

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JANUARY
Minutes of Monday, January 13, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of December 30, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

SWEARING IN OF A POLICE OFFICER:

Village President Kris Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office to our most recently hired Police Officer, Joseph Pavlik. President Wasowicz commented that Officer Pavlik is joining the rolls of a fine police department to which he hopes Officer Pavlik will be a dedicated addition.

A brief recess for cake and coffee was observed.

The Meeting resumed at 7:50 pm.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz hereby appoints Mr. Pat Moran as the primary Electrical Inspector for the Village of Justice. Mr. Ron Moran will revert to the status of alternate inspector due to his current lack of regular availability.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Mr. Pat Moran as primary Electrical Inspector for the Village of Justice and to approve payment of the monthly stipend for same. Mr. Ron Moran will be an approved alternate.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda had no formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-26 in the amount of \$45,573.61, recurring expenses of \$133,311.33, MFT Expenses of \$29,688.03, TIF #2 expenses of \$5,000.00, for a total of \$213,572.97.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Capital Grant Distributions from TIF District Number 4 totaling \$149,303.24 for the 2012 tax year as follows:

Argo High School District No. 217 \$64,051.44

School District No. 109 \$62,613.83

Village of Justice \$15,536.54

Justice Park District \$ 3,949.09

Justice Public Library District \$ 3,152.34

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Trustee Rusch reminded the board members that Ms. Zabinski has requested the Budget Workshop be continued with the next meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9:00 am. This meeting should conclude the budget process and we should have a final budget in February.

The notices to the delinquent sewer account-holders will be going out, following the due date of the current bill that is due on January 21, 2014. Those customers whose arrears exceeds \$1,000.00 will have 15 days to either pay the bill, set-up an approved payment arrangement, or request a hearing. In the event that the customer does not comply, further action will be taken to suspend water service to the subject property.

Trustee Rusch stated that the charges for service accrued on the bills subject to disconnection total close to \$200,000.00 without the inclusion of interest charged on the debts.

Trustee Rusch added that he expects a substantial surplus of funds after all numbers are reconciled in the 2013 audit. He cautions that we must continue to run the village in an economical manner.

Mayor Wasowicz agrees, but we must have the appropriate manpower and equipment in order to do so.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small reminded all that the Lyons Township; Greater Chicago Food Pantry distribution will be here at the Justice Village Hall, on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 3:30 pm. Volunteers are welcome. Please make anyone who is in need of assistance aware of the distribution.

Tomorrow, Tues. January 14th the Justice Senior Club will swear-in their new President Fran Mills and the new club officers. We are all invited to attend.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

In the report from newly appointed Director Joe Cekus and Deputy Director Ken White for the dates of December 30th to January 10th:

Public Works performed snow and ice removal on all streets during snow days.

(As of 1/10/14 – Out of 1000 tons of salt, we have used approximately 500 tons, which includes 200 tons that was already in the yard. We have 300 tons on order with 200 tons still allocated to us.

Miscellaneous repairs were performed to snow plows and tractors.

Repairs were performed to multiple squad cars.

Senior snow-plowing was completed.

Approximately 12 street signs that were knocked down were repaired.

Many resident requests to clear driveways blocked after snow plows plowed the streets were satisfied.

Complaints from mail-carriers unable to reach mailboxes due to snow plowing, and repairs to mailboxes that were knocked down during snow plowing were corrected.

Multiple resident requests for sewer repairs were handled.

Mattresses dumped on village easements were removed.

Currently, work on cleaning the shop area along with the 2nd floor of the Public Works Building is being accomplished, and is about 40% complete.

Cold patching will start, possibly 1/13/14, weather allowing.

All Public Works equipment is to be inventoried starting the week of 1/13/14.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve the purchase of a Hydrotech, 1500 psi, pressure washer at a cost of \$3,156.00.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To renew the generator maintenance agreements with Cummins N Power for the Roberts Park Lift Station and the Public Works Building generators for one or more years at a combined cost not to exceed \$1,530.00 for each covered year.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban is in receipt of a Certificate of Recognition awarded to Cpl. Ryan Zima who on November 26th approached a vehicle with a Secretary of State, 7-day permit displayed that had been altered. The driver was charged with Felony Unlawful Possession of a Temporary Registration Permit.

