

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF MAY  
Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Trustee Henry Oszakiewski.

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathleen Svoboda called the roll. Present are Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. President Wasowicz is not present this evening. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

**MOTION:** Trustee Sue Small Moves: To appoint Trustee Hank Oszakiewski to serve as Chairman Pro Tem for the purpose of conducting tonight's meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr  
**VOTE:** Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Small and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**PLEDGE:**

Chairman Pro Tem Hank Oszakiewski led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Schedule of 2015-16 Annual Appointments as proposed for the 2015-16 appointment-year.

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

President Pro Tem Oszakiewski quoted a letter from Trustee Rick Symonds:

Recently, long-time Public Works employee Timothy Dalton was charged with the task of cleaning the channel from the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch to the I&M Canal.

Upon investigating the lack of productive flowage from the I&M Canal to the Sanitary & Shipping Canal, Tim discovered some illegally built structures including a dam and a dock or small bridge that were seriously impeding the course of the flow.

Tim immediately reported the discovery and promptly set about removing the structures that were blocking the flow and would have backed up drainage into the Canal and in turn the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch.

Had there been a heavy rainfall before these structures were discovered and removed, the consequences for many residents in proximity to the 71<sup>st</sup> Street ditch would have been disastrous.

Due to Tim Dalton's diligence serious flood damage to numerous properties was averted.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to sincerely thank Tim for his efforts and congratulate him on a job well done! His initiative prevented an outcome that would have been damaging and costly to many residents of the village.

Chairman Oszakiewski commented about the photos of the structures removed by Tim Dalton. It was outrageous that someone would construct such impediments to the natural flow. It was a good thing they did not go unnoticed.

Chairman Oszakiewski noticed that the approval of minutes on the agenda was inadvertently omitted, so we will handle that now.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Sine Die Board Meeting of May 11, 2015 and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015 as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

#### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Svoboda thanked all that participated in and attended a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9:00 am at the Veteran's Memorial in Commissioner's Park (Veteran's Park.) The ceremony had to be moved indoors due to some rain but was a nice testament to our Veterans.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.**

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-35 in the amount of \$26,555.27, recurring expenses of \$124,693.49, and MFT expenses of \$6,779.80, TIF #2 expenses of \$2,059.75, TIF #3 expenses of 2,580.75, and TIF #4 expenses of \$5,578.19 for a total of \$168,247.25.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Rusch has arranged for Finance Office Manager, Margaret Garbacz, to provide a brief tutorial for board members to monitor departmental finances with the use of our government operating software on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm prior to the regularly scheduled committee meeting. This will allow trustee liaisons to check vendor invoices, expenditures to date, and generally keep an eye on day to day operations in the departments they chair.

A CD was secured at Byline Bank for a portion of the General Corporate funds; \$225,000.00 has been pledged for one year at a 1% return.

##### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small**

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the purchase from Gettysburg Flag Works of 50, 3X5 sewn American Flags and hardware for erecting on the light poles to commemorate patriotic occasions for a cost of \$2200.00.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Sue Small Moves: To increase the number of Scholarships to be awarded to five (5). Recipients will be notified and honored at the next regular board meeting.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Small asked all board members to send their choices and ranking for the five scholarships to Clerk Svoboda to compile for selection to the five recipients.

Trustee Small stated that she is in receipt of a request for a donation to the Bridgeview/Justice Relay for Life. The deadline to donate and be acknowledged as a sponsor on the T-shirts for the participants is before the next regular board meeting. The threshold for sponsorship is \$250.00. Trustee Small asked if all board members were ok with donating \$250.00 to Relay for Life. All were in agreement. A Motion will occur at the next board meeting to ratify the donation.

Trustee Small offered her own thank you for the help and support of all who participated in the Memorial Day service. The rain began right at 9:00 am, but the event moved indoors and filled the boardroom. It was nice to see the room so full.

Thanks to Janet Cervantes and to all the volunteers that participated in the most recent Food Pantry distribution. There were a record number of beneficiaries.

The next two distributions here will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> and again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Rusch reminded the board members that he will abstain from the selection of scholarship recipients because he knows most of them personally from his teaching at Wilkin's Jr. High School.

#### **ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski**

**MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation of Bristles Biscuits, a dog-biscuit bakery and distributor, at 16 Ottawa Court in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

**SECOND:** Trustee Small

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

The Flower Pot Program, a joint venture between the Economic Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce to fill and display flower pots at local businesses is well underway. Most of the pots are already being displayed and look great.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

Trustee Kuban announced that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, here in the Justice Village Hall.

Trustee Kuban noted that the revenue projection for collections from State Income Tax for the year has already been fully realized and it is only May.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Rick Symonds**

**MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Ordinance 2015-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY. (Surplus Street Signs)

**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr

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

**MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve the purchase of Blue and White Street Signs with hardware, compliant with retro-reflectivity regulations, from LA Traffic Signs in Crown Point, Indiana, for a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Small asked about how we were going to avoid having too many duplicate signs but yet have availability of signs when they are needed.

Trustee Symonds replied that we will evaluate the likelihood of needing duplicates and order only two in cases where replacement is unlikely.

A list of surplus signs will be posted on the website for sale.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr**

**MOTION:** Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Ordinance 2015-11, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION, AND THE ACQUISITION AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT THERETO COMMONLY KNOWN AS 7887-7899 SOUTH ARCHER ROAD, VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CORK AVENUE TIF DISTRICT.

**SECOND:** Trustee Symonds  
Trustee Symonds asked if there were any liens or property tax liability that the village will be required to pay.  
Attorney Cainkar said that he will require any existing liens to be paid at closing and that the property tax sales were already vacated.

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

The reconstruction by the WSWC of the parkways on Garden Lane is coming along well. It is a pleasure to see Garden Lane back together again.

The Car Show is scheduled for Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and will be in cooperation with the park district that is planning on featuring bands. August 29<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date.

The Tree Removal Program for trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle is proceeding well. We have already had 29 inquiries and are in the process of confirming an infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer to be included in the program.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** Attorney Joe Cainkar

Attorney Joe Cainkar and members of the board discussed the proposed draft ordinance amending the committee structure for the Committee of the Whole.

It was determined that the board would like to take a less structured approach that would closely resemble the way they operate now.

Joe will provide a draft based on his understanding of how they would like to proceed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Small asked for comments regarding the committee structure to go to her to coordinate any changes.

Comments and recommendations regarding the Developer Handbook should be provided to Matt as soon as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2015**

**7:00 pm**

**Pastor Brian Miller of Roberts Road Bible Church will attend to discuss providing service to the village as Chaplain.**

**There will be a brief presentation by Twin Supplies, Ltd. to upgrade the Street Lighting to LED.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch**

Review of posted payables, update on Sewer Collections and other matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Any matters before the committee including the structure of Committees of the board of trustees.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban**

Any matters before the committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski**

Any matters before the committee including review of a request for a tobacco license for Esjay Corp. D/B/A Justice Marathon

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters before the committee including progress on grinding at the 7500 block of Blazer, the relocation of the Welcome sign at 79<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup>, new street name signs & maintaining a minimum of spares, the Roberts Road sewer project progress and crack-sealing pricing.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr**

Any matters before the committee.

**Executive Session: If necessary.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen M. Svoboda  
Village Clerk