

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF JULY  
Minutes of Monday, July 8, 2013

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 Mayor Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Melanie Kuban, Henry Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Trustee Ed Rusch is on vacation. Attorney Michael 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 June 24, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz asked Ms. Kelly Zabinski, our Treasurer and Financial Consultant, to present the results of our 2012 Calendar Fiscal Year, Audited Financial Statements.

Kelly Zabinski stated that the Village of Justice General Fund had a phenomenal year, ending with a surplus in excess of \$400,000.00.

The Water Fund ended in a surplus position of more than \$250,000.00.

We are on the road to coming completely out of the hole and creating a healthy reserve. We have saved more than \$150,000.00 this year toward the future replacement of our lift stations and are finally able to plan for likely eventualities, rather than having to react to emergency situations. Our Accounts Payables are at a net 30 days for payments.

Even with the State holding at a 3 mo. arrears in payments to municipalities, our revenue streams are producing well. As of December 31, 2012 the State was a full 4 mos. behind in distributing State Income Tax. Today, they owe us around \$250,000.00.

Due to our belt-tightening, some internal control comments in the audit reports would require additional staff to re-allocate cash handling tasks, and that would not be wise to our fiscal health at this time.

We will be concentrating on increasing funding to our pensions to further implement a healthy fund balance position. Right now, the village contributes to the Fire Pension monthly by allowing the general fund to pay the single pension we are liable for, maintaining the current balance in the fire pension account.

The Mayor and board members sincerely thanked Kelly Zabinski for all her hard work on our behalf. She has helped us through a financial transition period with great results!

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Svoboda announced that the regular Committee Meetings of the Justice Village Board customarily held on the Wed. prior to Monday's Board Meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> just prior to the board meeting on that evening, due to a scheduling conflict.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE –Trustee Sue Small for Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Small Moves: To approve payables numbers 1 -34 in the amount of \$39,292.91, recurring expenses of \$105,017.33, MFT Expenses of \$3,210.58 for a total of \$147,520.82.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kuban

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds**

Trustee Symonds quoted a report from Deputy Director Ken White. Emergency sewer repairs and responding to drainage issues and problems, chipping and cold-patching of pot-holes continue.

81<sup>st</sup> Street toward Kean Ave. is completed except for one small repair where a culvert pipe needed to be replaced.

Deer Woods in nearing completion of the repaving. We could not work today due to rain so we hope to finish by Wed.

The flags installed on the light-poles will be removed in order to keep them in the best possible shape for re-use at the next patriotic holiday.

A letter of thanks came from Ms. Diane Piecyk for maintenance performed at the vacant lot next to her house.

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

Trustee Small reported that our Air Conditioners, approved for potential replacement, are still working at this time. We will be adding a "prevailing wage rider", due to the advice of our attorney, to the proposed contract for their replacement, when the time comes.

On Wed. July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, a committee meeting will be held to perform a dry run for the opening of shelters in the case of an emergency. All those who have volunteered to participate are invited to attend.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

- MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To authorize and to establish the rate of pay for part-time police officers at \$20.00 per hour.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban announced with pride that a candidate for patrol officer, Bradley Wineinger, has been accepted to the Police Academy for training.

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

Trustee Henry Oszakiewski commented that Adele's, a business scheduled on the agenda for approval, is not yet ready for final inspections to be performed so will be entertained at a later date.

- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13-1, RATES AND FEES, (An Ordinance correcting a fee in Ordinance 2012-25).
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

Trustee Sparr reported that a complaint regarding a swimming pool on the north side of town has been evaluated and it has been determined that the appropriate chemicals are being used to make the pool safe and free from gathering mosquitos. The area around the pool was inspected and is fenced and secured for safety.

The Annual Justice Auto Show will be held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Trustee Sparr is seeking Sponsors and Vendors to participate.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Mike Cainkar

Attorney Cainkar had no formal report but he will require a brief executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Matters.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch**

Review of posted payables, discussion regarding release of funds budgeted to Police Pension and other matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Any matters before the committee including a reminder of the upcoming meeting for the Emergency Shelter Preparedness Plan, an update regarding the technology upgrades in the Building/Finance Departments, and discussion regarding repair to the boardroom sound system.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban**

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding the proposed public nuisance legislation.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters before the committee including info regarding purchase of a Salt storage building, asphalt crack sealing for streets, and street repairs.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski**

Review of any new ordinances, businesses or home occupations including Chi-Town Restoration, a home occupation at 7841 S. Cronin, review of a business license for Adele's, to operate a business to sell general merchandise at 8507 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.; possible discussion regarding Economic Development initiatives.

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

Any matters before the committee.

(Executive Session, if necessary.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Liz Chicola questioned how an agenda can be prepared for a board meeting, 48 hours in advance, when discussion at committee occurs just prior to the meeting.

Clerk Kathy Svoboda replied that action is anticipated on the Agenda on items that are scheduled for discussion at the committee meeting, and then may be entertained or tabled as a result of the committee discussion.

Mrs. Barbara Plachta adamantly voiced her disapproval regarding the quality and size of the flags that were purchased for display on the light poles to commemorate patriotic holidays.

Mr. John Small asked for clarification regarding the upcoming public nuisance legislation. Does it address open burning in any manner?

No, this legislation is in response to specific locations (homes or buildings) that become chronic nuisance properties where at least three nuisance activities have occurred in one year. The nuisances are clearly defined by State Statute.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that open burning is regulated to allow only wood that is suitable for burning in a fireplace to be burned in outdoor fire pits that are appropriately located for such burning.

Mr. Small added that some people are negatively impacted by allowing burning at all, like asthmatics.

The nuisance legislation as proposed will be reviewed at the committee meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that there are some terrible potholes right near the stop sign entering Roberts Road northbound from 87<sup>th</sup> Street.

We will notify the County.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of Collective Bargaining Matters.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:00 pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk