

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER
Monday, October 9, 2017
President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

Deputy Clerk Kathleen Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris 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.

PLEDGE: President Wasowicz lead in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 board meeting as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Warner

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz announced that we will host a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the all-purpose room of the Justice Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk Sue Small is in Springfield this week attending the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute & Academy presented by Eastern Illinois University.

Deputy Clerk Svoboda reminded all that Clerk Small has scheduled a kick-off meeting for the upcoming Winter Wonderland event on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm in the all-purpose room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Richard Symonds

Trustee Warner read the report for Trustee Rick Symonds
Public Works Work Schedule for weeks of: September 25, to October 6, 2017

Streets:

80th Street – paved from 85th Court to 86th Court.

and from 87th Court to the Dead End. 203 tons of asphalt used.

73rd Street – grinded from 86th Avenue to Cork.

Crack filling was done by American Sealcoating Co.

Spoils delivered to Heartland Co.

Paver repaired by Casey Equipment.

Ditch cleaned on 83rd Street.

Tree branches trimmed at 84th Street and 82nd Avenue.

Pot-hole repair continues.

Grass cutting continues.

New rear tires installed on truck #5C by Pump's Tires.

Numerous stop signs replaced.

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve the quote from Preform Traffic Control Systems, LTD to provide striping services for the village at a cost of \$1,944.58

SECOND: Trustee Rusch

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

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve director Joe Cekus to begin the hiring process for (1) new Public Works employee

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr reported that he has provided for review a bi-monthly report of inspections performed by the Code Enforcement Inspector and the initial disposition of each. There were 28 inspections resulting in 26 tickets being written representing 51 violations.

There are two petitions to subdivide in process. One for a commercial location on 85th and Cork Ave. and another for a residential location on 71st Street. Both are being reviewed by the village engineer before any hearings are scheduled.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE - Trustee Karen Warner

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve payables 1-31 in the amount of \$21,780.27, Recurring Expenses of \$12,748.11, MFT expenses of \$9,719.11, TIF #2 expenses of \$1282.50, TIF#4 expenses of 2,400.00, TIF#5 expenses of \$210.00 and Capital Project Expenses of \$37,451.30 for a total of \$85,591.27.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Warner provided an update regarding the implementation of the new government operating software by Casselle. Per Treasurer Kelly Zabinski, the process should start by the end of the month.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION – Trustee Rusch

Plans continue for the annual Veteran’s Luncheon at the Lipinski Center on Sunday, November 12th. If you are a veteran and did not receive an invitation, please contact us at the Finance Office.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve a donation of \$100.00 for the Special Olympics of Illinois
SECOND: Trustee Kuban
VOTE: Trustees Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve a donation of \$100.00 for the Brodnicki School event “All for Books.”
SECOND: Trustee Symonds
VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Warner, aye. Trustee Rusch abstained. Trustee Symonds voted no. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch stated that our part-time finance clerk left our employ abruptly for reasons he will not discuss at this time, and he would like to begin the hiring process for a part-time replacement as soon as possible.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Finance Office Manager Margaret Garbacz to begin the hiring process for a part time Finance Office clerk.
SECOND: Trustee Kuban seconded for discussion.

Trustee Kuban asked that this action be tabled for further discussion due to budgetary concerns.
Trustee Sparr suggested that there should still be funds available in this year’s budget. President Wasowicz added that he supports further discussion on the matter and would like to include Treasurer Zabinski in such discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To table the issue of the hire of a part time Finance office clerk.
SECOND: Trustee Warner
VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Warner, aye. Trustee Rusch voted No. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch issued a reminder regarding the Winter Wonderland meeting being held on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm in the all-purpose room.

Trustee Rusch added that when there is a back-log in plans and processes for village events, please feel free to take those calls since there is not adequate staff to handle them.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban

Trustee Kuban reminded all about our partnership with the Cook County Sherriff’s Take Back Program for the proper disposal of prescription drugs. We have a receptacle for

those drugs in the vestibule of the village hall for the convenience of our residents. Trustee Kuban added that taking prescription medications without medical supervision is dangerous and prescription drugs can be abused with serious consequences.

Trustee Kuban read a letter from George McDade, the Chairman of the Cook County Crime Stoppers organization, congratulating Officer (Sgt.) Michael Bedalow for his selection as an Excellence in Law Enforcement recipient. The honor will be formally awarded to Officer Bedalow at the downtown Marriott Hotel on October 25, 2017.

Our own sincere congratulations to Michael for achieving this prestigious award!

- MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To Approve Resolution 2017-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH REDSPEED ILLINOIS, LLC FOR AN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM
- SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Director Matt Zarebczan to approach other possible partners regarding the Nation Fitness Campaign
- SECOND: Trustee Warner
- VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion Passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve Director Matt Zarebczan to submit an application to the COMED Public Sector Energy Efficiency Incentive Credit Program to complete the LED light replacement.
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustees Warner, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion Passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To Approve agreement with CGI Communications to partner with Village of Justice for a video marketing program. This agreement is subject to attorney's approval.
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Warner, aye. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Seven representatives from among our village officials and employees attended this year's Illinois Municipal League Conference downtown at the Chicago Hilton. The educational opportunities were abundant and a lot of great information was brought back by our attendees.

