

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JUNE
Minutes of Monday, June 9, 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: 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.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz had no formal report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda read into the record a report regarding her recent attendance at the IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks) Conference in Milwaukee, WI during the week of May 19 through the 23rd.

My attendance at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Conference in Milwaukee commenced on Sunday afternoon with a First-time Delegates Orientation. Following the orientation there was an Opening Reception conducted in Oktoberfest style that featured German finger-food and a polka band for our entertainment.

On Monday morning, the opening ceremonies consisted of a Parade of Flags including the flags of our international attendees from Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Israel, the Netherlands, South Africa and the United Kingdom. All of the States represented at the conference had their flags displayed and the Milwaukee Fire Department Honor Guard presented the Colors. The National Anthems from all of the countries represented at the conference were played and the Star Spangled Banner was proudly performed by a very talented clerk from St. Francis, Wisconsin.

The Mayor of Milwaukee and the President of IIMC, Mark LeMoine of Winnipeg, Canada spoke. We were entertained by Bucky Badger and the University of Wisconsin Marching Band with special performances by members of their all brass band. They were outstanding.

A number of General Sessions occurred during the conference, in other words, all-conference attendance. Those sessions featured higher profile motivational speakers that provided leadership and personal development strategies that would be applicable in any business environment. The speakers were published professionals that provided light-hearted and practical leadership and management advice.

The bevy of concurrent sessions gave us an opportunity to choose from sessions on more specific topics such as records management, debt collection, time management, and generational differences in the workplace, the digital evolution of municipal government, drama in the workplace and how to say NO to elected officials. Also, recovery planning, Roberts Rules, harassment and how to de-clutter your writing style for maximum impact.

All attendees were expected to attend sessions in each timeframe and to confirm their attendance by scanning in and out of each session.

Of the over 750 attendees there were over 80 from Illinois, more than 100 from Wisconsin, another 75 or 80 from Minnesota, twenty or thirty from Canada, and another twenty or so international representatives. Most states were represented, including Alaska.

Attendance at the conference left me feeling energized, inspired and renewed. From towns with populations of 500 to 1.5 million, the clerks are an amazing group.

Thanks again to the board and to the community for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Village of Justice at the conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-32, in the amount of \$44,923.28, recurring expenses of \$77,337.25, MFT Expenses of \$7,558.23, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 195.00 and TIF #3 expenses of \$ 438.75, for a total of \$130,452.61.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Trustee Rusch commented that the Notice Prior to Disconnection of Service for the Sewer Account holders who remain in a critical arrears status, and who have not contacted the Finance Department to make payment arrangements has been delivered. This, the third correspondence was delivered by officers of the Justice Police Department. Water service to those that remain non-compliant will be disconnected.

The next round of collections will encompass those accounts with arrears of \$700.00 or more. Those will represent another 50 or so accounts.

At the next committee meeting we will review a garbage collection fees increase. Right now, we are losing about \$1.00 per mo. per account or around \$1,500.00 per month. We will adjust the fees to cover our costs for refuse collection and will include the contractual increases for the term of the contract, as they become effective. We are not looking to make money on the rates, but rather to cover costs.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A MONUMENT SIGN WITH FULL COLOR LED MESSAGE CENTER AT VILLAGE HALL.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

The price for the sign will be \$25,250.00 including five years parts and labor on any repairs.

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the donation of \$100.00 to American Legion Post 735 with our thanks for their assistance providing the firearms for the 21 gun salute at the recent Memorial Day Service.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To donate \$100.00 from Special Events and an additional \$150.00 donated by Mayor Kris Wasowicz to support Mr. Julius Adams as a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra to play on a tour to China leaving on June 12th.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed. Trustee Small added that Julius Adams played a remarkable rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on his viola at the recent Memorial Day Service. He just graduated from Argo HS.

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve a donation of \$250.00 to the Justice Seniors Club to help support their fundraising efforts to be conducted at the Family Fest on August 30, 2014.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

We are in receipt of a letter from the Special Olympics of Illinois seeking a donation. We will discuss a donation at the next committee meeting.

The Argo Band Aids will hold a fundraising car wash at RPPFD Station 2, here at the village administration building, on Saturday August 16, 2014. Please stop by and get your car washed for a worthy cause.

The Lyons Township Food Pantry Distribution served 106 households representing 344 individual family members. There were nineteen volunteers on hand to aid with the distribution. The next distribution here at the village will be in the fall.

Trustee Small is in receipt of a note of thanks from Cookie Gaskin expressing her gratitude to the board for facilitating the fixing of her street, 86th Ave.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Small read the report from Director Joe Cekus for the Public Works work schedule for the weeks of: May 12th through June 6th.

Chipping continues on Mondays and Tuesdays as weather permits. Street sweeping continues. Repair of Pothole is ongoing. Several resident requests were recently accomplished. Flags were put up for Memorial Day. Speed bumps were installed on Oak Grove and 82nd Ave. Electrical power supply boxes were installed for the Memorial Day Service. Man holes and storm drained were cleaned by the Thomas Street detention pond in order to prevent flooding of Christeen Drive and 82nd Ave. Several sewer rods were performed and grass cutting at 36 locations continues. We are benefitting from the summer help program workers. We have five altogether, two from Lyons Township and another three we hired.

Two sinkholes were repaired in the Highlands. Two fallen trees were cut up and removed at the Lipinski Center. Barricades were installed at flooded streets. Numerous vehicle repairs were performed as well as maintenance on squad cars.

