

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL

SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER
Minutes of Monday, September 22, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE:

Village President Krzysztof Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski Trustee Sue Small is on vacation. Trustee Rusch joined the meeting during the Swearing In. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

SWEARING IN:

Village President Kris Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office to Officer Damian Dyas, the newest member of the Justice Police Department.

(A brief recess for cake and coffee in honor of Officer Dyas was observed.)

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz had no formal report this evening.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that a Tax Appeal Seminar will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 9th at the village hall in cooperation with Lyons Township Assessor Barb Weyrick and representatives from the Cook County Assessor's Office. Bring a copy of your recent property tax bill and your appeal can be filed that evening.

Also, a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Wilkins School Cafeteria at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us. It's a great opportunity to speak informally to your village officials and provide your suggestions, comments and complaints.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE –Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

- MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-32 in the amount of \$24,080.88, recurring expenses of \$130,501.32, MFT expenses of \$22,554.02 and TIF #4 expenses of \$4,247.25 for a total of \$186,383.47.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban
- VOTE:** Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch reported that all but three, delinquent customers have either paid or made arrangements to pay their sewer account arrears. We have notified the West Suburban Water Commission and they will notify those three customers of the imminent disconnection. The disconnection notice being distributed by the Water Commission was read.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kuban for Trustee Small

- MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To hire Ms. Monika Kumor for the position of Finance Office Clerk contingent upon satisfactory completion of the customary background check and drug screen.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed
- MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve Addendum #1, from Durable Roofing Co. to perform Tuck-pointing on the East, North and West walls of the Front of the building for \$3,150.00, and on the East, North and West walls on the Rear of the building for \$6,200.00 for a total of \$9,350.00.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve Addendum #2, from Durable Roofing Co. to remove the concrete coping stone, properly prepare walls and to furnish and install a new 24 gauge Galvanized Metal Cleat and a 24 Gauge KyNar 500 Finished Metal Coping, installed to meet or exceed all SMACNA procedures and guidelines, for a cost of \$3,960.00 including a 5-year Guarantee on Workmanship and a 20-year Warranty on Materials.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Oszakiewski, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban added that the next mobile food distribution through Lyons Township and the Greater Chicago Food Depository will occur here, at the Village of Justice, on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. As usual, volunteers arrive at 2:30 pm and the distribution will start around 3:30 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban reminded all that the Neighborhood Watch group will meet on Thursday, September 25th at 7:30 pm. On Saturday, September 27th the Justice Police Department will participate in the *Drug Take Back Day*. We can drop off expired or unused medications from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of 5 Brothers, Inc. doing business at 8200 S. 86th Court in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND:** Trustee Symonds
- VOTE:** Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Justice Wine & Spirits, Inc. doing business at 8001 W. 79th Street in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban
VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
This business replaces J.J. Peppers at that same location.

Trustee Oszakiewski attended five educational sessions at the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago recently. The sessions were highly informative and he will be sharing some of the lessons and ideas with his fellow board members at upcoming committee meetings. He was particularly impressed with a program from the Illinois Comptroller's Office for debt collection.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds quoted a report from Public Works Director Joe Cekus for the weeks September 8, to September 19, 2014.

Paving on Garden Lane from 75th Street to Blackstone and on 75th Street from Cronin to Garden Lane is complete. Street grindings were performed on 82nd Court from 79th to 80th streets and at the intersection of 82nd Court and 80th Street.

Chipping and grass cutting continues, as well as pothole repairs. Police vehicles were maintained checking fluids and tire pressures and new brakes were installed on the Admin car. Public Works vehicles numbers 22 and 44 had new hydraulic hoses installed. A new belt was installed on one of the lawnmowers.

Sewer jet-rodding was performed along 73rd Place, 86th Ave. and at a few residences. A street washout was repaired at 7816 Blazer, and a culvert was repaired at 8839 W. 83rd Street.

Several street signs were replaced or repaired.

A ditch was swaled at 7401 86th Avenue. Visiu Co. televised sewers along 86th Ave. and along 73rd Place.

Numerous JULIE markups were performed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve a variance from fees for a paving permit for Sunset Lakes Apartment Complex and to accept payment in the amount of \$5,550.00 for paving and \$200.00 for inspections for a total of \$5,750.00.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban
Trustee Ed Rusch made his opinion vehemently known that he feels an 85% discount is excessive. He urged the board to at least collect \$10,000.00. He asked who else had received such a magnanimous reduction in fees.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the published fees per square foot for paving are quite arbitrary.

We do not perform any corresponding service for this fee. \$.20/ square foot is outrageous.

