

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST  
Monday, August 27, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Wasowicz lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Clerk Sue Small called the roll. All are present including President Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Karen Warner. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Fran Mills of Chief Mobile Home Park and member of the Economic Planning Board stated that regarding the Code Enforcement Officer issue, the season for rodent activity that comes with colder weather is about to start. It is likely a very bad time to eliminate the property maintenance inspector position.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the August 13, 2018 board meeting minutes as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

**MOTION:** Trustee Sparr so Moves.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kuban seconded with corrections

Trustee Kuban noted that the remarks attributed to her regarding the Tralient Sensitivity Training should have reflected that Mayor Wasowicz, Matt Zarebczan, Ed Shilka, Joe Cekus and Trustee Kuban all attended and found the class presented by the Assurance Agency, free of charge, to be far superior to the Tralient course.

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Wasowicz had no formal report.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Small thanked the Police and Public Works departments for their quick response returning updated property and equipment inventories. Our claims history has been provided for our review will have considerable influence on the renewal. Clerk Small will share that information with the board. Please return any requested information for the renewal by the end of the week.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner**

**MOTION:** Trustee Warner Moves: To approve posted payables 1-48 of \$47,279.22, Recurring

Expenses of \$24,782.04, MFT expenses of \$31,863.94; TIF#5 expenses of \$1,182.50 and Capital Project expenses of \$24,182.76 a total of \$129,290.46.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION, BY ADDING ARTICLE XI, DEFAULTED AND VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

Trustee Kuban commented that this registration requirement is making money on the backs of our residents already experiencing hardship and is in her opinion totally uncalled for.

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

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE AND PROPERTY REGISTRATION CHAMPIONS, LLC (PROCHAMPS) TO COMPLETE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban seconded for discussion

Trustee Kuban reiterated her objection to charging residents for a registration she feels is unnecessary and burdensome to the residents. She stated that our Building Department already has a database that contains the information Prochamps will provide.

Trustee Rusch questioned the Motion itself that authorizes the agreement but only specifies vacant properties but not foreclosed properties.

It was determined that the agreement itself includes both vacant and foreclosed properties.

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

**ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski**

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the 8/23/18 edition of the DesPlaines Valley News when quoting details of the regular board meeting held on August 13, 2018 failed to provide a true picture. He stated that the care and upkeep of vacant or abandoned properties should not be the responsibility of taxpaying residents of the village. The lien-holding agency should be funding necessary maintenance. The Village of Justice has expended close to \$200,000.00 of village funds to maintain these properties. Prochamps software will help to provide information so that the lienholder can be held financially accountable for the upkeep of abandoned and vacant properties. The Prochamps registration fee will provide up to \$25,000.00 annually to offset our maintenance expenses. We will no longer need to expend unbudgeted village dollars for these expenses. All department will have immediate access to the information that is provided, including our legal team.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018 – 06: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN CLOSED SESSION COMMITTEE AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

SECOND: Trustee Warner

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the selection of Bloomingtree Facilities Cleaning to provide cleaning services to the Village Hall not to include the police and fire departments effective September 1, 2018 at the cost of \$141.25 per cleaning; to be performed once per week.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban seconded for discussion

Trustee Kuban mentioned that we only have information reflecting the per-cleaning charge, not the tasks to be performed each time.

Trustee Rusch stated that he has found Blomingtree to be extremely cooperative and willing to do what is required should any additional or missed tasks be pointed-out to him.

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

Trustee Oszakiewski provided an update regarding the upcoming IML conference. A budget for attendance at the conference was not included so the village will not pay entry fees. Please register and pay on your own if you chose to attend.

The Veteran's Day luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th. A meeting of the planning committee will be assembled in the next few weeks. Volunteers are being sought.

The next scheduled Lyons Township food pantry is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th. Volunteers should arrive at 2:30 and recipients at 3:30. The pantry is held at the Fire Station attached to Village Hall.

A Club Active brochure is offered in the vestibule for any seniors interested in attending any of the events planned for seniors at the Justice Park District.

The Justice Senior Club meets tomorrow, here in the all-purpose room.

