the next regular board meeting on March 9th.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday March 9, 2015

6:30 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, budget 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.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

ED Updates and other matter before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including an ordinance amending chipping practices and fees.

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:

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked if the date had been announced for the village-wide garage sale. Yes, the garage sales will be held the 15th, 16th and 17th of May. That is the weekend after Mother's Day.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk