

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY
Monday, May 13, 2019
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CALL TO ORDER: President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Sue Small recorded the roll. Present are: President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Karen Warner. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present. All department heads are present.

Village Trustee Henry Oszakiewski spoke about the cooperation exhibited between the Village of Justice and School District 109. He welcomed Dr. Blair Nuccio, Superintendent, and Dr. Nuccio introduced respected members of the Indian Springs District 109 school board and staff present in the audience. Trustee Oszakiewski added what a difficult decision it is to pick from among the many outstanding entries by the sixth graders.

The theme this year was “Good Citizens Make Good Neighbors.”

Without further ado, Trustee Oszakiewski presented the awards to the winners.

VEHICLE TAG DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS:

- **1st Place Victoria Tsapralis**
- **2nd Place Natalia Szczypta**
- **3rd Place Alexandra Mihailova**

Trustee Oszakiewski went on to award scholarships to the Village of Justice recipients:

- **Amber Marzec**
- **Matthew Trebunia**
- **Gino Livingston**
- **Francesca Beggs**
- **Brooke Palmer**

Officer Peter Lenos of the Justice Fraternal Order of Police awarded scholarships to the two recipients:

- **Casey Kubinski**
- **Emilia Klimek**

Recognition of outgoing Trustees:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz spoke about the dedication and commitment exhibited by the trustees that will retire from service this evening. He spoke highly of Trustees Rich Sparr, Richard Symonds and Karen Warner and their work on behalf of the village.

Plaques commemorating their service were presented by Mayor Wasowicz to each of the outgoing trustees.

Trustees Karen Warner and Richard Sparr each said a few words thanking the residents of the village for the opportunity to serve.

(A brief recess was observed for cake, coffee and pictures)

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The Honorable Patrick T. Rogers, Judge of the Cook County Fifth Municipal District, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected trustees, Jeffrey J. Allen, John Obrochta and Frances R. Mills.

The newly installed trustees took their seats on the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Wasowicz asked for questions or comments directly related to tonight's agenda. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 board meeting as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so moves (to approve the minutes as submitted.)

SECOND: Trustee Mills

VOTE: Trustees Jeffrey Allen, John Obrochta, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Henry Oszakiewski and Frances Mills, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz had no report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk Sue Small commented that she has received the 2018 property tax appeal period dates from the Lyons Township Assessor, Barbara Weyrick and they are from May 17th until June 13th. If we are informed of any tax appeal seminars being scheduled, we will post the dates and time on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Ed Rusch

Trustee Rusch commented that he had received a complaint form a resident regarding bird droppings in her pool and on her deck from a nesting site for birds being operated by her neighbor. He asked if this issue is addressed by our code.

Trustee Kuban replied that code amendments are in the works and it is on the list to be addressed later.

Trustee Rusch then commented that at the last meeting, he became aware that a meeting with a potential developer for the Bethania Cemetery property was held including at minimum, the Mayor, one trustee, the Economic Development Director and the village

engineer. He understands the Open Meetings Act concerns and not including other committee members, but, at very least, he would have expected an update from that conversation be shared with fellow trustees at an earliest convenience. It was not.

Mayor Wasowicz stated he would take Trustee Rusch's comments under advisement.

FINANCE & INSURANCE:

- MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve posted payables 1-28 of \$31,953.00 and Recurring Expenses of \$40,478.41 for a total of \$72,431.41.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Obrochta, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills and Allen, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Hank Oszakiewski

- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the closing of the Finance Office in Celebration of the Memorial Day weekend, 5-25-2019 through 5-27-2019
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen and Obrochta, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Finance Office Manager, Margaret Garbacz to hire two (2) seasonal employees at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for vehicle tag sales in the Village of Justice
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen, Obrochta and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve waiving the fee for use of the Lipinski Center by the Illinois Tollway to host an informational "open house" for residents on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The open house will be open from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm.
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen, Obrochta, Rusch and Kuban, aye. Trustee Rusch abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee Oszakiewski added that this Wednesday is Peace Officer's Week when we celebrate our local and State police officers and all they do to keep us safe.

Trustee Oszakiewski issued a reminder that the Board Meeting normally scheduled for Monday, May 27 will be conducted on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:

There were no updates.