Then on December 3rd, Officer Barclay Murphy conducted a traffic stop. The driver displayed bloodshot, watery eyes, poor motor skills and speech. The driver was transported to the hospital where it was disclosed that he has a blood alcohol level of .383. He was charged with Felony Driving on a Revoked License (from a previous DUI) and DUI.

Trustee Kuban is also in receipt of a letter from Chief Alan Vodica of Hickory Hills complimenting the actions of Deputy Chief Mike Kurschner and Officer Joseph Bonkowski for their assistance apprehending a fleeing motorist who had left the scene of a fatal accident. The vehicle was located and shortly after the driver was apprehended. The driver was ultimately charged with a Felony Traffic Offense. Chief Vodica expressed his opinion that the actions of these fine officers reflects positively on the professionalism and attention to duty of the Justice Police Department.

Trustee Kuban stated that the actions described reflect positively on the caliber of officer on the Justice Police Department.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Virtual Admin Professionals, Inc. doing business at 8349 S. 88th Ave., Apt. 202, in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

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

Trustee Oszakiewski directed the public's attention to the posting on the village website seeking five, Economic Development Commissioners. A job description is listed and interested persons are encouraged to apply.

In conjunction with MVCC we will be working on an Economic Development Commission Mission Statement and formulating a training session for strategies in business development and growth for our commissioners, elected officials, business owners and employees.

The Justice Chamber of Commerce meets on the third, Thursday of each month at the Justice Public Library. The Chamber newsletter is being revamped for a quarterly distribution, rather than bi-monthly. Watch for its new look in April.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr commented that there were literally ten water-pipe breaks in residential homes this past week. The building department staff has been busy assisting residents with remediation and action to avoid these costly and potentially dangerous breaks. Please make sure you know where your water shut-off is located.

We saw the opening of 29 new businesses in 2013. The number of sales inspections is increasing. There were only 67 in 2010, 70 in 2011, 99 in 2012, and now 112 in 2013. This appears to be reflective of an improving economy and market.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:
There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:
Trustee Small thanked the Justice Police Department for opening the village hall as a shelter/warming center during the extreme cold over the weekend.

Trustee Oszakiewski reminded the board of the Economic Development meeting scheduled on January 20th, at 9:30 with the development group and at 1:00 pm with the consultants from MVCC who will be discussing plans and strategies for our upcoming training sessions.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch
Review of posted payables and other matters before the committee including continuing discussion of the sewer collection initiative.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small
Any matters before the committee including a possible executive session regarding salaries for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including a possible update regarding cameras at the Building Department/ Public Works Building, and possible GPS for village vehicles.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances and any new businesses and an Economic Development initiatives update, and discussion of a timeline and theme for the Sticker Design Contest, possibly “Shop Justice Businesses”.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including an update on the evaluation of a salt-storage facility.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Possible discussion regarding the medical use of cannabis legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin questioned the proposed distributions to the local taxing bodies from TIF funds, especially the Park District who cannot even maintain the flags on the Veterans’ Memorial.

We cannot pick which taxing bodies will and won’t receive the grants. On advice of TIF Counsel we would need to include those entities located in and directly serving the Village of Justice.

Library Commissioner Ray Hodson asked how quickly the grants might be forthcoming. Checks will be cut within a week or two.

Mr. John Small noted the damaged condition of the welcome sign along 79th Street by Compass Freight.

We are aware of the damage to the sign due to snow-plowing.

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked about the Illinois Jobs Money. Are we any closer to seeing a check? President Wasowicz replied that we are just one signature away from release of the \$1.6 million dollar drainage grant and there is still a solid chance that we will see the street reconstruction money yet this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:28 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:52 pm.

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.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda

Village Clerk