VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER
Monday, September 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

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

ROLL CALL: Clerk Sue Small called the roll. All are present including President Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Karen Warner. Trustee Rick Symonds is attending electronically. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were no comments regarding tonight’s agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the August 27, 2018 board meeting minutes as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.
SECOND: Trustee Kuban
VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Warner, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
President Wasowicz read a Proclamation into the record naming the week of September 23rd to September 29th of 2018 as National Rail Safety Week in the Village of Justice. The intention is to enhance public awareness of potential injuries and fatalities from railroad trespass accidents.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT:
Regarding preliminary indications regarding potential increases for property, casualty and liability insurance and for workers compensation insurance, we are anticipating around a five percent increase in property and casualty and another five to ten percent increase in our worker’s compensation rates. These increases are anticipated due to our recent claims history.

Commissioner Dan Patlak has scheduled a Property tax appeal seminar at the Village Hall on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATION & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the revised Lipinski Center Rental Agreement effective for all parties scheduled after January 1, 2019.
The Village of Justice Veteran’s Day luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th. An initial meeting of the Veteran’s Luncheon planning committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 @ 5:00 pm at the Village Hall. Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

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Our next scheduled Lyons Township food pantry is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th. Volunteers should arrive at 2:30 and recipients at 3:30. The distribution is conducted at the Fire Station next to Village Hall.

Clerk Small added that the newsletter incorrectly stated the date for the food pantry as September 19th and the error was not caught in the editing process. Please be advised that Tuesday, September 18th is the correct date. Please help us make sure everyone knows.

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the Rosary Hill Picnic yesterday was a resounding success. It was a beautiful day and the turnout was excellent.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Rick Symonds
Trustee Symonds has no formal report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban
MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a business license for AJAX Heating & Air Conditioning to operate an office for an HVAC business located at 8428 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. (This business currently operates in Justice but is moving to a new location.)
SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Matt Zarebczan reported that the Frontage Road sidewalk project kick-off meeting was held. Final drafts are being submitted and a letting should occur in March or April with construction beginning in June or July.

IDOT will host an open house at the Summit Park gym on September 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm regarding the “Create Project.” A project adding two additional tracks over the CSX tracks. The project will start here in Justice near Jocare Court.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr
MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To accept the proposal from Sheridan Plumbing for sewer televising for 2018. The approved bid is $14,675.80 plus $7.00/linear foot for heavy cleaning if needed.
SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
Trustee Sparr thanked Hoefferle/Butler Engineering and Joe Cekus for their attention to detail comparing the bids for the televising project evaluating both the cost of sewer televising and heavy cleaning for the best combined option.

Trustee Sparr commented that the Mayor’s choice was a favorite among the competitors and spectators at the Car Show. Thanks to Mayor Wasowicz for his participation at the event.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch
Mayor Wasowicz spoke about the letter from the attorney requesting Jim Lurquin appear in court for the village to defend our liens for the foreclosed property. There is close to $15,000.00 in liens pending.
Trustee Rusch agreed that we must make every effort to collect this lien.

Trustee Rusch had a few questions regarding the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code prior to its adoption. Attorney Joe Cainkar clarified a few points that deferred to our code rather than adhering strictly to the International Code. Trustee Kuban added to the discussion.

Sections 102-4, in our code we have a shorter period required to go to demolition court, 104-1 names the Building Commissioner or his designee shall be the Code Official. Trustee Rusch wants to limit the possibility of who may be designated. It should be a Building, Public Works or a Police department employee and in Section 106-2. Regarding emergencies.

Attorney Joe Cainkar will make the necessary revisions.

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

Trustee Warner asked if we would need to compensate Jim Lurquin to appear in court on our behalf.
Mayor Wasowicz replied that certainly we would. Some compensation would be due to Inspector Lurquin for his time and his travel.

The Building Commissioner added that the reason we might not collect this lien is because the Building Department was not notified in time to respond to the court.
FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner
MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves To approve posted payables 1-18 of $34,462.99, Recurring Expenses of $4,535.85 and MFT expenses of $4,594.70 for a total of $43,593.54
SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
VOTE: Trustees Warner, Sparr, Symonds Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Warner asked if we should settle on a rate of compensation for Jim Lurquin to attend the foreclosure hearing.

Attorney Cainkar replied that a determination today is probably premature.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:
Attorney Joe Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:
Trustee Rusch asked if the Create Project meeting at Summit Park would provide an opportunity to revisit the issue of creating access to the other side of the tracks. Mayor Wasowicz agreed that it would be a perfect time to explore the issue.

Matt Zarebczan added that the Bike Path, drainage issues, emergency access all are issues that would be appropriate for conversation at the Create Project meeting.

Mayor Wasowicz added that a second culvert under the tracks and a possible gate are high priority issues to us.

Trustee Rusch asked whatever happened to the potential developer of the Asbury Park property? Mayor Wasowicz replied that the developer was unable to obtain interest in financing for his plan for the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Symonds
Any matters before the committee including trick-or-treat hours

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban
Any matters before the committee including a development proposal for the Asbury Park property.
PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr
Any matters before the committee including a presentation by Cintas and discussion regarding a hire for Public Works.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch
Any matters before the committee including revisiting the job description for the deputy code enforcement inspector.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner
Any matters before the committee including Posted payables

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski
Any matters before the committee including Casselle training on October 20th and update on plans for the Veterans Day Luncheon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To adjourn.
SECOND: Trustee Warner
VOTE: All ayes.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen M. Svoboda
Deputy Village Clerk