

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF APRIL
Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski. Trustees Sue Small and Rick Symonds are absent this evening. 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 March 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and the March 31, 2015 Special Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

Trustee Henry Oszakiewski noted that there is an error in need of correction in the minutes of March 23rd. On page 2 it states that Clerk Svoboda said that yard waste pick up commences on the first Monday in May when in fact she said April.

The record will be corrected.

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz explained that the recent loss of our dear friend, Police and Fire Commissioner Thomas Janes, necessitates our acting quickly to name a replacement because of the upcoming police test already in process.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Michael Maruszak to the unexpired term vacated by the passing of Thomas Janes to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda reminded all that Scholarship Applications are available for pick-up or to download from the website and are due by May 1, 2015. Any graduating seniors that reside in Justice and are attending college in the fall are eligible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-36 in the amount of \$38,481.15, recurring expenses of \$50,363.04, TIF #3 expenses of \$2,193.75 and MFT expenses of \$5,937.39, for a total of \$96,975.33

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Rusch recapped the Sewer Arrears Collections initiative that has now been in process for over one year. To date we have collected more than \$210,000.00. Some contracts with customers are still being collected and we have submitted a few accounts to the West Suburban Water Commission for shut off.

We are in receipt of correspondence from IDOT indicating that our March MFT collection is being reduced by some 50% costing us around \$15,000.00 in expected revenue.

Trustee Rusch and Treasurer Kelly Zabinski continue to work on a credit card policy for receivables. He will have an update for committee on that process.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kuban for Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve First Communications LLC to provide integrated voice solutions (telephone service) to the Admin/Finance offices and the Building/Public Works building, subject to review and approval of a 36 mo. contract by the village attorneys, commencing June 1, 2015.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 21st from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. here at the Justice Village Hall.

(We were later informed that the pantry would be held in Hodgkins on that date, not in Justice as we had anticipated at the time of this meeting.)

It is tornado season as recent news confirms. Emergency shelters are designated for the village. Check with Trustee Small or Clerk Svoboda if you need information on locations of available shelters. Please remember to check or equip emergency kits for your home and family. A list of suggested supplies is available on our website. Be prepared.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Ajax Heating & Air Conditioning doing business at 8646 S. Roberts Road #106, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License for Bloomingtree Facility/ Janitorial Service at 8217 Concord Lane, Unit C in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the endorsement of CGI Communications, Inc. to solicit businesses in Justice to participate in a community-wide banner program and to provide a letter of introduction from the Village of Justice for that purpose.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

Trustee Rusch commented that on the heels of the recent Flower Pot Program he thinks it is excessive to encourage business owners to participate in yet another village sanctioned program.

Trustee Oszakiewski replied that it is nothing more than an introduction to a firm that provides a marketing tool that can be utilized or not by businesses. The term endorsement does not appear in the letter of introduction.

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

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the next Economic Planning Board Meeting will occur on April 16th at 7:00 pm. On the agenda that evening will be the banner program, an update on plans from PACE and the Economic Development Plan Book that is being developed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban quoted a letter from longtime resident Robert Dvorak complimenting the exemplary job performed by the Justice Police Department, in particular Officer Mike McNamara, during an investigation of a burglary at his mother's home at 7264 Blackstone recently. The concern, attention to detail and personal commitment shown by Officer McNamara was truly impressive. Mr. Dvorak added that he is pleased he decided to stay in Justice where he was raised, to raise his own family.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Sparr for Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Resolution 2015-08, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID FOR THE ROBERTS ROAD EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Public Works Work Schedule for weeks of: March 30, 2015 to April 3, 2015
April 5, 2015 to April 10, 2015

Deer Woods lift station – Two new pumps and electric panel installed by Pro Pump.

Pothole repairs continue.

Street sweeping continues.

Sewer jet rodding was performed at a few locations.

Storm sewer jet-rodding was accomplished.

Chipper and #5C truck was set up for chipping, which started April 1, 2015

Public Works purchased a new roller, a Dynapac CL1300, for \$40,000.00, and we sold our old roller, a CL122, for \$12,500.00.

JULIE mark outs continue for fiber optic improvements.

Fluids and brakes replaced on several police vehicles.

Sinkholes were repaired at 81st and 87th Avenue and at Oak Grove by the Park District.

Storm drains were vacuumed and cleaned with our sweeper vacuum.

Monthly maintenance is complete on all small equipment.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Tonight at 7:00 pm a public hearing was conducted to consider the passage of an ordinance vacating portions of 78th Street east and west of Blazer Avenue and to determine which abutting landowners of the vacated portions may acquire title thereto, and the compensation to be paid to the village for acquiring the land.

The dedication to the west is in a floodway, and neither property owner is interested in paying a price for the land.

Both of the owners on the east are indeed interested in acquiring the land and the question remains how much of the 66' frontage each of the two adjacent property owners is willing to buy.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch commented that by contracting with First Communications LLC we will save close to 50% on our current phone bills.

The Emergency Sewer Repair Project is being funded by funds saved explicitly for sewer and lift-station repairs and the worst case scenario of \$134,000.00 in cost will not impact our general fund at all.

Trustee Rusch then asked if the roller on the gate at the Public Works Yard is repaired.

Yes, indeed, the repair is completed.

There are close to 150 street signs that are no longer useful due to retro-reflexivity mandated by IDOT. He would like to see these signs declared surplus and sold. Better to get a little something for the signs rather than nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz thanked Mr. Mike Maruszak for stepping up to replace Commissioner Janes on the Police and Fire Commission. We know he has the necessary skills to hit the ground running.

Commissioner George Pastorino asked that Mr. Maruszak be sworn in this evening.

Mayor Wasowicz confirmed he is happy to do so.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, discussion of a credit card policy for receivables and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including permission for a Relay for Life fundraising car wash and plans for a Memorial Day Service.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

ED Updates, review of the findings from the continued Zoning Board of Appeals hearing regarding the Special Use for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary, and any new business licenses available for review including Dollar Plus, Coast to Coast an office within an existing business, and Gim Bow an existing Chinese restaurant under new ownership, and any other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including summer help, 2015 Street Repairs by PW, an update on Roberts Road sewer work and the grant funded street repair projects, and any other matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

Executive Session: If necessary.

VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Barbara Stimatz asked about requirements for home occupations. She questioned Allen Heating & Air Conditioning who lives in town but operates a business outside of town, yet advertises in our newsletter. They are licensed as contractors in Justice and are welcome to advertise.

Ms. Stimatz then asked if residents can view an active database of licensed businesses and home occupations from our website.

Currently they cannot.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police & Fire Commissioner Michael J. Maruszak.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of one or more employees and pending litigation.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to Closes Session at 8:02 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:47 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk