

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF NOVEMBER
Minutes of Monday, November 25, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

Trustee Richard Sparr led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Trustees: Rich Sparr, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present. Mayor Wasowicz and Trustee Rick Symonds are both out of town, so are not in attendance this evening.

MOTION: Trustee Ed Rusch Moves: To appoint Trustee Rich Sparr to serve as President Pro Tem for the purpose of tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Trustee Sue Small

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of November 11, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

Trustee Melanie Kuban noticed that the first name of candidate for employment, Jozef Cekus, was indeed misspelled in the minutes. Clerk Svoboda will make the correction.

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Acting Village President Rich Sparr commented on the excellent job performed by all those that participated in the Budget Workshop held last Saturday. Everyone is working hard to spend wisely and stay firmly within the constraints of our budget.

Acting President Sparr offered his best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jim Lurquin. Jim is recovering after a brief stay in the hospital. He should return to work after the Thanksgiving weekend.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced an opportunity to attend Mental Health First Aid training being sponsored by the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission on Wednesday, December 11 from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm. All government officials are invited to register and attend. There is no charge for the class. Anyone interested please let Clerk Svoboda know and she will provide registration materials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-31 in the amount of \$28,445.11, recurring expenses of \$46,928.36, MFT Expenses of \$2057.78, TIF #3 expenses of \$ 475.00 and

TIF #4 expenses of \$1,741.16, for a total of \$79,647.41.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Rusch stated that the Budget Workshop went very well. We started out with a deficit around \$270,000.00 but were able to do away with most of that very quickly.

We are finally ready to implement the Sewer Collections Program in cooperation with the JWSWC. We have determined that our starting threshold will be those whose arrears are \$1,000.00 or over.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

The administrative offices of the Village of Justice will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Finance Office will be open as usual on Saturday November 30th from 8:00 am until noon.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rusch for Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2013-16, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT - PROGRAM YEAR 2013-2014.

SECOND: Trustee Small

Trustee Small questioned if everyone was ok with the Resolution as presented. We did not see the content until today and would like to be sure that all is in order.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban wished for all a Safe, Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the contract between Moraine Valley Community College and the Village of Justice for consulting work on Economic Development.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Oszakiewski is excited to embark on the Economic Development initiative with MVCC and the newly created Economic Development Commission.

Moraine Valley will be helping us to develop a website and a marketing campaign for Justice.

Mayor Wasowicz, Trustee Small and Trustee Oszakiewski will attend an upcoming Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Meeting in Westchester next week. All are invited to attend.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr and Mayor Wasowicz met with Commissioner Patrick Thompson of the MWRD to discuss the need for improvements to the underpass to the 71st Street Ditch. He will be scheduling another meeting with representatives of the MWRD to include Mayor Howley of Hickory Hills and Mayor Landek of Bridgeview to gain support for the much needed improvements to the underpass and secondary overflow before any increases in the capacity of the ditch are entertained.

Trustee Sparr added that representatives of the building department will be attending a two-day Building Codes seminar and a seminar on Green Initiatives in building.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder: December 6th is the last day to apply for the Holiday Food Basket Program.

Collections of canned goods and packaged items from the schools, particularly from Wilkins Jr. High, are abundant. We have more than doubled the amount collected last year already. Public Works is emptying the barrels frequently.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Representatives from Groot Industries will be in attendance to provide information regarding their acceptance of the assignment for our waste collection contract.

Review of a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT BY DISPOSALL WASTE SERVICES, LLC, TO GROOT INDUSTRIES, INC., OF A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES, preparedness for snow-removal, salting season and other matters that may arise.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Mr. Anthony Way from the Assurance Agency will be in attendance to present our December 31, 2013 work comp and liability insurance renewal rates and details.

Review of posted payables, Review of the proposed Levy, and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including an Executive Session to discuss salaries and discussion of a Safety Meeting time and topic.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances and any new businesses available for review including Justice Unique Resale Shop at 8533 W.79th Street, Mariola Hagen (owner). Timeline for approval and review of Executive Session minutes.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including an Executive Session regarding the Appt. Emp. Comp. of one or more employees.

Executive Session: If required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk