

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF OCTOBER
Minutes of Monday, October 14, 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, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Trustee Rick Symonds is attending electronically. Attorney Joseph 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 September 23, 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, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All Ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz had no formal report this evening.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda reported that Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick in cooperation with Commissioner Dan Patlak of the Cook County Board of Review will sponsor a Property Tax Appeal to the Board of Review at the Justice Village Hall on Thursday, October 17th, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Please bring your tax bill so you can complete the appeal that evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

Trustee Rusch acknowledged that it is indeed Columbus Day. Many organizations are closed for the day including our schools.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-52 in the amount of \$56,669.25 and recurring expenses of \$88,242.75, MFT Expenses of \$39,236.97, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 142.50, TIF #3 expenses of \$1,425.00, TIF #4 expenses of \$ 3,386.00, for a total of \$189,102.47.
(Figures reflected are amended to correct an error in math)

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

An additional bill came in for payment following the printing of the agenda. The bill is from Marlin Environmental, for \$8,600.00, to be paid from the Brownfield's Grant funds for the tank removal project at 86th and Archer, after the LUST funds were applied.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payment of \$8,600.00 to Marlin Environmental from the Brownfields Grant funds set aside for clean-up of the old Anthony Oil property at 86th and Archer.
The payment of the bill will be released and then ratified at the next regular board meeting.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Rusch indicated that budget preparations are underway. We are in the process of collecting preliminary numbers from department heads.

The cell tower lease extension will be available for a final review at the next committee meeting. American Tower has tentatively agreed to our terms with a \$40,000.00 signing bonus and 15% increase in lease payments, every five-year renewal.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the quote from Intelligent Solutions (ISI) in the amount of \$9,267.00 to purchase and install servers and software as an upgrade, and to facilitate communications between the Finance Office and the Building/Public Works departments, inclusive of a three year warranty on the equipment.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Small reminded all that the next Lyons Township Food Pantry Distribution is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 15th, here, at the Justice Village hall. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 2:30 pm.

The Resurrection 5K Run, sponsored by School District #109 will commence from Commissioner's Park at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 15th.

Also, on Saturday, November 9th a Veteran's Luncheon honoring our own Justice Veterans will be held at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center. If you are a veteran, please make sure we have you listed on our Veteran's page on the website to insure you receive an invitation to attend.

Trustee Sue Small attended Grandparents Bingo at Brodnicki School recently and handed out brochures providing valuable information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Sue gave out whistles to the children that were quite a hit.

The administration at Brodnicki School is excited to work on the Safe Schools Sidewalk initiative.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Small read a report from Deputy PW Director Ken White on behalf of Trustee Symonds who is attending electronically this evening.

Public Works worked on repairs to a number of vehicles – Public Works and Police Department. Fluids on all Squad Cars were checked.

Handled resident requests – sewer repairs, pot holes, bees at Brodnicki School (several times).

Continued Chipping – Monday and Tuesday’s entire Village, the last day for chipping will be on October 28th.

Summer help is continuing grass cuts.

The Street Project on Oak Grove is now complete.

The estimate on new engine for the boom truck is between \$5,500.00 and \$6,000.00. Kustom Towing came and towed the truck to Cesar’s Equipment at no cost to the Village of Justice.

A second “Thank you” card was received from Mrs. Proffitt regarding the nice job done on Oak Grove.

Trustee Symonds thanked Kustom Towing personally for donating the time and equipment for the tow.

Brief discussion occurred regarding advertising the position of Public Works Director on other employment media, in addition to the announcement on the website that the village is accepting resumes for the position until October 31st.

Trustee Symonds will meet tomorrow with Marty Vilimek, the EMA Director regarding the Emergency Siren.

The Senior Snow Plowing Program hold-harmless agreement will be discussed at the next regular committee meeting. Please review the draft agreement.

Discussion occurred regarding a letter received by many residents offering a water-line warranty for water lines on private, residential property. The company is certainly allowed to solicit by mail for such a warranty, but no one in attendance could recall being required to repair their own private water-lines.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To establish the times of from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Halloween, Thursday, October 31st as the official Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

An unused drugs collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Justice Police Department, 7800 Archer Road in Justice. Bring in your old, unused prescription drugs for safe disposal.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Cherished Pets Remembered, doing business at 7861 S. 88th Ave. 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.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation of BIZ Assist, doing business at 7230 Bradford Court, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-15, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE NAME OF ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-16, To approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XVII, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, BY ADDING DIVISION 12, ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Spar

Trustee Sparr reported that there are currently 12 remodeling permits and one new home construction permits issued with work in progress.

The Safe Schools Sidewalk Grant process is underway, and we are hopeful of success with District 109 and the Village actively seeking funding for sidewalks on 86th Ave. for safe passage of school walkers.

In addition, the cooperation between District 109 and the Village of Justice on the redesign and reconstruction of the intersection at 86th Ave. and Archer will provide a long awaited improvement to vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Trustee Sparr and a few other trustees will attend the IML Convention downtown this coming weekend and hopes to bring back some valuable information.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:
There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch
Review of posted payables, review of the cell tower lease extension and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small
Any matters before the committee including continuing plans for the Veteran's Luncheon.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban
Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski
Review of any new ordinances, businesses or home occupations.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds
ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING AN UPDATE REGARDING THE SALT STORAGE BUILDING BID, REPAIR OF THE BOOM-TRUCK AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DAMAGE WAIVER FOR SENIOR SNOWPLOWING.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr
Any matters before the committee.

Review of an agreement for lobbying services to State agencies for the Village of Justice.

(Executive Session, if necessary.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Liz Allen spoke at length regarding the recent incident where public works employees dropped asphalt grindings in her neighbor's driveway at the neighbor's request. Mrs. Allen stated she was assured at a previous meeting that the 4 or 5 buckets of grindings that were dumped would be cleaned up.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the incident was an unauthorized use of village equipment, and the area will be inspected for any problems remaining as a result of the dumping.

Trustee Sparr and Trustee Symonds agreed to meet at the site and once and for all determine what is required to clean up the area and see to it that it is done.

Mrs. Sherrie Radwanski asked about the status of the towing contract. She commented that her company, District Auto & Recovery, licensed and operating in the Village of Justice, is being ignored and all towing business is going to other vendors. She especially questioned the frequent use of a vendor whose business is not even located in our town.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that he and the board do not involve themselves in the choice of vendors for police related tows. They have found that allowing the police department discretion to use whatever company they choose has resulted in the least problems for the community.

Mrs. Radwanski continued that she was led to believe that her compliance with clean-up of the property and parking issues would allow her to be in a rotation for the village's tows. She complied and no work was forthcoming.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that he would visit the issue with the chief but that bad experiences of the past are an influence. Everything is working well with the current towing contractors.

Mayor Wasowicz added that the storage yard at District is still quite a mess.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk