

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF AUGUST
Minutes of Monday, August 26, 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 Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. 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 First Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz sincerely thanked Trustee Rich Sparr and his team of volunteers for their considerable efforts planning and executing the annual Justice Auto Show. This year's show was a resounding success. The weather cooperated and we had an excellent showing of truly outstanding cars.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda reported that the Lion's Club Membership Team and the Village of Justice proudly announce an informational meeting and Membership Drive to be held on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm at the Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Road in Justice. The Membership Team of the Bridgeview Lions Club will be on hand to answer questions and to help those who would like to create a Justice Chapter of this most worthwhile organization. Please join us and find out what being a Lion can do for you and your community, locally and beyond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-18 in the amount of \$21,697.79, recurring expenses of \$12,011.90, MFT Expenses of \$10,033.96 and TIF #4 expenses of \$1,352.54 for a total of \$45,096.19.

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

Trustee Rusch spoke about how valuable an asset our cell tower leases have become. He continues to receive offers frequently to entertain selling those leases for a cash payment, but Trustee Rusch maintains that the steady and increasing annual income they produce as well as the capital asset they represent to the village keeps us from cashing in on a one-time payment.

Currently we are in receipt of a request for a lease extension from American Tower asking us to extend the term of one lease for eight, five-year terms. We will evaluate their offer in committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds quoted a report from Deputy Director Ken White for the period of 8/12 to 8/23. Repairs on squad cars and public works vehicles were performed and resident requests were researched and resolved. A sewer repair and correction of a drainage problem, chipping continues on Mondays and Tuesdays as needed. Deputy Director White reminded all that we do not chip whole trees and residents should be cautioned that if they have a tree cut down the debris should be removed. Our policy is if a whole tree is left at the curb, charges per ordinance for chipping and removal will apply. JULIE mark ups and street sweeping were accomplished. Summer help continues to concentrate on grass cutting. The cutting and clearing work on the 83rd Street hill area continues. A mower deck for weeds and brush has been purchased and we are awaiting delivery.

Prices are being obtained for crack sealing on some of our better streets. We would like to accomplish before winter. We are also looking at pavement marking around the schools.

The SWCM will hold an equipment auction on October 5th.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To Approve Resolution 2013-12, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

This Grant application is for \$282,000.00 and is an 80/20 grant that would require a 20% investment by the village in the project. We are looking for funding to enhance the Frontage Road Reconstruction project.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

With regard to the Emergency Preparedness Plan and Kit we are featuring an article in the newsletter to communicate with the community regarding preparedness in an emergency.

Matt in the Finance Office has designed and provided a pamphlet for distribution to the public featuring emergency preparedness info and tips. Information will be distributed at the Brodnicki Open House on September 5th.

We are working on the final leg of our technology upgrades. We hope to have final proposals in by the next regular committee meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban commented that the police department has received numerous complaints regarding the sighting of coyotes and even foxes and raccoons in and around Justice. We cannot provide any action with regard to these animals. We will provide a link from the village website to the DNR website that explains and instructs regarding dealing with these furry animals.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Trustee Oszakiewski sincerely thanked Rich and his wife Robin Sparr for all of their hard work organizing and holding the Justice Car Show. The event was truly a resounding success.

Trustee Oszakiewski has prepared a draft of an Economic Development Plan to propose to the village board. He will be providing same for review and comments.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr mentioned that currently, the Building Department is assisting three property owners with condemnation proceedings. Applications to the County are being compiled.

The build out at the Day Care Center at Roberts Road is going well, as is the State Farm Office at the old Gibby's plumbing building.

Trustee Sparr will be discussing with the Zoning Board a recommendation to schedule their meeting every other mo. unless a petition is pending.

Rich then thanked our neighboring communities, our police department, the fire department, employees and volunteers and especially his wife, Robin for their participation in making the event a success.

Lastly, Trustee Sparr had some testing done by his brother on the sound/PA system in the courtroom and all purpose room. Ken Sparr suspects much of the problem is with the microphones and he hopes to test the system with alternate microphones so that we might purchase components to fix the current system rather than replacing it.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

We are in receipt of correspondence from the Constitution Week Chairman of the

Daughters of the American Revolution asking Mayor Wasowicz to proclaim the week of September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week in the Village of Justice in order to commemorate the 226th Anniversary of our United States Constitution. The proclamation can be entertained at the next regular board meeting. September 17th at 3:00 pm is the actual anniversary of the time and date the Constitution was signed, and we are encouraged to ring bells or sirens at that moment.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables. Discussion of cell tower lease extension, the intergovernmental agreement with JWSWC and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including moving the Board Meeting on September 9, 2013 from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM to accommodate the swearing in of a new officer.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances, business licenses or home occupations, in particular: Jay Ambe Liquors, Inc., d/b/a E & M Food & Liquor, 7758 S. Archer Road, Suhas Patel, owner - a continuation of a current business that will operate until all new licenses are obtained (liquor, tobacco, and business in process), also Happy Days Day Care Center, 8455 W. 79th Street, Bonnie Halon, owner, and D & R Agency, Inc., 8432 S. 88th Avenue, Suite B, a business office - Donna Heabel, owner, and discussion regarding The Tobacco Mart 8400 S. Roberts Road. Possible discussion regarding the upcoming Business Expo breakfast.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including possible discussion regarding a salt storage building bid, update on purchase of equip. and any other matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including changes to the scheduling of

the Zoning and Planning Commission Meetings.

(Executive Session, if necessary.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Edwina (Cookie) Gaskin asked if there are any rules or enforcement regarding the feeding of feral cats. Also, are cat owners allowed to allow their cats to roam at large? Mrs. Liz Chicola joined the discussion adding that she has caught, caged and carried wild cats to the Animal Welfare League.

We do have regulations enacted by ordinance that forbid the feeding of wild cats. Also, there are limits on the number of domestic pets that can be kept. Rules are in place to require pet owners to contain their animals by leashing or containing them within a private yard. The DNR has information on its website regarding the deterring of all kinds of small or furry animals. We suggest the website be consulted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk