

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER
Minutes of Monday, September 14, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm. by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also 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 August 24, 2015 Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Kris Wasowicz commented about recent events and the negative press adversely impacting the perception of police. He communicated the desire of our village officials to show their support to our own police department.

President Wasowicz read into the record a heartfelt resolution authored by Trustee Kuban in support of the Justice Police Department and outlining the commitment to duty and the invaluable contribution to the safety and welfare of our residents made by these dedicated officers on a daily basis.

The resolution calls upon the Federal Administration to acknowledge this crisis and to work with us to address the violent surge against police, to expand the Federal Hate Crimes Law to protect police and to fully fund state and local law enforcement assistance programs that provide officers with the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2015-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Kuban recognized the Justice Police officers that are present this evening and thanked them for their service and dedication to duty.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

A Tax Appeal Seminar in cooperation with the Cook County Board of Review and our own Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick will be conducted here at the village hall on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm. Please bring your most recent tax bill.

Any reduction in assessed valuation will be reflected in the second installment of the 2015 tax bill payable in 2016.

Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded all that the upcoming United Healthcare Wellness Event is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 16, 2015, and will include the opportunity to receive flu shots for those that choose to participate. Employees will receive a \$50.00 check for their participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE –Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

- MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-39 in the amount of \$50,058.31, recurring expenses of \$154,460.25, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 2,386.66. TIF #3 expenses of \$1,486.67 and TIF #4 expenses of \$1,886.67, for a total of \$298,161.63.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch commented that we are below the anticipated total collections to date for vehicle tag sales. He has spoken to Margaret and to Clerk Svoboda and they will further evaluate the shortage so we can target where sales are deficient. The police department will do their part to encourage compliance.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATION & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

- MOTION:** Trustee Small Moves: To approve the attendance by the village clerk at the Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy on October 14th, 15th and 16th in Springfield, IL at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 inclusive of tuition, lodging and travel.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Small remarked that the clerk brings back a lot of useful information and updates. The cost of attendance at the conference is a budgeted expense.

Trustee Small commented that the recent food pantry distribution served 120 families that included 352 individual family members. All of the available grocery items were distributed to those that attended. The next food distribution here, in Justice, will be on October 20th.

Trustee Small added that plans are underway for a Veteran's Luncheon on Sunday, November 8, 2015 and soon we will be preparing for the Christmas Basket distribution that will occur on December 19, 2015 this year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Action to approve the Home Occupation License for Greg's Restoration Inc. is tabled for further review.

- MOTION:** Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License for Worldwide Heating and Air Cooling operating at 8249 W. 81st Street in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban
- VOTE:** Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Congratulations to Matt Zarebczan for obtaining a scholarship from ComEd to attend the 47th Annual Illinois Basic Economic Development Course being held October 12th through the 16th at the Nicor Headquarters in Naperville.

On Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 am a community information meeting to explore the possibility of creating Dog Parks in the village will be conducted here at the village hall.

Applications are still available for the MVCC Business Champions Award. Please go online to explore the categories and consider nominating our Justice Economic Development team.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban announced that Saturday, October 26th is Drug Take Back Day at the Justice Police Department. A great opportunity to dispose of unwanted or expired medications. No liquids or syringes (needles) will be accepted.

The Blue Ribbons being displayed on the village signs and at village buildings are to show support for our Justice Police Department and to participate in “Thank a Police Officer Day.” The not-for-profit organization, *Wives Behind the Badge*, has organized the National Thank a Police Officer Day being observed on Saturday, September 19, 2015. We encourage residents to “tie a blue ribbon” for display at our homes to show our support for our own police. As of September 2, 2015 a total of 83 police officers have been killed in the line of duty this year.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE –Trustee Rick Symonds

- MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve expending up to \$20,000.00 in field-work for Hoeffler/Butler Engineering to locate and map all manholes in the Village of Justice, as part of the I&I Program (Inflow and Infiltration) mandated by the MWRD.
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Symonds will take the issue of restoring 86th Street to 2-way traffic from 88th to 90th Avenues back to committee for further evaluation.

- MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve the purchase of a dump box for the Ford L8000 from City Utility Equipment Company, 22414 W. 143rd Street, Plainfield, IL 60544 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 including cost of equipment and installation.
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Symonds reported on the Public Works Schedule for weeks of: August 31, 2015 to September 11, 2015

American Sealcoating & Maintenance has completed crack-filling on numerous streets throughout the village. A full list of those streets will be compiled. A culvert pipe was installed on 84th Court along I294. *4th Court and 85th Avenue in the lost 19 area are ground and ready for paving.

The alley between Roberts Road and 79th Court from 83rd to 86th Streets was repaired with grindings. The Lipinski Center walkway retaining wall was repaired. A speed bump was installed on Oak Grove Ave. by the park. Also, Public Works provided assistance with the Car Show.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr commented that the Car Show was a huge success. Implementing the Friday evening timeframe was an excellent strategy and the weather cooperated. Thanks to Joe Vallez and the Park District for all of their help and cooperation.

Thanks so much to our elected officials and our honored guests for coming out in support of the event. Approximately \$1,000.00 was raised after expenses and will be used for our annual Christmas Baskets for the Needy Program.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Joe Cainkar had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Kuban mentioned that she will send a letter of explanation and copies of the resolution in support of our Justice Police Department to Congressman Dan Lipinski, State Representative Mike Zalewski and to Senator Steve Landek. It was suggested that Trustee Kuban also forward copies of the executed resolution to the members of the Southwest Conference of Mayors.

Trustee Sparr commented that we are working on the preparation of a bid proposal for the demolition of the triangle property structures. Keslin Engineering has been engaged to prepare bid specifications to be published. We should have for review and publishing before the next committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, discussion of the grace period for the purchase of vehicle tags for new residents and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including the Veterans Day luncheon, scheduling of a class on Progressive Discipline - How it Works, and changes to the Employee Handbook and to village code regarding Workplace Sexual Harassment policies.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban

Updates regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement and other matters before the committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new Business Licenses or Home Occupations including consideration of Greg's Restoration Inc., operating at 7748 Oak Grove Avenue – General Construction business, GA Service Co., Inc. operating a General Construction business at 7254 Blackstone Avenue, and changes to village code with regard to the Economic Planning Commission and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including further discussion regarding traffic flow on 86th Street either maintaining the one-way or going to a two-way traffic pattern, money owed on the 79th street & Roberts Road sidewalk project, and scheduling of committee meetings on a rotating basis.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including an update on the re-design of the Finance Office customer service counter and cash handling area, and the intention to proceed with the sale to the adjacent property owners of the 78th Street right-of-way.

Executive Session: If necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda, Village Clerk