Trustee Kuban asked if she might provide her response now to the comments made by Trustee Oszakiewski regarding the Prochamps registrations. She continued stating that currently, our expenses for maintaining vacant and abandoned properties are being recovered by liens once the properties change hands in any manner. This is simply a money-making scheme on the backs of the residents.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Rick Symonds**

Trustee Symonds reported that the RedSpeed cameras are going through the first cycle of violation. Our Deputy Chief of Police stated to him that he and Chief McDermott are quite pleased with the quality of the product the camera produces. It has already been instrumental in assisting with a favorable outcome in three investigations.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban**

Matt Zarebczan reported that the owner of the property at 7901 87<sup>th</sup> Court is proposing a 2200 square foot commercial building at that location but would like to propose he be allowed an Enterprise Zone incentive. He would like to present his case for the necessary Resolution to be entertained by the village board at the next committee meeting.

The Marketing videos were played at the Economic Planning Board Meeting and received some great comments and suggestions that are being implemented.

The Project Program Sheet for the Tollway Project has been approved by IDOT and our Phase II has been submitted for approval.

A kickoff meeting for the Frontage Road Sidewalk project should occur in early September.

The Economic Planning Board is advocating Welcome Packets being provided to new residents. Information from the village, businesses and other taxing bodies would be presented to new residents.

New coupons from our Village business coupon initiative will be issued early next week.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr**

Trustee Sparr delivered a heartfelt apology to Building Commissioner Ed Shilka for his part in a heated exchange of insults with him at the earlier committee meeting.

Trustee Sparr reported that paving occurred from 73<sup>rd</sup> on Cork to the end using 182 tons of asphalt, 81<sup>st</sup> Street was done, and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street will be next.

7500 linear feet of pipe was televised. Trustee Sparr explained and demonstrated to the board how relining can be performed with a new process that is being investigated by Director Cekus.

Trustee Sparr thanked Bridgeview and Willow Springs for help during the Car Show. They are both great neighbors. He also thanked his wife, Robin and all elected officials, employees and friends that helped during the show. We will show a profit to benefit the Christmas Basket Program.

**BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch**

Trustee Rusch commented that he will table his Motion to terminate a position this evening in hope that the scope of the Code Enforcement Inspector position

can be changed to satisfy concerns.

Trustee Rusch then called out the Mayor for inferring that he is not doing his job properly as the liaison to the Building Department.

Mayor Wasowicz apologized stating that he was angry and lashed out and was reacting to complaints that Trustee Rusch can be difficult to reach.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Mike Cainkar had no formal report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk Small thanked Joe Cekus and the Public Works team for all their hard work readying our village hall, parking lot and grounds for the Car Show. They did an outstanding job.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Sparr spoke briefly about Canines for Vets, the Veterans organization that was honored at the Car Show.

Trustee Rusch recommends John McCain's Memoirs as truly worthwhile reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:***

*Monday, August 27, 2018 6:30 pm*

**ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION:** Trustee Oszakiewski

Any matters before the committee including:

Discussion to select date for Veteran's Day event planning

Posting for special events volunteers on the website

Discuss the new contract for Lipinski Center rentals

Public Works/Building Department Cleaning budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee:

**ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES:** Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including:

Scheduling a presentation for a 7A Enterprise Incentive

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including:

Continued discussion about sewer televising; memo from John Hoeffler.

**BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES:** Trustee Rusch

Any matters before the committee including:

Discussion of the job description of the Deputy Code Enforcement Inspector

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Trustee Warner

Any matters before the committee including:  
Posted payables

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. John Small commented thanked the board for passing the two ordinances that require the registration of abandoned and foreclosed properties. He supports the initiative.

Mrs. Liz Chicola questioned the upcoming referendum to add the 1% sales tax.

Mayor Wasowicz explained that to pay our matching funds to perform the tollway project the 1% will be necessary to fund the bonds that will need to be issued.

Mrs. Chicola added that this may chase purchasers to our neighboring towns. Bridgeview and Hickory Hills already collect the additional tax.

Mrs. Chicola then asked since Szarotka's changed hands, why did we not require that it become handicapped accessible.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that it did not change hands but is owned by a brother and sister and the brother took over management from the sister. Although, they are preparing plans for a ramp to at least access the main floor since other options are not feasible.

Mrs. Chicola added that the restrooms also need adjustments for accessibility.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To adjourn.

SECOND: Trustee Warner

VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen M. Svoboda  
Deputy Village Clerk