Some of the most memorable sessions were:

- Beyond the Brand: Keys to Strength and Success
- Economic Incentives Beyond TIF Districts: Creative Solutions to Promote Development
- Best Practices for conducting Public Meetings

The Keynote Speaker – Mike Ditka gave an amazing motivational speech that was met with a standing ovation by all attendees.

Matt Zarebczan reported that a Job Fair will be held on October 30, 2017 at the Village Hall from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

The next Economic Development Commission Meeting will be held on October 19th, 2017.

Trustee Oszakiewski added:

“This evening, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the hard-working men and women of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, including Chief Jeff Ketchen and his management team, for their outstanding service to our community.”

“We often see in the national media the “bad”— instances where something negative has occurred and it becomes newsworthy. But the truth is that “the good,” which happens 99.99 percent of the time, goes unrecognized. So tonight, I would like to share a first-hand account of the “good” – the positive impact our local first responders have every day on the residents of Justice.

Last week Friday, September 29th, I noticed a Roberts Park Fire Protection District Fire Truck and 2 ambulances parked in front of my house and my neighbor’s house. My neighbors are elderly, they live alone and I have known them for over 32 years.... we both moved into our brand-new homes some 32 years ago. Neighbors supporting one another and helping each other is important in life, as we have seen all too often recently in both natural and man-made disasters.

Seeing the ambulances, and knowing the advanced age of my neighbors, I dashed over to their house, following our RPPFD first responders into the house. They asked me who I was, and I stated that I was both a neighbor and friend. One of the first responders recognized me as a Trustee of Justice and I was happy to help by providing some background to help them evaluate the situation.

Without getting into the specific details, what I witnessed was total teamwork from all members of the RPPFD paramedic team. They each knew what to do, never getting in another’s way, and even called for a translator, which was very helpful in this situation. A few of the first responders, made the assessment together, relying on each other to confirm their decisions quickly. By their demeanor, they helped to calm the situation quickly. They demonstrated both professionalism and compassion under pressure, a combination sometimes difficult to achieve. I saw the same professionalism and quick decision making when Roberts Park came to the aide of my elderly mother both earlier this year and late last year!

All the residents and business owners of Justice can rest assured that when the RPPFD is called to our aide, we will receive top notch, professional and quality care that perhaps could save our life, the lives of our family members or the lives of our neighbors.

To Roberts Park Fire Chief Jeff Ketchen, his management team and to firefighters and the paramedics who are our resolute first responders, congratulations and THANK YOU again on yet another job well done. But the truth is that you, along with our hard-working Justice Police officers under the leadership of Chief Kraig McDermott, deserve our thanks each and every day.”

The regular board meeting of the Justice Park District is cancelled for tomorrow. In future, the Park District Board will meet on the fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:00 pm.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Ed Rusch commented about the inappropriate nature of a comment by an appointed official at the last board meeting. When a report given was criticized for not having more complete information including addresses where violations were found, the appointed official told the trustee “He could FOIA that information.” This was an unacceptable response from an appointed official to a village trustee and should not be repeated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village of Justice
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SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr

- Any matters before the committee

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Posted payables

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Rusch

- Any matters before the committee including:
- Veteran’s dinner on November 12
- Winter Wonderland Meeting October 25 @ 5:00 pm at Village Hall
- Discussion for hiring process for Finance Office worker

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban

- Any matters before the committee

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

- Any matters before the committee including:

- Discussion about Wentworth Foods Inc. dba Justice Food and Tobacco to operate a Grocery Store at 8511 S. 88th Avenue, Justice.
- Discussion about Wentworth Foods Inc. dba Justice Food and Tobacco has also applied for a Tobacco License. Needs approval by the board.
- Discussion about Home Occupation License for Jack Home Improvement Inc. to operate as a home office for a construction business located at 7449 Cork Avenue, Justice.
- Discussion for a motion to accept a proposal in the amount of \$14,913.75 from Twin Supplies to purchase 218 LED lighting fixtures with a credit through the ComEd Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program to complete Phase II of the Justice LED Project to replace fixtures in the Village Hall/Police Department, and the Cone Lights located around Commissioner's Park and the Lipinski Center walking track.
- Discussion for a motion to accept a proposal from C.J. Dewitz Electric to complete the labor for the installation of 51 Cone Lights located around Commissioner's Park and Lipinski Center walking track and 167 lighting fixtures in the Village Hall/Police Department for Phase II of the Justice LED Project for a total cost of \$8,430.00.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Rick Symonds

- Any matters before the committee including:
- IGA for Danhoff Park with Park District
- Storage of light poles to expedite replacement

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF REQUIRED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mike Perillo asked if it was protocol to ask question of the Mayor that are meant for Trustee Sparr.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that all questions should be directed to the Chair and if necessary he will ask for comment by a trustee.

Mr. Perillo thanked Trustee Sparr for working with Public Works to see that some problems were addressed. He then asked if Trustee Sparr had a chance to review the finished work to see if he was satisfied.

He had not had that opportunity.

Mr. Mike Perillo then asked about the timeline for the Frontage Road Sidewalk Project.

Matt Zarebczan was recognized by the Chair and replied that we had hoped our environmental studies from the road project would be acceptable for the sidewalk project but we were required to redo those studies. We still expect the project to be completed in 2018.

Mr. Perillo asked if Public Works could possibly repave 81st Street from 85th Court to 85th Ave. yet this year.

This street is part of a 2018 CDBG Grant application and cannot be touched until the grant is being utilized.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Warner

VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda
Deputy Village Clerk