Sunset Lakes pays more than \$29,000.00 each year for a license to operate multi-family dwellings. They are a successful business in our community. He supports the reduction in fee.

VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski and Sparr, aye. Trustees Rusch and Symonds voted nay. Motion passed.

In introduction to the next piece of legislation, Trustee Sparr asked Jim Lurquin to explain the purpose of the code amendments.

Mr. Lurquin explained that subject to the Comprehensive Plan for the village, we are in effect combining the business districts B1 and B2 into a single zoning classification for Business Districts.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ZONING, ARTICLE II, DISTRICTS; MAP, DIVISION 4 BUSINESS DISTRICTS, BY REPEALING SECTION 12-89, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT PERMITTED USES, SECTION 12-90, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT BUILDING

REGULATIONS, AND SECTION 12-91, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

The owners in the Industrial Park have asked that a sign be erected at 88th Avenue and 83rd Street to direct traffic into the industrial businesses. We will review their request in committee.

Trustee Sparr had the opportunity to examine the condition of the brickwork on the administration building and can heartily confirm that the tuck-pointing was a necessary step to maintaining the building.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Michael Cainkar

Attorney Mike Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda reported that we received a check for over \$600.00 from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church from the proceeds of the Greek Fest. We sincerely thank them for the generous donation.

We are invited to the Argo HS Homecoming game and festivities this coming Saturday if some of us can attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

7:00 pm

Economic Development Update from Brittany Abrams, Economic Development Coordinator.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including A Resolution Adopting the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, discussion regarding plans for the Veterans Dinner on Sunday, November 9, an update on Radio Marketing, and the purchase of computers in the Finance Office prior to end of year.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including a PW paving update, purchase of the vehicle from the Justice Park District, and the rebuild of the Deer Path Lift Station.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Any new businesses or ordinances available for review, in particular, review of the Solicitation Ordinance and Application, an ordinance enacting a Liquor License application and Application Fee.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, discussion of the budget process timeline and Sewer Collections.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including review of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ZONING, ARTICLE II, DISTRICTS; MAP, DIVISION 4 BUSINESS DISTRICTS, BY REPEALING SECTION 12-89, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT PERMITTED USES, SECTION 12-90, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT BUILDING REGULATIONS, AND SECTION 12-91, B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE. Review of multiple ordinances regarding Subdivisions, Zoning, Rates and Fees, discussion regarding a discrepancy between practice and village code regarding remuneration of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a retirement Resolution for Jim Lurquin.

Executive Session: If necessary.

Trustee Oszakiewski spoke at length about the reasons for his vote on the issue of the reduction in permit fees for the Sunset Lakes parking lot paving. His focus is to support businesses and create incentive to improve our community.

VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Barb Stimatz questioned the rate increase on the Sewer and Refuse bill. Why are we paying for a rate increase on a bill dated August 29th, that reflects service dates of July and August, when the increase is not supposed to be effective until September 1st?

Clerk Svoboda explained that the sewer service is billed in arrears of the service and the refuse service is billed in advance; the same way the village is billed by the vendor. The refuse billing on the August 29th bill is in fact for service in September and October. The sewer portion is for service in July and August.

Ms. Stimatz commented that the billing is misleading. Clerk Svoboda agreed that the dates of service being billed for are not clear.

Ms. Stimatz continued, chastising the village for the size of the American Flags that we display on the light-poles. She thinks they look stupid.

Mayor Wasowicz was offended by her characterization of the American Flags as stupid and ended the conversation.

Mr. Joe Davern Jr. addressed the board about the issues arising regarding the sign they are using to advertise the events at Davern's. He quoted the code with regard to the differences between temporary and permanent signage.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the village is working on reviewing and revising village codes with regard to signs. There is however concerns with the sign at Davern's besides the issue of permanency light the flashing lights which are against IDOT rules for being a distraction to drivers. We do intend to let Davern's know what needs to be done to create a permanent sign.

There are so few streetlights in Cork Highlands, especially on 84th Street. How might we convince ComEd to install more streetlights?

We will speak to our ComEd liaison with regard to the issue.

Mrs. Diane Powers stated that she does agree that the flags are smaller than they should be.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz replied that we were working with a small budget and wanted to do something to display our patriotism. Our intention was to purchase more flags each year. It was a first step for beautification at the patriotic holidays
Mayor Wasowicz spoke about the potential for a Beautification Committee. It has worked for us in the past and he would welcome hearing from volunteers.

A resident spoke about flooding that occurred at her townhouse on 84th Place a few weeks ago causing considerable damage to her property.
Drainage repairs have been completed to her area since the heavy rains. Joe Cekus will speak to her regarding the improvements to her area and how storm water actually flows there.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.
SECOND: Trustee Symonds
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk