

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF AUGUST  
Minutes of Monday, August 25, 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, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski. Trustees Sue Small and Rick Symonds are both attending electronically. 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 Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz commented about the 4 ½' of rain that fell in the course of an hour in the early morning on Friday. We experienced flooding in our flood-prone areas, but were much better off than many of our neighboring communities.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda expressed her delight at the recent performance by Chicago's own Jackie Robinson West Little League team having won the National Championship.

A reminder that our Village-wide Fall Garage Sales weekend is scheduled for September 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Free permits will be available in the Finance Office after the Labor Day weekend.

A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Wilkins School Cafeteria at 7:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to meet with your elected officials on an informal basis to discuss your concerns, suggestions and to hear first-hand about upcoming plans for the community.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Trustee Sue Small had no formal report.

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE –Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.**

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-31 in the amount of \$55,220.67, recurring expenses of \$104,753.31, MFT expenses of \$39,611.58, TIF #2 Expenses of \$3,000.00, TIF #3 Expenses of \$1,400.00 and TIF #4 expenses of \$1,400.00, for a total of \$205,385.56.

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

Upon further evaluation of the potential for installing solar energy at the Lipinski Community Center, Trustee Rusch has determined that the cost is prohibitive. It would take 15 or 20 years to recover the cost in savings, since the cost of the improvement would be between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00.

To date the delinquent sewer accounts initiative has netted well over \$120,000.00 in past due collections. At this time, we have two to three accounts that have ignored all of our attempts to contact them and now are on track for disconnection. We are working with the attorney to implement disconnection through our agreement with the West Suburban Water Commission.

We also have a few accounts that have violated the payment arrangements they agreed to, and who will be given a short window of opportunity to get back on track or will be added to the list for termination of water service.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To direct the Police and Fire Commission to hire Damian Diaz through the lateral transfer process, contingent upon passage of all requirements and completion of the proper vetting process.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

With great pleasure, Trustee Kuban announced that our own Justice Police Department was honored for the Best Chevy Caprice squad car design in Law and Order Magazine. Our clear, modern graphics and display of the American flag were noted.

Chief Kraig McDermott along with Deputy Chief Mike Kurschner and Sgt. Fred Schuerg all got together in early 2013 and accepted the task of selecting a design that was reflective of the Justice Police Department's new direction. After going over several different designs, they put together some of each officer's ideas to come up with the final design. They picked the colors and style of design to match their commitment and mission for the community and the department: Professionalism, Integrity and Pride.

The Judges' comments: *The lettering stands out; the block font is easy to read with the white against the black. The flag on the front fender is a nice touch, as well as the blue line running along the side of the car.*

Trustee Kuban thanked everyone that helped with the Mobile Food Pantry distribution on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> here at the village hall. Many volunteers, employees and elected officials assisted with the distribution.

On Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the Neighborhood Watch group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Justice Village Hall.

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

Trustee Oszakiewski asked Jim Lurquin, Chairman of the Economic Planning Board, to provide a brief update.

Chairman Lurquin commented that two meetings have been conducted by the board. The first concentrated on administrative issues such as adoption of Roberts Rules of Order, payroll, the Open Meetings Act, public participation and such. Four committees were set up. The main focus of the board until they obtain more experience will be business retention.

The Mission Statement, Scope of Mission and Rules and Regulations by which the board will operate will be refined and then provided to the village board for review and subsequent approval.

**MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Gary M. Koenig, d/b/a GMK Firearms, at 8033 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kuban

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

**MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2014-11, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III LICENSE FEES BY ADDING SECTION 3-66 RAFFLES AND AMENDING SECTION 3-99.**

This ordinance is being approved as amended at the committee meeting held just prior to the tonight's board meeting to include wording to define the raffle license year, to state "for one year from the date of the issuance of the license."

**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Oszakiewski reminded all that the Rosary Hill Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, following the celebration of Mass at 11:00 am.

Moraine Valley Community College is accepting nominations for the Business Champion Award. The awards will be presented for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Nomination forms can be obtained in the Finance Office and either individuals or businesses qualify for recognition.

Also, MVCC will host a free workshop on Thursday, September 4, 2014 for Career and Business Success Strategies. Flyers regarding the event are available in the vestibule. Register online at [mccnextlevel.eventbrite.com](http://mccnextlevel.eventbrite.com).

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Rick Symonds**

The bids for the South Justice Street Reconstruction Project were reviewed.

Mayor Wasowicz added that the Engineer's recommendation was to award the bid to Crowley Sheppard, the low bidder, and a highly qualified contractor.

**MOTION:** Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Resolution 2014-11, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO RECONSTRUCT ROADS IN THE SOUTH JUSTICE STREET PROJECT UNDER THE 1306-012 CDBG AND ERP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS*. This resolution is being repeated following a re-bid mandated by Cook County.)

**SECOND:** Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Sparr handled the report from Joe Cekus on behalf of Trustee Symonds who is attending electronically. Trustee Sparr quoted the report for the weeks of: August 11 to August 15, and August 18 to August 22, 2014.

