

**Village of Justice**  
**Zoning & Planning Commission**  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
**October 21, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman John Bruce.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken. Present at meeting were: Rich Berkowicz, Edwina Gaskin, Jack Kennedy, and Chairman: John Bruce and Secretary: Shirley Shilka.

Jim Brock, via telephone.

George Orawiec, arrived at 7:10pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Orley Betcher, Trustee Oszakiewski, Trustee Kuban, Trustee Sparr, John Small.

Rich Berkowicz: Thank you for our new name plates.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:** September 16, 2013. Chairman John Bruce entertains a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting.

Jack Kennedy: George Orawiec name spelled wrong, to be corrected.

**MOTION:** To accept Minutes from September 16, 2013 meeting.

Rich Berkowicz: **SO MOVED**

**SECOND:** Edwina Gaskin

**VOTE:** All Ayes.

Rich Berkowicz: For phone conversations can Jim Brock vote?

John Bruce: He is attending but cannot vote.

Trustee Kuban: Questioned if there was a quorum.

John Bruce: Yes, I am included.

John Bruce to Trustee Sparr: Was the subdivision for Davern's Tavern passed?

Trustee Kuban: The subdivision was passed. Joe Davern has 1 year from April to tear down the house.

Rich Berkowicz: Can the garage stay up?

John Bruce: Joe Davern has 1 year to tear the house down, once it is recorded he has 1 year to get permits for a new house, otherwise the garage becomes a structure that is not permitted and would have to be demolished. You cannot have a garage without a house.

John Bruce: The Comprehensive Plan is status quo right now; we do not have the attorney here for questions on this.

As of October 14, 2013 the Village Board split the Zoning and Planning Commission into 2 separate commissions. We now have the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission; this takes 10 days to go into effect.

John Bruce to Trustee Sparr: As the Board of Appeals do you have any direction for us?

Trustee Sparr: You will still run into some planning, but you will not be voting on planning. The Board of Appeals will remain as is; anything with a zoning change will come before this board.

Trustee Kuban: Eventually there will be some sort of cross participation.

Trustee Oszakiewski: The Planning Commission will consist of 5 public members and 2 non-voting members. Trustee Sparr and I will oversee the planning; we still have to fill the members we will need.

Rich Berkowicz: We will then be the Zoning Board of Appeals?

John Bruce: Yes.

Jack Kennedy: Will meetings stay the same?

John Bruce: Since we are no longer planning we will only have meetings as needed. We will have to decide what our meeting schedule will be. We may have to have multiple meetings per petition. With the density level of the village, we will probably not have multiple petitions.

Trustee Oszakiewski: In Cook County, we only have a meeting if there is a petition.

John Bruce: We get a stipend per meeting.

Jack Kennedy: We will have to lock down members to make a quorum.

Trustee Kuban to John Bruce: You will have to find out if you are included in a quorum.

John Bruce: Went over article of "Taming the Monster" just for information as to what is going on in the TIF in Cook County or at least in Chicago. As far as TIF

John Bruce: I was at De Paul Chatham Institute, regarding airports. Anyone impacted by airport and how it impacts us go to Chatham Institute and will keep you up to date on planning and continuing education regarding Zoning.

Trustee Oszakiewski: Chatham has a different topic every month; this is by State and Jackson and is free to anyone interested in public service. You can also sign up on their email distribution list; they will let you know 1 month in advance.

John Bruce: Effective October 25, 2013 we will be known as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

John Bruce: Chair entertains motion to **ADJOURN**: At 7:30pm

Jack Kennedy: **SO MOVED**

**SECOND**: Rich Berkowicz

**VOTE**: All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Shilka, Secretary

*John W. Bruce*

**John W. Bruce, Chairman**