

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF DECEMBER
Minutes of Monday, December 8, 2014

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, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Joseph 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 November 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the minutes with a correction to Old Business. The sentence in the third paragraph should end with the words: maybe we should speak to some property owners.
- SECOND: Trustee Symonds
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz had no report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that LIHEAP funds are available to assist senior citizens struggling with electric bills. The funds go very quickly because the need is more than the availability of assistance. If anyone needs more information, there are flyers in the vestibule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-33 in the amount of \$31,228.75, recurring expenses of \$59,765.79. MFT expenses of \$18,464.91 and TIF #4 expenses of 29,383.50 for a total of \$138,842.95.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-22, **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

The first Budget Workshop will be held at 9:00 am on December 13, 2014 here in the courtroom of the village hall. It is unlikely we will meet again for the budget until the New Year. The Finance Office will be closed so that all finance employees can participate. Trustee Rusch has requested that the budget document be provided to all of the trustees in readiness for the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Sue Small thanked everyone who participated in the Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Decorating Event and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5, 2014. Trustee Sparr and Matt Zarebczan went above and beyond installing all the decorations at village hall. Village departments, taxing bodies and organizations within the village participated. We had 13 decorated trees plus the Village Christmas Tree that was trimmed by the members of the village board. Thank you to the village staff and the clerk and very special thanks to Santa Hank Oszakiewski and Mrs. Santa, Fran Mills, for entertaining and enchanting the children. Watch for pictures of the event to be posted on our website.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban reminded everyone that we are collecting non-perishable food and new, unused toys for the upcoming Christmas Basket program. Collection barrels are in the village hall, the public works building, the library and at the schools. The deadline for contributions is Thursday, December 18th.

Trustee Small commented that she heard on the news today that Toys for Tots are down 200,000 toys this year and the need is greater than usual.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Trustee Oszakiewski commented about the Business Champion Awards dinner at MVCC we attended a few weeks ago. We were very honored by our nomination and we have since received a certificate memorializing our nomination.

The next Chamber of Commerce Meeting is on January 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Justice Public Library. Trustee Rusch has requested that the budget document be provided to all of the trustees in readiness for the meeting on Saturday. Upcoming Business Expo in cooperation with the Village will be discussed.

The Economic Planning Board Meeting will not occur in December as it would fall on a night that the Christmas Basket food sorting is taking place.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Public Works Work Report for the weeks of: November 24, 2014 to December 5, 2014

A privacy fence was installed around the Public Works yard. Pothole repairs are continuing as weather allows. Sewer rod outs are also continuing.

Numerous JULIE mark outs were performed. Replacements of street signs were accomplished and repairs and maintenance of police vehicles were completed.

Public Works assisted with the village hall Christmas decorations and the Christmas Basket food drive.

The manhole inspections required by the MWRD are underway. A class was provided to outline the process. The storm water maintenance program continues. All trucks are prepped and ready for winter; a few had new blades installed.

Trustee Oszakiewski asked about our salt supply situation. We have taken delivery of 25 tons and have ample on hand for the start of the season. Our pricing at this point is excellent at around \$55.00 per ton.

Trustee Rusch commented that there is a lot of yard waste still lying around, now that pick up has concluded.

Groot has generously agreed to pick up the remainder with regular garbage collections.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE

OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE SUBJECT TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Our first Winter Festival was indeed a resounding success. Trustee Sparr laughed about his experiences in the bucket truck. It was a first and may be the last time up in the bucket. Thanks to everyone that participated.

Kris thanked Trustee Sparr for preserving the integrity of Ed Shilka's new roof.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch commented about the outstanding job by our attorney formulating the Enterprise Zone legislation. The program is clearly defined so that any lay person would understand it. The work is truly impressive.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, review of the property, casualty and work comp insurance renewals with Assurance Agency, review of the Abatement Ordinances and any 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

Any new businesses or ordinances available for review, and any updates regarding Economic Development initiatives.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

Executive Session: If necessary.

Review of Closed Session Minutes for release.

VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Liz Chicola asked if it is all right to have the yard waste in cans rather than in bags for this final pick up.

The cans should be fine. Clerk Svoboda will check and if not, will let Mrs. Chicola know.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more employees.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:49 pm

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk