

**VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**ORDINANCES #2019-36, 37, 38  
RESOLUTION #2019- 18**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Wasowicz led the reciting of the pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:** Clerk Suzanne Small

**PRESENT:**

|                |                  |                     |                    |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| MAYOR WASOWICZ | CLERK SMALL      | ATTORNEY CAINKAR    | POLICE / KURSCHNER |
| TRUSTEE RUSCH  | TRUSTEE OBROCHTA | TRUSTEE ALLEN       |                    |
| TRUSTEE MILLS  | DEPT. HEAD CEKUS | TRUSTEE KUBAN       |                    |
|                |                  | DEPT HEAD ZAREBCZAN |                    |

**ELECTED ABSENT**

TRUSTEE  
OSZAKIEWSKI

The Business Recognition Awards were presented / Proclamation made

**Village of Justice  
Business Recognition Awards  
2019**

*Village President, Kris Wasowicz  
Economic Development Chair, Trustee Ed Rusch  
Economic Development Director, Matt Zarebczan*  
TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING:

- **Celebrating 25 Years in 2018 (1994)**  
Businesses  
Anagnos Doors - Richard/Kathleen Anagnos  
Naser's Salon - Naser Daineh
  
- **Celebrating 50 Years in 2019 (1969)**  
Business  
The Flower Shop - Emil & Suzanne Zager
  
- Mayor Krzysztof Wasowicz Will Read a Proclamation**
  
- **Celebrating 125 Years in 2019 (1894)**  
Business  
Bethania Cemetery - Randy Liese - Superintendent

**Awards presented at our Business Recognition dinner included these businesses celebrating 10 years in 2018:**  
A. Lujan Contractors, Inc. • Constant Motion Service d/b/a Oil Delux • [The New Bridges](#)

**President Wasowicz read the following Proclamation and it was presented to Bethania Cemetery:**

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Bethania Cemetery Association is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bethania Cemetery Association was founded in 1894 and organized by seven predominantly German Lutheran congregations from Chicago's south side; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bethania Cemetery Association purchased 114 acres of land for the cemetery and the cemetery was dedicated on July 15, 1894, and its first burial was performed on July 22, 1894; and

**WHEREAS**, during their first year in operation, there were 99 burials, of which 78 were children under the age of 10 who succumbed to pneumonia, bronchitis, enteritis, and tuberculosis; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1894, Bethania's historic bell is tolled as every procession passes through their gates; and

**WHEREAS**, the care and concern Bethania Cemetery Association has for their families and visitors is founded on faith and exemplified by service; and

**WHEREAS**, Bethania Cemetery Association serves families with a tradition of compassion, integrity, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, its mission has remained the same for 125 years and will continue for all generations to come.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Justice, Illinois, that we congratulate Bethania Cemetery Association on their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their continued service to their community, commend their dedication, and wish them success in years to come.

A suitable copy of this proclamation is hereby presented to the Bethania Cemetery Association as an expression of our esteem and respect, on this day, December 9, 2019.

Krzysztof Wasowicz  
Village President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne Small, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

**Pictures were taken and congratulations to these milestone businesses**

## **The meeting continued to the regular agenda**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Individuals were given the opportunity to comment or ask questions about the agenda for tonight's meeting. Comments related to topics other than those on this agenda will be given time at the end of the meeting to discuss.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mayor Wasowicz moved:** To approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 board meeting as submitted or, if necessary as corrected.

**So moved: Trustee Mills**

**Second: Trustee Kuban ....Added ordinance # to minutes (Ordinance 2019-35)**

**Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Obrochta, Rusch**

**Absent: Oszakiewski**

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kris Wasowicz**

- Any matters for the record including:  
The mayor extends holiday greetings to all

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT: Suzanne Small, Village Clerk**

- Any matters for the record including:  
The clerk extends holiday greetings to all

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Trustee Obrochta

- Any matters for the record including:
- **No Report**

#### **ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES:** Trustee Rusch

- Any matters for the record including:
- **No Updates: Be careful driving on winter roads!**

**BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES:** Trustee Oszakiewski was absent; Trustee Allen gave report

- **MOTION:** To Approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, RATES AND FEES, ARTICLE I, RATES AND FEES, SECTION 13-1, RATES AND FEES, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE**
    - **Second: Trustee Kuban**
    - **Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Wasowicz**
    - **Abstain: Obrochta**
    - **NO: Rusch**
    - **Absent: Oszakiewski**
- Amount of License added to record by Trustee Rusch. The fee will be \$5,000*

- **MOTION:** To Approve **ORDINANCE 2019-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 3-88, NUMBER OF LICENSES, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE**

- **Second: Trustee Kuban (Clarifies this adds 1 "f" license)**
- **Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Wasowicz**
- **Abstain: Obrochta**
- **NO: Rusch**

