

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF DECEMBER  
Minutes of Monday, December 22, 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 Michael 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 December 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz asked for a moment of silence to honor the two police officers assassinated in New York City and the officer killed in the line-of-duty in Tarpon Springs. A moment of silence was observed by all.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no formal report but wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-17 in the amount of \$4,660.29, recurring expenses of \$55,224.10 for a total of \$64,884.39.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve To approve the quote by the Assurance Agency for Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance through 12/01/2015 and Work Comp Insurance through 12/31/2015 for the Village of Justice with ICRMT and IPRF, respectively, and to pay the necessary premiums required to bind coverage (\$47,207.00.)

SECOND: Trustee Small

Trustee Symonds asked about the eleven month period for the Property, Casualty and Liability coverage.

Since ICRMT is an insurance pool, and in order to comply with their cycle, our first premium year will need to be eleven months.

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

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-24, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE,) SERIES 2002, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- SECOND: Trustee Small
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: 2014-25, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$722,615.20 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE,) SERIES 2003A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- SECOND: Trustee Symonds
- VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: 2014-26, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$2,265,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE,) SERIES 2008A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: 2014-27, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$885,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE,) SERIES 2008B, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch commented that Margaret in the Finance Department has agreed to provide a short class, prior to a committee meeting in January, to assist board members with accessing and evaluating up to date financial data directly from the General Ledger.

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

Trustee Sue Small sincerely thanked Janet Cervantes, the Special Events Director for her tireless work implementing the Holiday Basket Program.

Janet commented that the program assisted 91 individual families 75 children received toys many of which were provided by “Share the Magic. “ The Bridgeview/Justice EMA delivered to 38 of the recipients. A Great job was done by the Wilkin’s School children bringing in non-perishable food items and also by the wrapping team.

Trustee Small will meet with the staff in the Building Department staff at 10:00 am on December 30<sup>th</sup> in order to formulate job descriptions going forward. Everyone is welcome.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

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

- MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a payment for the 2014 calendar, fiscal year of \$100,000.00 from the General Corporate Account to reduce the funding liability to the Justice Police Pension Fund.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban thanked everyone for their kind expression of sympathy at the recent loss of her sister-in-law who passed away after a lengthy illness.

Trustee Melanie Kuban wished to all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of LZ Entertainment LLC. to be a licenses gaming terminal operator in the Village of Justice.
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Oszakiewski wished to everyone the happiest of Holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, stay safe!

The next Chamber of Commerce Meeting is on January 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Justice Public Library. The upcoming Business Expo in cooperation with the Village will be discussed. The Expo is planned for Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm.

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. Meetings will resume in January.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Rick Symonds**

Public Works Work Report for the weeks of: December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
Public Works assisted with the village hall Christmas decorations and performed numerous pick-ups for the Christmas Basket food drive.  
Decorations were installed on the welcome signs.  
The manhole inspections required by the MWRD are continuing.  
Public Works assisted with sewer televising by Visiu Co. on Roberts Road from 83<sup>rd</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Repairs to the fence and gates at the Thomas Street Retention Pond were performed.  
Manhole inspections continue. The sewers on Marion and Blazer were jet-rodded.  
The public Works crew attended a refresher class provided by RPPFD to operate the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's).  
Maintenance was performed on police vehicles and a new heater was installed on the Building Department vehicle.  
Backhoe #10 was repaired and the Street Sweeper was taken to Cesar's Equipment for repairs.

Trustee Symonds wished a very Merry Christmas to all.

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

Trustee Rich Sparr expressed gratitude to Trustee Ed Rusch for encouraging such fierce competition among the school children to be the classroom that collected the most nonperishable food items for the Christmas Basket Program. The kids did such a great job!

- MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To allow Class E. Liquor License holders (Taverns) to remain open for one additional hour for New Year's Eve festivities or until 3:00 am on Thursday, January 1, 2015.
- SECOND: Trustee Symonds
- Trustee Symonds questioned the notice. He thinks it is unfair to those Class E license holders who will not be made aware until this late date.

We will contact them individually and let them know. There are only five or so licensees effected.

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

Trustee Sparr asked Jim Lurquin if he had any second thoughts about his impending retirement. He sincerely thanked Mr. Jim Lurquin for the excellent job he has done for the village during his tenure. Jim is retiring at the end of this year and will be sorely missed. Congratulations to Jim on his retirement and we wish for him a long, happy and healthy one.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk Svoboda mentioned all the Christmas cards we received sent by friends of the village.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**

**7:00 pm**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch**

Review of posted payables, budget process updates 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, any updates regarding Economic Development initiatives including updates from Ed Sitar (Com Ed rep) and details of the plans for the upcoming Business Expo.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters before the committee including A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE AUTHORITIES TO SIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FRONTAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, and A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE SOUTH JUSTICE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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

Any matters before the committee.

**Executive Session: If necessary.**

- Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of one or more employees.
- Possible review of Closed Session minutes for release.

## **VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:**

Mr. John Small asked about the progress of the condemnation of the triangle property.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we are still waiting for word from the courts regarding our condemnation suit. Our attorney is exploring all options.

With regard to development, we may need to consider dissolving and then re-creating the TIF because the EAV has decreased considerably since the TIF was established, and once the property has been cleared of any structures, the EAV would be at a much lower starting point for purposes of recreating a TIF and generating increment.

At the start of the New Year we will aggressively pursue decisive action regarding the triangle property.

Mrs. Diane Powers asked about progress regarding the 84<sup>th</sup> Place gas station property.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that at the last committee meeting Matt Zarebczan presented a grant proposal being submitted to pay for an Assessment of Contamination. This assessment would evaluate the level of contamination so we would know if it is feasible for the village to accept liability for the clean-up of the property. We have the ability to apply for LUST funds to clean up property that we own, but are aware that the bank has refused to complete the foreclosure process because they are unwilling to accept responsibility for the contamination. We must proceed carefully.

The village recently met with Burke Engineering and the Toll way to further discuss the potential for an interchange in Justice. Some of the Toll way's own plans create a more favorable climate to provide those ramps. The need to detour to an exit at 79<sup>th</sup> while rebuilding the mile long bridge coincides with the need for an exit ramp. Toyota Park, Bedford Park and others would greatly benefit.

Mayor Wasowicz foresees likely success in establishing an on and off ramp by 2019 or 2020.

The toll way's ordinance regulating revenue sharing of additional tolls would lessen our financial exposure.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen M. Svoboda  
Village Clerk