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Melanie Kuban

- MOTION: Trustee Kuban moves: To APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, IN

GENERAL, SECTION 6-2, PARKING RESTRICTIONS, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE

- SECOND: Trustee Mills
Trustee Oszakiewski asked if all the changes were included in the notes from the committee meeting.
Trustee Kuban indicated they were included.
- VOTE: Trustees Mills, Allen, Obrochta, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Kuban moves: To approve ORDINANCE 2019-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION, BY DELETING ARTICLE VI, GARBAGE COLLECTION, AND BY CHANGING CHAPTER 11, UTILITIES, ARTICLE III, WASTEWATER GENERALLY, DIVISION 2, SERVICE CHARGES; COLLECTION, SECTION 11-53, USER CHARGE, AND SECTION 11-55, BILLING, AND BY CHANGING CHAPTER 13, RATES AND FEES, ARTICLE I, RATES AND FEES, SECTION 13-1, RATES AND FEES
- SECOND: Trustee Obrochta
- VOTE: Trustees Allen, Obrochta, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Mills, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Kuban moves: To approve a home occupation license to Mr. Quick a Towing business located at 8652 S. 86th Avenue, Apartment# 314, in Justice.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Obrochta, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills and Allen, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Kuban moves: To approve a home occupation license Robert Jachymiak Construction operating a home occupation for a General Construction business located at 8835 W. 75th Street Apartment# 2, in Justice.
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen and Obrochta, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski moves: To approve Public Works Director Joe Cekus to hire two (2) part-time, seasonal employees at a rate of \$11.00 per hour for grass cutting in the Village of Justice
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen, Obrochta and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski moves: To approve Public Works Director Joe Cekus to hire a full-time employee for the position of maintenance worker to the Public Works department of Justice, IL
- SECOND: Trustee Mills
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Mills, Allen, Obrochta and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch questioned Joe Cekus about the existence of a 2” restrictor from the District 109 (old Budrick Trucking) property onto Roberts Road. Mayor Wasowicz stated that he will commence conversations regarding a detention pond on the district property, hopefully this summer.

ATTORNEYS’ REPORT:

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Sue Small read a response to a letter read aloud by trustee-elect Fran Mills at the last board meeting.

Clerk Small stated that she was forwarded a copy of the letter that was read at the meeting from a resident of Chiefs Trailer Park / Fran Mills.

Sue stated that she did have a call from a "new resident" who had just moved into Chief Trailer Park and identified herself as such. She welcomed her to the village and asked how she could help.

The resident inquired about village help with bills, food etc. Sue spoke of the Lyons Township food pantry and asked if she had met Fran Mills, the manager of the Park. The resident said she had, and Sue told her that Fran is very helpful with all residents there and she should probably start with her.

She also explained that Fran was newly elected as a trustee and has spoken about her passion for just those sorts of things. She also explained that Fran could give her some numbers for other outside organizations.

Clerk Small added she was quite surprised that Fran would accuse her of anything since she has been working with her and residents there for more than eight 8 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch stated that one of our trustees attended a Park District meeting and reported that the village spent \$20,000.00 on the car show. This statement is totally false, and he wants to be sure that this falsehood is not given any credence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduling of Committee Meetings
Wednesday, May 23, 2019

FINANCE & INSURANCE:

Any matters before the committee including:

- Posted payables

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski

Any matters before the committee

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Any matters before the committee including:

- Discussion regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with SD #109 concerning a School Resource Officer

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including discussion of the committee structure.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Any matters before the committee

BUILDING, ZONING & ORDINANCES:

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding turning over the management of the CAC building to that organization.

Trustee Kuban asked that Matt Zarebczan be allowed to provide updates since she failed to ask him earlier.

Matt commented that on Saturday, May 18th volunteers will meet at the public works building to plant the flowerpots for distribution to the participating businesses and agencies as part of the 2019 Beautification Program.

On April 30th a pre-construction meeting was held for the sidewalk project. Construction should begin in May or June and should take about 15 days to complete.

Matt thanked the building department for assistance in managing the asbestos removal on the four demo properties. All paperwork for reimbursement has been submitted for processing of the IHDA and County grants.

Trustee Rusch stated that he is very offended by a statement by newly elected Trustee Obrochta that \$50,000.00 was spent on an investigation that was actually conducted pro-bono and generated no, or very little expense at all.

He asks that Trustee Obrochta provide documentation of the \$50,000.00 expense.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Small asked since the 1% sales tax did not pass, how will we come up with our matching funds for the tollway grants.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that Cook County will take the lead on the property acquisition facet and they are aware of our financial concerns. We have applied for a grant to obtain the \$300,000.00 matching funds for property acquisition and right-of-way purchases. The County has indicated that they will officially take the lead on the whole project. They will forward the funds to complete the project to allow us time to arrange for additional funding and time to pay our share.

Mayor Wasowicz added that there is legislation proposed in Springfield that will allow a 1% sales tax levy strictly for infrastructure by non-home rule municipalities. This may take care of the issue of the village's share.

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked if we have legislation in place to control the use of solar panels.

We do not currently, but State code does address the issue. Indeed, permits for installation of solar panels are required.

Trustee Oszakiewski added that those who wish to comment at meeting need only give their name and not their address. Addresses are not required and will not be reflected in the minutes.

Trustee Rusch added that there are an awful lot of advertising flags being displayed in the village and he thinks they look terrible. Is there a limit on how many a business can have and are we keeping track of the limit of time that they can be displayed? We think it is for only 30 days.

ADJOURNMENT: President Wasowicz called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so moved.
SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Svoboda, Deputy Village Clerk