The resurfacing of 86th from 71st Street to 72nd has been accomplished.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To authorize Chief McDermott to interview for and to hire one patrol officer to fill a vacancy created by the recent resignation of a probationary patrol officer.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

The Justice Police Department is the recipient of a 2014 Helping Hand matching grant of \$2,864.00 from the Illinois Public Risk Fund.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE MAKING A DETERMINATION OF THE PREVAILING WAGE.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Jumpitty, an inflatable amusements company, doing business at 8655 W. 73rd Place in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Sali’s Famous Cheesesteak at 8025 W. 79th Street in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of the Tattoo Shop at 8118 S. Roberts Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of the Mad Tatter doing business at 8646 S. Roberts Road, Suite #101, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

On June 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Lipinski Community Center the Justice Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Justice will host a business expo for all businesses registered in Justice.

Training for the Economic Development Commissioners will occur and Thursday, June 19th and Thursday, June 26th are the dates targeted for the sessions.

Trustee Oszakiewski and Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams attended a CMAP Meeting last week. Daniel Olson provided a few quotes to remember “Government Agencies encourage communities to work together and they have clear ears when working together on all proposals. Commitment and follow up of local elected officials is paramount to the success of any government enterprise or venture.”

We will be discussing development initiatives at the next committee meeting on June 18th and hope to have out attorney, Vince Cainkar here to participate in the discussions. We intend to start earlier, at 6:30, to allow for time for the discussions.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Rich Sparr

- MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Resolution 2014-06, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY’S ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPAL RELIEF PROGRAM.
- SECOND: Trustee Symonds
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Building Department is in receipt of a request for a variance from Section 12-37, of the village code to construct a garage with a lesser side-setback. The issue will be referred to the Zoning Commission for review and a recommendation.

The annual Justice Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd, 2014.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:
There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:
Trustee Rusch asked if special notice was required to move up the time of the next committee meeting to start at 6:30.
Attorney Joe Cainkar said the customary posting of the notice 48 hours in advance of the meeting is sufficient.

NEW BUSINESS:

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, June 18, 2014
6:30 pm**

Committee of the Whole: Village Attorney Vince Cainkar, Wayne Pierce of Stern Bros. and Rick Ehlert of EXP will attend to discuss the potential for issuing bonds for the local share of toll way ramps construction. The discussion is scheduled for 7:30 pm during the course of the regular committee meetings.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch
Review of posted payables, an update regarding sewer collections, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE VI, GARBAGE COLLECTION, DIVISION I, GENERALLY, SECTION 5-260, GARBAGE COLLECTION RULES, AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, RATES AND FEES, ARTICLE I, RATES AND FEES, SECTION 13-1, RATES AND FEES, OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, and any other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small
Any matters before the committee including plans for the Scholarship Awards Presentation on June 23rd, 2014.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban
Any matters before the committee including an update regarding proposals for replacement of the roof on the administration building.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Any new businesses available for review including RBP Enterprises, operating the gas station portion of Mobil Oil at 8801 W. 79th Street. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XVII, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 12, ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD, BY CHANGING SECTION 2-677, VOTING MEMBERSHIP, AND SECTION 2-678, APPOINTMENT; TERM OF MEMBERS; REMOVAL, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE and AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, BY ADDING ARTICLE XXII, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Any updates on Economic Development initiatives and the Justice Business Expo – Friday, June 20, 2014 at the Lipinski Center 5-7 PM.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including review for publication of a *Request for Proposals for a Village of Justice Salt Storage Facility*, electric aggregation update, a park district truck and flooding in Cork Highlands.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including review of the rates and fees for zoning variances and subdivisions.

Executive Session: If required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Comments from several residents from 85th Court indicated frustration with the outdoor activities, conduct of patrons on the street and music from Davern's Tavern.

Compliance with the requirements for tearing down the house adjacent to Davern's and subsequently the garage were questioned.

Mr. Ed Mesco stated that the music from Davern's was loud on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Alter quoted the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance asking if Davern's is in compliance.

The village attorney explained that the ordinance regulates chronic complaints requiring police intervention at residential rental properties.

Mrs. Alter added that parking on the residential street by Davern's and trucks using the residential street for delivery purposes has become a problem.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded Mrs. Alter that Davern's is a place of entertainment and operates as such. We can invite Davern's in to see if they can mitigate the neighbors' complaints by being a more thoughtful neighbor. The hours and volume of music will be explored.

Mrs. Alter went on to comment about the signage being allowed on 79th Street. She thinks the temporary signs at Davern's and Bridges look trashy.

Jim Lurquin explained that they are temporary signs and are for a limited time of use.

Mrs. Barb Plachta asked how we were able to improve the north end of 86th Ave. and not risk the grant funds.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that since the final coat of asphalt was never installed, the layer is necessary to the eventual improvement and will become part of the total process.

Mr. Mike Gordon commented that revenue from gambling machines should be allocated to fixing streets, not a rainy day fund.

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked about progress regarding control of the triangle property.
The water is shut off and the building is vacated. Liens are being filed for all maintenance and expenses. We intend to effect clean up and demolition and will go to court to accomplish.

Did we accept a new contract from Groot without going out to bid?

No, the contract was extended for three more years with additional benefits to our residents being included. We will now be allowed two large items per pick up and our annual rate increase is reduced to 2 ½ % from the usual 3 ½ % that is effective through the term of the initial contract. We extended by three years in addition to the two years still remaining.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Village Clerk