

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY
August 14, 2017
President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Suzanne Small called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Karen Warner. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

PLEDGE:

Village President Kris Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the **July 24, 2017** board meeting as submitted or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz asked for a Motion: To approve the temporary appointment of Jim Lurquin to the position of code enforcement inspector; payment for this position is as follows: \$7,200 annually paid in monthly earnings of \$600 per month. In addition, a 1-time fee of \$90 will be paid for training and certification as a property maintenance inspector.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

Trustee Oszakiewski read a statement into the record:

"This motion is asking to fill a position that was not budgeted for in 2017 and it was never sent to either the Finance Committee or Building Committee, where it should have been vetted. It was only discussed at Executive Committee without any conclusion.

In terms of this motion, it demonstrates a lack of transparency and I want to share these additional points:

- *No Code Enforcement Inspector position currently exists in the Village of Justice and no job expectations were ever concluded.*
- *Our HR Representative, Clerk Suzanne Small, drafted a position description for this new role, but it was never considered.*
- *This salary appointment position was never posted online, so that the Building Committee could interview the most qualified candidates.*

Trustee Sparr and I did speak to a Justice resident who had ticket writing experience in another municipality, but he was not officially interviewed, so he wasn't given any consideration.

So, selecting a pre-determined choice, to a newly created appointment and salaried position, without first funding that new position, without approving a job description for that new position, without posting that new position to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply, without interviewing competent candidates, and without allowing the Building Committee to make a recommendation to the full village board, shows a lack of transparency and demonstrates hiring/appointing by selecting a favorite choice. It also demonstrates that balancing a village budget is secondary and that following established hire and appointment practices, is not consistent within all Justice committees.

So, Justice residents need to know that:

A Yes vote for this motion means that government transparency is secondary to selecting a favorite appointee; that knowing people on this village board is more important than experience and quality of work; and that rather than following village employment standards, they try to circumvent employment rules, so it's based on who you know on this village board and not what you can do for Justice.

A No vote for this motion means that you value transparency in making government decisions, that balancing our budget is very important in managing our village dollars, and what the interviewed and selected candidate will do for Justice, is valued. A No vote stands for honesty and consistency in village government.

Our current Code Enforcement Officer, with over 20 years of experience, can certainly handle the work for now. Rather, this motion needs your No vote where it can be sent back to both the Finance and Building Committees and fully vetted, so that all business options are respectfully heard, funding is identified and agreed upon, and existing employment processes for salaried appointments are followed.”
(Trustee Oszakiewski requested that his statement be included in the minutes verbatim.)

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the temporary appointment of Jim Lurquin was initiated because we have an imminent problem with rodent infestation in and around the village. We need to act now. An ordinance was passed that dealt with the legislative aspect of the problem. Now we must act just as swiftly on the enforcement of the problem. Jim has the experience to assist us.

A process to advertise for, interview and hire a code enforcement officer will take more time than is reasonable.

A \$7,200.00 per year expense will not break the bank in the budget. Effectively, enforcement would be budget neutral. In the meantime, the trustees could continue the process to advertise for and vet other candidates, create a job description and take their time to determine if there is a better fit for the position.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he should not be accused of not being transparent. He is reacting to a problem that requires swift action now and careful consideration in the long term.

Trustee Kuban added that members of this board are only transparent when it suits them. The most recent hires for temporary help were not vetted by the board and the motion to hire was for two not three individuals.

Trustee Rusch asked if an appointment was appropriate, and is a code enforcement inspector considered an official of the village?

Attorney Cainkar replied that an ordinance would be required to create a new office of Code Enforcement Inspector.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that since there is a legal issue he would table this request one more time. Residents are complaining and fed up with our inaction. We need a solution in a timely manner.

Trustee Symonds commented that our Building Commissioner receives compensation for code enforcement but has suggested he does not have the time for these inspections.

Building Commissioner Ed Shilka argued with Trustee Symonds from the audience regarding his comments.