**Trustee Rusch asked about complaints for a property and the mayor validated he has delegated the code enforcement officer to take care of it**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:** Trustee Allen

Any matters for the record including:  
**No Report**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Trustee Kuban

- Any matters for the record including:
- **Trustee Kuban moved:** To approve posted payables 1-19 of \$54,137.57; Capital Projects expenses of \$71,015.04, TIF#2 expenses of \$165.00, TIF#4 expenses of \$15,524.83 and Recurring Expenses of \$28,914.12 for a total of \$169,756.56

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mills**

**Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Rusch, Obrochta**

**Absent: Oszakiewski**

- **Trustee Kuban moved** To Approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2019 TAX YEAR OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mills**

**Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Rusch, Obrochta**

**Absent: Oszakiewski**

- **Updates:**
  - Clarified a 1.9% tax levy
  - Added her wished for a very Merry Christmas

**ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION:** Trustee Mills

- Any matters for the record including:
- **Trustee Mills Postponed moving:** To approve the quote from First Communications for a new telephone system for the Building Department, Public Works and Economic Development. The agreement will create a monthly cost of \$522.11 plus tax and a one-time set up fee of \$250.00

- **TRUSTEE MILLS MOVED:** To approve the hiring of a full time Accounting Clerk 2 for the finance Office.

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Kuban**

**Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Rusch, Obrochta**

**Absent: Oszakiewski**

- **TRUSTEE MILLS MOVED:** To approve the hiring of a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Finance Office to work up to twenty (20) hours per week and to not exceed 1,000 hours per year with a schedule to be determined by the Village needs.

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Kuban**

**Yes: Kuban, Mills, Allen, Rusch, Obrochta**

**Absent: Oszakiewski**

- **Updates:**
- **The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 12/26 @ 6:30 pm**
- **Committee and Board meeting info by 12/20/19**
- **Fran thanked everyone for their help and attendance at Winter Wonderland**

**ATTORNEYS' REPORT: No report**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Trustee Rush read his prepared statement and asked it to be placed in the minutes:***

of parent teacher conferences at Wilkins Jr. High, and was not able to cast my vote on whether the board should or should not allow, the sale of recreational marijuana in the Village of Justice. As stated later in the meeting I reaffirmed that my vote would have been no to the sale of recreational marijuana in the village of Justice.

When I arrived, the board was in the part of that night's agenda call voices from the floor. I listen to several members of the audience express their belief that allowing the sale of marijuana in Justice was not in the best interest of the community. The rest of the audience through their mannerisms, body movement and low voice remarks demonstrated that the vast majority of the 80 plus community residents were not pleased with the board's vote to allow the sale of marijuana in the village.

It was at this portion of the meeting I watched and listened to the member of the board, that was running the meeting, attempt to do his best to redirect the residents' displeasure to our state legislature. He attempted to put all the blame of the village boards vote of yes, on the state's legislature, insisting that because of their action the board had no other option then support the sale of this drug.

He even went as far as to embarrass several audience participates by asking them who their state elected officials were, knowing full well that most would not be able to identify them. It was this point in the meeting I watched the art of redirection by him doing his best to present his uncomfortable explanation and confused remarks to make residents uncomfortable in hopes of quietine the crowd.

Had I been a member of the audience I would have liked to ask the facilitator if he knew the telephone numbers, by heart, of all the people on his block as it would be as foolish as the question asked the audience members.

I was embarrassed to sit there and watch our concern<sup>ed</sup> residents treated with such disrespect in order to promote the all yes vote as necessary because the state created this foolish legislation in order to raise money for their relentless spending of tax dollars.

Make no mistake, this wasn't about the state's decisions or economic development but rather a quick grab for revenue. If we all have to listen to a half-truth lecture then please don't lecture at all. Our residents deserve better.

Thank you.

Madam clerk I will be supplying you a copy for tonight's minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Trustee Kuban reminded Trustee Rusch of an e-mail that had been sent regarding a new hire posting

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scheduling of Committee Meetings

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Trustee Kuban

- Any matters for the record including: Payables, Treasurer additions

**ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION:** Trustee Mills

- Any matters for the record including:

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Trustee Obrochta

- Any matters for the record including:

**ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES:** Trustee Rusch

- Any matters for the record including:

**BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES:** Trustee Oszakiewski

- Any matters for the record including:

**PUBLIC UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:** Trustee Allen

- Any matters for the record including:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Marty from EMA presented the village "STORM READY" Certifications.**

**We are good for 3 more years-15 years and going**

**Trustee Rusch asked the Mayor to explain to the actions to be taken about the code violations that had been discussed earlier. The neighbors requesting action were in the audience.**

**POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Wasowicz Called for Motion to adjourn**

**So Moved: Trustee Kuban**

**Second: Trustee Mills**

**All Ayes**

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm**

**Submitted By:**

*Suzanne Small*

**Village Clerk, Village of Justice**