Figura Drive and Jocar Court were grinded and readied for paving. Jocar Court was paved.

Potholes and spot repairs were performed at 8361 S. 81<sup>st</sup> Street, 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 80<sup>th</sup> Street and at 8220 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Court.

In continuation of the Storm Water Program ditches and culverts have been cleaned at 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 83<sup>rd</sup> Court.

A sink hole was repaired at 7919 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Chipping continued, and grass cutting continued.

New hoses were installed on the backhoe, and repairs were affected to the roller.

Multiple street signs were replaced.

During the storm that occurred on August 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Works installed barricades in various areas around village. And later that week, worked on preparing for the Car Show.

Trustee Sparr thanked Public Works for the great job they did in preparation for the Justice Auto Show this past weekend.

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

Trustee Rich Sparr forwarded the proposed changes to the fees and processes for subdivisions and variances from the zoning codes to the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to effect simplification and more suitable fees.

Trustee Sparr continues to evaluate the Rain Barrel Program in order to determine the appropriateness for our residents. There is no cost to the program.

Photos of the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch during the recent flooding were forwarded to the MWRD to reiterate our need for assistance increasing the capacity of the ditch and the ability to move water into the canal.

There are “flippers” working in town, purchasing properties and very quickly doing renovations to make the property more attractive to buyers to turn a quick profit. Please keep eyes out for permits being displayed where work is occurring. We need to insure that improvements meet code and address the most serious deficiencies.

Trustee Sparr thanked all that contributed to the Auto Show. Most particularly, his wife Robin, Shirley Shilka, Judy Field, the Mayor, Clerk and board members for their contributions to the preparations and performance of the show.

### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** Attorney Michael Cainkar

Attorney Mike Cainkar had no formal report.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk Svoboda read a letter from Commissioner Patrick Thompson of the MWRD stating that he and representatives of the MWRD met with John Hoefflerle and V3 engineers to kick off discussions regarding a drainage study to be completed next year. The letter was copied to Trustee Sparr who has been relentless in pursuit of assistance from the MWRD with our drainage problems at the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch and with the overflow.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Rusch commented about the deplorable condition of the 79<sup>th</sup> Street repaving that is just over a year old.

Mayor Wasowicz agreed and added that it was an IDOT Project and at this point, taxpayers’ money seems to have been wasted. We are attempting to find out if IDOT has any recourse for the inferior workmanship.

We are still being told the ramps to and from RT 45 at Archer Road will be repaved this season. We are hopeful that will occur.

Trustee Rusch asked if the project we accepted the bid for tonight be accomplished yet this year? Mayor Wasowicz replied that we are hopeful that the work will commence the third or fourth week of September. It should be completed yet this construction season.

Trustee Rusch stated that we need to not forget the Southside when talking about drainage problems. 84th Ave. to Roberts Road was flooded at all streets. Chief Mobile Home Park was flooded as were the next three streets west. We need a drainage study in order to prepare to help the Wesley Fields area.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he spoke to Senator Landek and since School District 109 has purchased the All Stars parcel and the Buddrick Trucking site we need to explore the possibility of providing some retention along with any redevelopment of those parcels.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz then said that he would not be opposed to acquiring land and installing a lift station in that area. Something must be done.

Trustee Sparr reminded all that there was flooding in the Highlands too.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday September 3, 2014**

**7:00 pm**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Mayor Kris Wasowicz**

Mayor Wasowicz will review the submittals of the Statement of Qualifications for the Phase 1 Engineering for the I294 tollway ramps.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch**

Review of posted payables, updates on continuing Sewer Collections

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

Any new businesses or ordinances available for review, in particular, review of the legislation for solicitation and the Business License of 5-Brothers, Inc. to do business at 8200 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Court in Justice.

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

Any matters before the committee including review of a proposal for a new copier/scanner for the Finance/Clerks Office.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban**

Any matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters before the committee.

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

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding flood areas.

**Executive Session if required.**

**VOICES FROM THE FLOOR:**

Mr. Jerry Stricklund from Cork Highlands asked about the retention area next to his townhouse at 84<sup>th</sup> Place. Work was performed for a water main break and now stone has washed into the pipe and is restricting the flow.

Action to assess the situation and if necessary, clean up the stone will be performed.

A townhouse resident complained that the village was not addressing the flooding that continues to damage her property in spite of the taxes she pays.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz reminded her that we cannot be prepared for the torrential rain that occurred. We continue to try to perform drainage improvements that have the most favorable effects on the most properties but cannot contend with a downpour such as we had. He suggested she speak to someone about obtaining condo-dwellers insurance to help protect her personal property.

Mrs. Diane Powers is continuing to obtain signatures on her petition to encourage our legislators to help us with the issue of the abandoned and contaminated gas station.

Mrs. Powers commented that the Danhoff play-park was filled to capacity during the heavy rains. Are there outlets that could be cleaned out?

No the problem is that the pond being emptied into was filled. We suspect that Hickory Hills has increased the volume into the Miraballi Pond. It is our hope that the cemetery might be of assistance with providing additional retention.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen M. Svoboda  
Village Clerk