Mayor Wasowicz ended the discussion by withdrawing his request for a motion.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of John Obrochta to fill a vacancy on the Economic Planning Commission for the period ending 5/15/19.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Trustee Small commented that it is our intention to participate in the US Census information LUCA program. Project lead on the 2020 census will be Deputy Clerk Svoboda.

The Civic Center Authority has sent us tickets for the River Through History, I&M Canal Rendezvous on September 9 & 10. Please request tickets from Clerk Sue Small if you will attend.

Reminder to everyone: The ribbon cutting ceremony at The Richard and Sharon Portillo Performing Arts Center @ Argo Community High School will take place this Friday, August 18 @ 4:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE - Trustee Karen Warner

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve posted payables 1-39, in the amount of \$83,167.18, Recurring Expenses of \$39,595.18, MFT expenses of \$32,875.25, TIF 2 expenses of \$5,500.00 and TIF 5 expenses of \$2,003.90 for a total of \$174,112.73. (The totals are as corrected. Trustee Kuban asked that the payment for Roberts Park Fire Protection District be removed, but no explanation was provided.)

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve expense for the 2016-2017 membership in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus at a cost of \$581.67

SECOND: Trustee Warner

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

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION – Trustee Rusch

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payment of the CMAP annual dues of 243.78.
SECOND: Trustee Warner
VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: to approve Expense re-imbursement for Clerk Small to attend Municipal Clerks’ training in Springfield, IL Oct 8/17 through Oct 13/2017. The cost for classes, hotel and per diem will not exceed \$1381.00 and were budgeted for from the general fund account #10-51172
SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: Trustees Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

A Back to School Jam Fest was held on Saturday/Sunday August 12/13 by Shekinah Christian Ministries @ 8712 S. 87th Terrace in Justice. Thanks to Mayor Wasowicz and Trustee Sparr for attending. Our Police Department was well represented as well.

Mayor Wasowicz added that the Jazz and Gospel music was outstanding.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To Approve RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF ARCHER AVENUE BETWEEN 88TH AVENUE AND ROBERTS ROAD ON OCTOBER 21, 2017 FOR THE INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT #109 RESURRECTION MARY 5 K RUN.
SECOND: Trustee Symonds
VOTE: Trustees, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Warner and Sparr aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban reminded all that our red-light contract will expire soon. We will entertain a presentation by RedSpeed, a red-light enforcement company located in Lombard, at the next committee meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

There are no new business licenses available for review tonight.

We now have a full contingent of commissioners on our Economic Planning Board for next Thursday’s meeting.

Brittany Abrams reported:

Interviews were conducted by CMAP on Monday, July 31, 2017 relating to the CMAP/ RTA Local Technical Assistance Program. As per CMAP, notice of awards are anticipated for some time in the Fall of 2017.

All final paperwork for the contract with Global Services International (GSI) has been completed and submitted for the audit of the Village for potential Smart City Concept Upgrades. We are waiting upon final signatures from GSI.

The next Economic Planning Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 and the main topic will include the planning of the Marketing Video.

Everyone should have received monthly reports. Please direct any questions you may have regarding the report to Matt or Ed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: to Approve contingent upon approval by Cook County: A RESOLUTION 2017 -11, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO RECONSTRUCT ROADS FOR THE JUSTICE 80TH STREET/87TH AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM #1606-016. The bid is from J&R Asphalt for the CBDG project. (This was the lowest bid from a qualified bidder @ \$169,074.09)

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To accept a 36- month, re-negotiated contract with Aramark as the public works uniform provider at \$42.05/week. This new amount will now include a mandatory “hi-reflective” jacket for employees.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Trustee Symonds quoted the Public Works Report for July 24 to August 11, 2017:

Street Paved:

84th Avenue – Grinding was performed in preparation for paving on Monday, August 14, 2017.

80th Street – Was paved from 82nd Ct. to 83rd Ave. – Patching was done on Marion Drive resulting in 78 tons of asphalt being used.

