

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF DECEMBER
Minutes of Monday, December 9, 2013

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, 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 Second Regular Board Meeting of November 25, 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:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz had no formal report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda wished all in attendance a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

Trustee Rusch introduced Mr. Anthony Way of the Assurance Agency. Mr. Way provided to the board members a packet of renewal exhibits for our liability, property and casualty and worker's compensation coverage for the upcoming, policy year. The coverage renews on December 31, 2013 and is effective until December 30, 2014.

Initially, our estimates for coverage were coming in at an increase of two digits, well over 10%. With some additional negotiations by our Account Representatives, Mr. Bob Dufkis and Mr. Anthony Way, the final proposed increase is less than 1%, or under \$1,000.00. Our excellent worker's compensation history was a help.

The board members complimented Mr. Anthony Way on a job well done and sent their thanks to Mr. Dufkis as well.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: : To approve the renewal of the Liability, Property and Casualty and Work Comp insurance package as quoted and presented by the Assurance Agency with an effective date of December 31, 2013.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-11 in the amount of \$25,082.84, recurring expenses of \$54,221.39, TIF #3 expenses of \$1,045.00 and TIF #4 expenses of \$ 95.00, for a total of \$80,444.23.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: : To approve Ordinance #2013-19, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2013 TAX YEAR OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Rusch explained that the abatements confirm that the Village is not levying for debts for bonds that we have designated other revenue streams to pay. Due to the Village being in a financially healthy state, we will not need to further burden the property tax of our taxpayers.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-20, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2002, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-22, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$2,265,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-21, To approve AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$885,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008B, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-23, To approve AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY FOR THE \$722,615.20 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2003A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Trustee Rusch informed the board that Ms. Zabinski has requested the Budget Workshop be continued with the next meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9:00 am. This meeting should conclude the budget process and we should have a final budget in February.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the changes to the specific terms of the Lipinski Center Rental Agreement and to implement those changes effective immediately for any and all parties/rentals placed on the schedule from December 10, 2013 forward.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed
Trustee Small explained that the changes to the rental terms for the Lipinski Center were primarily to increase the security deposit for parties where liquor is being served.

Trustee Small spoke to the board regarding whether we should publish a Merry Christmas message in the DesPlaines Valley News. The cost is around \$240.00 and we customarily do send our wishes to the public this way.
The board members were agreeable to the expense.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Regular Board Meeting of December 23, 2013 is cancelled as well as the Committee Meeting of December 18th. The Second Regular Board Meeting of December will be tentatively rescheduled for Monday, December 30, 2013, at a specific time to be determined by the Board of Trustees and properly noticed. Tentatively, 5:00 pm for the Committee Meeting and the Board Meeting immediately following.

Christmas Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 21st. Volunteers are welcome and would be needed at 8:00 am. Usually the distribution is done by 11:00. This year there are in excess of 100 Baskets being delivered or picked up, the most recipients in any single year to date.

The Finance Office, Building and Public Works Departments of the Village of Justice will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

Trustee Small added heartfelt best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2013-17, 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.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr
Trustee Small asked for clarification of the term of the existing contract being assigned. Clerk Svoboda stated that she has checked and the contract is valid until August 31, 2016.

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

For the period of November 25 to December 6th, public works vehicles have been repaired and prepped for the winter season. A number of resident requests have been satisfied. Numerous signs have been replaced, especially around Brodnicki School. The cold patching of pot-holes and street sweeping continued. Plowing and salting occurred Sunday afternoon and again early on Monday morning.

Trustee Symonds informed all that we have received a notice from First Energy Solutions reminding us that our contract with them is up August 31, 2014. We will need to consider how to proceed with our aggregation in the New Year.

Trustee Symonds will require a Closed Session at the end of this evening's board meeting to discuss the Performance, Evaluation, Discipline or Dismissal of a specific employee.

President Wasowicz informed the board that two employees were called out to remove a dead squirrel over the weekend. He would firmly suggest that in future, such a task should wait until regular business hours. Two men on overtime to remove a dead squirrel was an excessive expense.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban wished for all a Safe, Happy and Healthy Christmas Holiday.

Trustee Ed Rusch commented that once again he observed Fed Ex parking adjacent to Dunkin Donuts in the median on the double yellow lines. This is an accident waiting to happen. The police have been informed and are ready to act if it occurs again.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Justice Unique Resale Shop doing business at 8533 W. 79th Street in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Consent Agenda: Executive Session Meeting Minutes listed on the Attached Schedule of Executive Session Minutes.

Trustee Oszakiewski explained that this action is the initial step required to approve the executive session minutes since May, 2009 and place them on file to be reviewed or released.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To take a *single roll call vote* on the question of the approval of the Executive Session Minutes listed on the Consent Agenda, to be placed on file and to be reviewed for release by May 30, 2014.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To Approve the Executive Session Meetings Minutes listed on the Consent Agenda, to be placed on file to be subsequently reviewed for release or to be held by May 30, 2014.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

Trustee Small commented that she would like it to become a part of the record that the minutes will be reviewed on at least a monthly basis and not left until the end of the proposed deadline of May 30, 2014.

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr wished to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. He added that it was a great year and it sure went by fast.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Ed Rusch commented that the collections of canned goods and packaged items from the Schools, and especially from Wilkins Jr. High, are abundant. We have more than doubled the amount collected last year already. From Wilkins there are more than 4000 items. Trustee Rusch witnessed one student bringing in more than 400 items at once. Public Works is emptying the barrels daily.

Student Council kids are looking forward to coming to wrap and sort toys on Thursday.

Trustee Rusch commented that Public Works overtime on Sunday is quite costly at double-time with a four hour minimum, and should be used with considerable discretion.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, December 30, 2013

5:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, and other matters before the committee including TIF Distributions.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee.

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.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

Executive Session: If required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Small asked how long Executive Session minutes may be held, before being released. They can be held indefinitely, as long as they are reviewed twice annually for possible release.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the Performance, Evaluation, Discipline or Dismissal of a specific employee.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 pm.

The meeting Reconvened at 8:37 pm

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President 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.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk