

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF May
Minutes of Monday, May 12, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Trustee Rick Symonds is attending electronically and Trustee Sparr is on vacation. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz sincerely thanked Director Marty Vilimek of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA for the outstanding efforts by Marty and his team during the flooding that occurred this past weekend. Their help was crucial for the safety and welfare of so many.

The Regular Village Board Meeting scheduled for Memorial Day, May 26th will not be held. A determination will be made whether a meeting is necessary at the Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2014. If a meeting is required it will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the 2014 Village of Justice Scholarship Applications are currently available online at www.villageofjustice.org, and at the Finance/Clerk's Office. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors that are college bound and who reside in the Village of Justice. Applications are due by May 15, 2014 and should be returned to the Finance/Clerk's Office.

We received a lovely thank you from the Family of Mr. John Kwak, brother of Trustee Sue Small, for our recent expression of sympathy at his passing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-49, in the amount of \$25,636.55, recurring expenses of \$92,123.19, and MFT Expenses of \$8620.37, for a total of \$126,380.11.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-06, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR SCAVENGER SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND GROOT INDUSTRIES, INC.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed. Trustee Ed Rusch announced that we will benefit from the renewal and extension of our contract with Groot due to their agreeing to pick up two, bulk items at every household, each week at no additional cost to the residents. Our annual increase in rate to Groot is still at 3.5% for the next two contract years, and then 2 ½ % per year, for the extension period of three additional years.

Trustee Rusch commented that we have reviewed the final issue of the Notice Prior to Disconnection of Service for the remaining Sewer Account holders who remain in a critical arrears status, and have not contacted the Finance Department to make payment arrangements. This, the third correspondence to those customers, will be delivered by officers of the Justice Police Department following the due date for the bill that went out at the end of April that is due by May 20th.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To reject all bids collected at the bid opening by the Village of Justice on April 18, 2014 for the furnishing and installation of a double faced LED message center; sign base and cover; electrical hookup; and wireless RF control system.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the donation of \$100.00 to offset the cost of the Wilkin's Junior High School, Eighth Grade Dinner Dance.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Trustee Small added that the next food distribution from the Lyons Township Greater Chicago Food Depository is occurring here, at the Village Hall on Tuesday, May 20th. Volunteers are needed from 3:00 pm until about 5:30 pm that day. Contact Janet Cervantes our Special Events Coordinator for more information or to volunteer.

Our Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 9:00 am as is customary. The service will be held at the Veterans' Memorial at Veterans' Park and this year, we will partner with the Justice Park District in hosting the event.

Trustee Oszakiewski asked Trustee Small to explain why we are rejecting the sign bids. Trustee Sue Small explained that we had specified trademarked equipment to be used in the proposals, and by doing so, had limited our opportunity for better pricing by allowing the bidders to determine the appropriate equipment to install.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Sue Small for Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the purchase of two, (2) lawnmowers from Arlington Power Equipment, Inc. for the price as quoted of \$1598.00.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the quote from Cummins N Power to repair and maintain the generators at the Roberts Park Lift Station for the cost of \$3,728.11 to be paid for from funds set aside for Lift Station improvements.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Trustee Small read the report from Director Joe Cekus for the Public Works work schedule for the weeks of: April 28th to May 9th.

Chipping continues on Mondays and Tuesdays as weather permits. Street sweeping continues. Repair of Pothole is ongoing. Several resident requests were recently accomplished. Hauling of spoils is ongoing and the lawnmowers are repaired and are ready to go. Back up lights and the battery box on #22 were repaired. The flagpole at the library was taken down. Downspouts were changed and inlets and outlets at the Lipinski Center were cleaned. Two sinkholes were repaired, one at 8817 1/2 W. 84th Place and another at 8849 W. 85th Street. Storms pipes were repaired. Oil changes were performed on squad cars and the security gates at the public works yard were secured. The hiring process for the new public works laborer is now completed. He started on May 9th with safety training commencing immediately. The new tablet for was received and is in use. Uniforms rental service from G&K Services is implemented and is expected to provide better service and value. Branches were cut at the retention pond at 76th and Blazer.

Trustee Rusch asked about the final report on the sewer televising. He wants confirmation that Director Cekus and John Hoefflerle are satisfied with the results so that the bill may be paid.

Trustee Symonds will double-check, but he is under the impression that both Joe Cekus and our engineer are satisfied with the results.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban had no formal report this evening but wanted to remind all that May is Click-it-or-Ticket month. This program is funded by a grant from the State and we have been fortunate in past years to be awarded considerable funding for squad cars as a result of our success with the program.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Studio Five, doing business at 9000 W. 79th Street in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation of Best Ride Transportation, a non-emergency medical transportation service, at 8232 Concord Lane in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances and contingent upon a letter of approval from the Asbury Woods Homeowners Association.

SECOND: Trustee Rusch

VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Small and Rusch voted aye. Trustee Symonds and Kuban abstained. Mayor Wasowicz voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BY

AMENDING SECTION 3-88, NUMBER OF LICENSES, AND SECTION 3-89, LICENSE RESTRICTIONS, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Small, Symonds, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. Trustee Rusch voted no.
Motion carried.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Oszakiewski for Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Oszakiewski reported that storm damage occurred to Bldg. 18 in Sunset Lakes apartments this past Sunday. The roof was blown off in the storm and five units sustained considerable damage. Two families were aided by the Red Cross.

Trustee Rich Sparr, who is on vacation this evening, intends to announce the date for the Annual Car Show at the next regular board meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch asked about the progress with regard to the (Lelko) triangle property.

President Wasowicz replied that he spoke to our attorney and checked on the situation at the water commission. There are five tenants remaining in the apartment building. They banded together to pay the water bill so water cannot be disconnected. The owner needs to file a formal suit for eviction. Garbage service has been suspended at this time. We have heard nothing further regarding the bank’s position on the property.

Mayor Wasowicz spoke with Roy Dobrasinovic from Compass Freight. He will meet with village representatives at the Building Department on Wednesday to discuss code violations that exist. He indicated his willingness to cooperate.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014
7:00 pm**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, an update regarding the latest sewer collection initiative and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee. Trustee Kuban will handle the business at hand for Trustee Small who is out of town on business.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances or any new businesses available for review, an update regarding Economic Development initiatives.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including the progress of plans with regard to summer help in Public Works, uniforms and T-shirts, grass cutting, and street repairs, and discussion regarding an MFT Project to upgrade traffic signals at Archer and 88th Ave.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund Program.

Executive Session: If required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

EMA Director Martin Vilimek expressed his pride and pleasure at being awarded EMA Coordinator of the Year at a conference in Bloomington last week. He was sincerely honored by the recognition.

Mayor Wasowicz and the board members expressed their sincere congratulations to Director Vilimek for the award. No one could be more deserving.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk