

**Village of Justice  
Economic Planning Board Meeting  
7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL 60458  
Minutes of Thursday, June 18, 2015**



The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan, Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr, John Kapecki, Wojciech Dziechciowski, Fran Mills, and Mariola Zygmunt. Not in attendance Joseph Davern Jr.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2015 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Fran Mills. Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: John Kapecki

VOTE: Orley O. Betcher Jr, John Kapecki, Wojciech Dziechciowski, Fran Mills, and Mariola Zygmunt. All ayes. Motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan stated that the Village of Justice has all the paperwork signed and ordinance is passed for the Triangle Property ownership. The Village is now waiting on signatures from the bank. When approved by the bank the original owners have thirty days to clear personal belongings off of the property and Village then can proceed to demolish the buildings on site. This will allow the property to be available and ready for development. New tobacco license was passed for Esjay Corporation D/B/A Justice Marathon Gas Station an existing business located at 7901 S. 87<sup>th</sup> Court in Justice.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Business Retention & Expansion-

Fran Mills and Brittany Abrams completed eight business visits and reported that many of the businesses are family based and the businesses advised they have mostly reoccurring customers. Biggest problems the businesses are facing are with the Cook County taxes being too high. Brittany gave each Economic Planning Board member and Board of Trustees a business chart. This chart was based on the summary of the businesses visits completed at this time. This report was made using the new synchronist program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan said he received feedback from both Joe Davern, Jr. and Fran Mills about the RTA & CMAP Grant Opportunity. In their feedback they were keen on

the idea of focusing on 79th Street for this project. Chairman Zarebczan explained that he is currently working on three different projects for this grant; one for 79th Street, another for Archer Road, and also Frontage Road. Submitting three proposals will allow for a better opportunity of one being selected for grant funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fran Mills introduced an idea for an integrated system to assist business owners with clean up or small tasks on business owned property. For example if Chief Mobile Home Park has a project in mind and would like assistance from the village they would be put on a list. When time and manpower is available the village can assist the businesses with equipment use or labor hours. The business would be charged but the fee may not be as expensive as hiring a contractor for the tiny project. Another example would be if a business wants to get rid of stone, and another business may need stone, the village will be able to assist with the transport of the stone. These steps are another way to show businesses that the village is here to help with beautification. Chairman Zarebczan will speak with Joe Cekus, the Director of Public Works about this idea.

The Welcome to Justice Sign Sponsorship program has received three of the six sponsorship fees. Trustee Melanie Kuban shared the original way the program had worked in 2011. She said they charged the business a sponsorship fee for the placement of an advertisement sign on the Welcome to Justice Sign. It was the businesses responsibility to upkeep and decorate their sign throughout the year. A new idea that the Economic Planning Board will be working on for 2016 is a teared service. A fee will be charged for the advertisement fee and an additional fee would be charged for those businesses who would like the village to upkeep the sign for them. This topic will be discussed further at a later meeting to prepare the changes for 2016.

Orley O. Betcher Jr. brought up the making and placing of Sign for the Industrial Park on 86th Court. Trustee Richard Sparr mentioned he would look into it but at this time they are having problems because it is a county easement. Chairman Zarebczan will follow up with the county to find out the regulations and permit fees for placing a sign on 88th Avenue that would direct trucks to the Industrial Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Fran Mills

SECOND: Mariola Zygmunt

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Brittany Abrams*

Economic Development Coordinator

