

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD MEETING
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

ROLL CALL:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan and Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., Fran Mills, and Joseph Chicola. Board Member John Kapecki is absent with prior notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 regular Economic Planning Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

Motion: Joseph Chicola Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Second: Fran Mills

VOTE: Orley O. Betcher Jr., Fran Mills, and Joseph Chicola. All ayes. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan announced two new businesses in Justice since the previous meeting. ATG Truck Load, Inc. a dispatch office for a transport business at 9001 W. 79th Place. Knockout Prices Inc. to operate as a health & beauty supply retailer located at 8008 W. 84th Street. Business awaiting approval at this time is EZ Cleaning Solutions, Inc. to operate a Cleaning Service office at 8302 S. 88th Avenue. The Village was not awarded The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). There were a total of 270 applicants and only 30 applicants were awarded. The Village of Justice will submit another application in 2018. We will continue to search for alternatives to assist with the beautification for the sidewalk project. At the end of September the Village met with Burke Engineering and the Tollway. Many of the concepts that were discussed would not work and were too costly. Tollway recommended sticking with Concept A because it would be the most cost effective. Phase A would consist of a Northbound off ramp onto 88th Avenue and Southbound on ramp onto 88th Avenue, and local road construction. Phase B would be a Northbound on ramp from Archer Road. The Village will meet with IDOT on November 2, 2016 to discuss these concepts.

On October 29, 2016 Willow will host another I&M Canal Bike Path Extension Meeting. A local coordination meeting was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the Justice Building Department. Active Transportation Representative, Leslie Phemister, presented the working maps from the previous Bike Path Kick-Off Meeting which displayed possible bike path access points for Justice and surrounding southwest towns. The local coordination meeting was held to discuss further ideas for route options that will provide safe and accessible entrance points suitable for all cyclists traveling within the Village of Justice. Attendees included: Leslie Phemister, George Pastorino, Mayor Krzysztof Wasowicz, Edward Shilka, Matthew Zarebczan, Brittany Abrams, and Joseph Chicola. Pace will have

their Grand Opening for Bus Route 856 on Monday, October 24, 2016 at Toyota Park. Route 856 runs to and from Toyota Park to the Loop.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Business Retention & Expansion Committee: No reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Brittany Abrams explained the 2017 Milestone Anniversary Recognition Plan. This plan was sent via email to the Economic Planning Board for one last review. At this time the plan will be forwarded to the Village Board. Orley O. Betcher Jr., mentioned he would like to see the awards given at the Business Appreciation Dinner rather than a Board Meeting. It was discussed that all businesses who participate in the Business Appreciation Dinner will be recognized and announced. It was also asked whether or not the Home Occupations will be recognized along with this plan at that time. Fran Mills said that all the in between businesses who attend the Business Appreciation Dinner should also be recognized. It was then decided that the Milestone Anniversary Awards and Plaques will be presented at a Board Meeting. The Business Appreciation Dinner will recognize each business in attendance and the years that those businesses were in Justice.

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan Entertained a Motion: To forward the Milestone Anniversary Recognition Program Plan to the Mayor, Clerk, and Village Board of Trustees to adopt as an annual program to begin as of 2017 with possible amendments.

Motion: Joseph Chicola Moves: To approve the motion.

Second: Fran Mills

VOTE: Orley O. Betcher Jr., Fran Mills, and Joseph Chicola. All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2017 Business Appreciation Dinner will be held on a Wednesday sometime in March of 2017. This will allow time to gather the years of establishment from the Justice businesses. It will also provide enough time to order and create plaques/awards. Brittany Abrams will send dates available in March and we will take a consensus to what date fits best with everyone's schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trustee Melanie Kuban announced that Cook County mandated sick leave benefits which will be in effect on July 1, 2017. The Village of Justice will opt out of this. It was also discussed how Cook County wants to dramatically increase taxes on beverages to target residents to pay more in order to generate more government revenue. Trustee Hank Oszakiewski asked if the Justice Chamber of Commerce Applications can be sent again this year with the Business Invoice Renewals. Fran Mills said having too many documents in one mailing will be overlooked by many businesses. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan stated we have a number of documents that will be sent out and it will be the responsibility of the business owner to choose if they would like to read through it all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

SECOND: Joseph Chicola

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Abrams

Economic Development Coordinator