

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER
Monday, December 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Wasowicz asked for questions or comments directly related to tonight's agenda. Resident Gerry Mendrella commented on the resolution for the sidewalk project. He complimented the board on getting this project done as in his words "It's long overdue" John Small asked about the Motion under Trustee Oszakiewski's agenda. He asked about how this new attorney would be paid for. Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the cost would be revenue neutral and he would explain more during his time on the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 board meeting as submitted or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Rusch

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz thanked everyone for the effort and hard work put in for the Winter Wonderland event. He received many compliments for the residents. He stated "Good Job"

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

- Meeting Minutes updates: Clerk Small learned that verbatim minutes are NOT recommended in the minutes. She read from the IML reference guide that discussed the proper taking of minutes. Going forward, if a board member wants a verbatim statement added to the minutes, it will need to be voted on by the board
- Internal and external costs for FOIA requests
FOIA requests from members of the board and the cost of the same. A recent request cost the village \$1045.00. Clerk Small discussed the need for more help in her office if these excessive FOIA requests continue.
- Objection filing for April consolidated election date extension due to holiday hours at the Village Hall.
Notified all for objection filing will be extended til 5:00 pm on December 26

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski

TRUSTTE OSZAKIEWSKI MOVES to approve the purchase of nine new chairs for the Board Room at a total cost just under \$900.00. This purchase will be made using American Express points

SECOND: TRUSTEE SPARR

VOTE: TRUSTEES SYMONDS, RUSCH, KUBAN, OSZAKIEWSKI AND SPARR; ALL YES.
MOTION PASSED

Holiday Basket update by Trustee Kuban since special events coordinator not present. Trustee went on to explain the dates for the various activities around the baskets. She also questioned the Temporary Food License application that was found in her mailbox. She asked if Clerk Small had added that to the mailbox and Clerk Small said she had since Trustee Kuban is the liaison for the event. Trustee Kuban stated she had filled this out "weeks" ago and the event was "all set"

Trustee Oszakiewski read a statement aloud as a prelude to a motion to hire an attorney for "confidential legal advice" The statement went on to ask the trustees to vote yes to allow independent legal advice apart from the executive branch of the board.

TRUSTEE OSZAKIEWSKI MOVES: To approve the expense to retain a legislative attorney to assist the trustees. This is a temporary assignment needed to assist with legislative and parliamentary procedures and costs will be paid from the legal services / attorney line of the budget

SECOND: TRUSTEE RUSCH

Trustee Kuban had several questions and a discussion started. She quoted ordinance and stated the current attorney is the attorney for the village. She also stated multiple legal fees would be incurred. She also stated no one has been identified and there is no code for this position.

The board chair also added he would veto a motion should it pass

Trustee then stated that there will need to be an ordinance change and he has already discussed this with an attorney. There is case law he described that trustees can request their own lawyer.

Trustee Sparr chimed in about helping the board "feel better" and if this is what it takes to move the board forward, he will vote accordingly.

Trustee Symonds confirmed the position would be for 2019 budget

TRUSTEE RUSCH REVOKED HIS SECOND FOR THIS MOTION: He stated he would like to see the ordinance first

THE MOTION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING TO GET THE STEPS IN PLACE

The chair went to move on to the next committee and Trustee Oszakiewski explained he was not done. After a verbal exchange, Trustee Oszakiewski applauded the Winter Wonderland event, the budget and everyone that came to enjoy it

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Symonds

Trustee Symonds had no formal report; just a question for attorney about Roberts Park Fire Protection. Attorney Cainkar stated he would follow up tomorrow

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban

TRUSTEE KUBAN MOVES: To approve a Home Occupation Business license to

Food Safety Group operating a home office for a Food Safety Training Business located at 7229 Arbor Lane, Justice.

SECOND: TRUSTEE SYMONDS

TRUSTEES RUSCH, KUBAN, OSZAKIEWSKI, WARNER, SPARR AND SYMONDS; YES
MOTION PASSES

TRUSTEE KUBAN MOVES: To approve **RESOLUTION 2018-13** A Resolution Authorizing Village Authorities to Sign Engineering Services Agreements and Local Agency Agreements for Federal Participation and Appropriate Funds for the Phase III Construction and Construction Engineering for the Frontage Road Sidewalk Project.

SECOND: TRUSTEE SPARR

Discussion by Trustee Oszakiewski read the completed document about completed sidewalks in the first project. Continued discussion between the mayor, the clerk, the appointed economic development director, the appointed treasurer, trustee Rusch

TRUSTEES SYMONDS, RUSCH, JUBAN, OSZAKIEWSKI, WARNER AND SPARR; YES.
MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr

A short statement about the Winter Fest. Very complimentary, thanking so many people. Best Winter Fest ever!

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch

TRUSTEE RUSCH MOVES: To approve the minutes of the board meeting of November 12, 2018

SECOND: TRUSTEE SPARR

TRUSTEES OSZAKIEWSKI, WARNER, SPARR, RUSCH AND KUBAN; YES. TRUSTEE SYMONDS OBSTAIN. **MOTION PASSED**

Trustee Rusch asked the building commissioner about the demolition bids. Four bids for demolition to the clerk's office. Bid opening on December 27th at 2:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner

TRUSTEE WARNER MOVES: To Approve: **ORDINANCE 2018-16: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

SECOND: TRUSTEE OSZAKIEWSKI

TRUSTEES WARNER, SPARR, SYMONDS, RUSCH, KUBAN AND OSZAKIEWSKI; YES
MOTION PASSED

TRUSTEE WARNER MOVES: To approve posted payables 1-35 of \$37,762.42, Recurring Expenses of \$71,748.59 MFT expenses of \$4,436.66 and TIF#5 expenses of \$1,182.50 for a total of \$115,130.17.

SECOND: TRUSTEE SPARR

TRUSTEES SPARR, SYMONDS, RUSCH, KUBAN, OSZAKIEWSKI AND WARNER; YES
MOTION PASSED

A meeting with board and department heads to begin discussions for the 2019 budget will be conducted here in the village hall on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm. This is an open meeting and residents are encouraged to attend.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Small read a note from Blair Nuncio about the appointment of David Shipyor to the school board. David is our past summer intern and a resident of Justice.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Scheduling of Committee Meetings

Special note: The board and Committee meeting will be Thursday, December 27

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch

Discussion about demolition;

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner

Any matters before the committee including Posted payables

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski

Ordinance for the legislative attorney

Any matters before the committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident stated he thought another attorney would be fiscally irresponsible

ADJOURNMENT: President Wasowicz called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: The chair entertained a Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Sparr so Moves

SECOND: Trustee SYMONDS

VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Small, Village Clerk