Sink holes were repaired on Marion Drive and on Skyline Drive.

Potholes were filled on Marion Drive, Blazer, Banks and Cronin.

Spoils were hauled to Heartland Materials.

Thomas Pond and Chucks Puddle: Bushes and tall grass were cut and both the pond and the puddle were treated for poison ivy.

A Strobe/emergency light was installed on the jet-rodger.

A tire was replaced on the jet-rodger.

The front tires were replaced on the New Holland.

The bearings were replaced on the flak-mower.

The flag hardware for displaying the US Flags was repaired along Archer Road and on 79th Street.

Landscaping was performed around Village Hall in preparation for the Car Show.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To Approve Ordinance 2017-24, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE AND 7887-7899 SOUTH ARCHER, L.L.C., FOR THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7887-7899 SOUTH ARCHER ROAD, VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TIF DISTRICT NO. 5)

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Attorney Cainkar explained that we have received a deed in lieu of foreclosure of the demolition lien. The previous owner was reluctant to sign the redevelopment agreement and created an issue with the dates as originally determined. The ordinance allows for the correction to the dates.

Trustee Sparr added that we had 353 permits pulled as of July 30th, and 180 work cards.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To Approve closing of Cork Ave between Archer Road and 76th place to through traffic at 12:00 pm on Friday, August 25, 2017 until Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 12:00pm. This road will be partially closed for the annual Justice Car Show.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Trustee Sparr will provide notice to the residents on Cork Ave. regarding the closure and logistics of access to their homes during the show.

Mayor Wasowicz, Joe Cekus, Ed Shilka and Trustee Sparr have walked the park to determine the layout for the show, and additional comfort facilities will be provided this year.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Sean Morrison is proposing an ordinance repealing the Cook County Sweetened Beverage Tax. Mayor Wasowicz has provided a letter to Commissioner Morrison in support of the ordinance to repeal.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Village of Justice
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SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Presentation to the board by a representative from Red Speed, a red-light enforcement company based in Lombard, IL.

Presentation to the board by John Svoboda, Hallberg Insurance. John will provide quotes for insurance for the period beginning January 1, 2018.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Discussion about red light camera contract

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Posted payables
- Discussion about insurance quotes and possible decision
- Discussion about Civic project timeline; need for upgraded server at building department

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Rusch

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Reminder for Lyons Township food pantry on September 19, 2017
- Reminder of the event on September 9th and 10th, “A River thru History” This annual event will take place at Columbia Woods in Willow Springs
- There will be a fundraising carwash here at the fire department this Saturday, August 26th from noon – 4:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Argo Music Aides. Please spread the word.
- Reminder that our semi-annual garage sale dates are set for September 22, 23, 24. Stop by the village hall and get your free permit

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Discussion to approve Wentworth Foods Inc. d/b/a Justice Food & Tobacco doing business as Food & General Merchandise Business (Convenience Store) located at 8511 S. 88th Avenue, Justice.
- Discussion to approve a Tobacco License for Wentworth Inc. d/b/a Justice Food & Tobacco located at 8511 S. 88th Avenue, Justice.
- Economic Development updates (Matt)

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Rick Symonds

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Discussion about IGA with park for Danhoff Park

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Code enforcement updates

- **Possible Executive Session:**

Trustee Rusch reminded all that the Rosary Hill Picnic is scheduled for September 10th with a Mass at 11:00 am. All are invited to attend.

Trustee Rusch asked if plans were made for a robocall to the community regarding the Rodent Ordinance.

Clerk Small offered to arrange with the West Suburban Water Commission for the call to go out.

Mayor Wasowicz added that without a code enforcement officer the plan of action is just empty talk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mike Perillo commented that over the last month he has picked up several bags of garbage in and around the area on the west side of Roberts Road on the very south end of Justice. He asked that the board direct public works to better maintain the area.

Mr. Perillo hopes we take more responsibility for the maintenance because it so affects the impression others form of our community.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Warner

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Deputy Village Clerk