

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF OCTOBER
Minutes of Monday, October 12, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban and Hank Oszakiewski. Trustee Rick Symonds is attending electronically. Trustees Sue Small and Rich Sparr are both absent with notice this evening. Trustee Symonds had arranged to attend electronically but we are unable to reach him. Attorney Joseph 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 September 28, 2015 Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Kris Wasowicz stated that Public Works is completing the project on 82nd and 84th. The letting for Frontage Road will be in November and the IL Jobs Now Grant is being let on October 28th. The spring will a time of great construction activity.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded all that she will be leaving for Springfield tomorrow to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois annual training. She will join 150- 200 clerks from all over the state for training provided by Eastern Illinois University. She hopes to bring home valuable updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE –Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-21 in the amount of \$5,274.97, recurring expenses of \$105,551.21, MFT expenses of \$29,915.08, TIF #2 expenses of \$101.00 and TIF #3 expenses of \$2,626.00, for a total of \$143,468.26.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOTE: Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Rusch and Mayor Wasowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch commented that he spoke to our Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski and budget worksheets should be distributed later this week.

Trustee Rusch added that the budgetary mess in Springfield is affecting us more each day. With MFT funds, gaming revenues and ETSB funds being held up, luckily, we are still solvent and should remain so for the near future. However, we are certainly anxious for this stand-off to end.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATION & RECREATION – Trustee Kuban for

Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Kuban stated that Trustee Small has asked that the changes to village code and the Employee Handbook regarding Sexual Harassment Policies be taken back to committee.

The next Food Pantry distribution from the Greater Chicago Food Depository is scheduled here, at the village hall on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Volunteers are needed at 2:30. The distribution will begin at 3:30 pm.

Plans are proceeding for the Veteran's Luncheon on November 8th, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Lipinski Community Center. Invitations to our veterans have already gone out, so, if you are an armed forces veteran and did not receive your invitation, please contact the office staff at the village hall so you can be included.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that long-time resident and former Zoning Board Commissioner Alan Kral passed away recently. We offer our sincere sympathy to Alan's family.

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

This Thursday, the Economic Planning Board will meet here at village hall at 7:00 pm. One of the agenda items is discussion surrounding creating a Brand for Justice Economic Development.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve an intergovernmental agreement for membership in the multi-jurisdictional Southwest Major Case Unit, contingent upon review and approval by the village attorney of the agreement. The cost for membership is \$200.00, plus an annual fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Rusch, Kuban and Mayor Wasowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban explained that this task force is designed to avoid crime. The multi-jurisdictional unit will deal with many common crimes like senior scams, burglaries of parked cars, or crimes that are cyclical and cross community lines. The goal of the unit is to avoid crime.

MOTION: To establish Halloween trick-or-treat hours of 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm on October 31, 2015.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Mayor Wasowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban mentioned that discussions continue about the proposed intergovernmental agreement with Willow Springs for 911 Dispatch Services.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds is working this evening and we were unable to reach him at the Fire Station. Trustee Kuban reported on the schedule for Public Works for September 14 to September 25, 2015:

Streets Paved: 84th Court – From 83rd Street to I-294

85th Avenue

86th Court – From 79th Street to 80th Street

A sink hole was repaired at 7509 Blazer Avenue. Storm drain was repaired at the Police Department rear Parking Lot. U. S. flags have been removed from the street poles, and finally, the dump truck body was purchased for truck #4.

And the Public Works Work Schedule for weeks of September 28 to October 9, 2015 Industrial Drive paved; 268 tons, leftovers of 7-8 tons were used on Frontage Road for patching.

Inspection and maintenance was completed by NC Cummins on backup generators for the lift station and the Public Works building.

Drainage improvement project was started on 82nd Street, from 84th Avenue to I 294. Sewer was jet-rodged at 88th Avenue and 84th Street.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Oszakiewski for Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Oszakiewski stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals has accepted two petitions, one for a variance from Zoning for mechanical work at the gas station on 79th and 88th Ave., and another petition to consolidate five lots into one and then subdivide into two lots with 70’ of frontage on each lot, on 76th and Garden Lane.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch commented that Public Works has performed an excellent job with regard to both the quantity and quality of the paving projects they have accomplished this season.

Trustee Oszakiewski added that the public works team did not change, but the leadership of the team changed. That's what made the difference for us, having a leader like Joe Cekus that transformed the team to have a positive result for our town and residents. Thank you to Joe.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

7:00 pm

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 discussion regarding Greg’s Restoration Inc. operating at 7748 Oak Grove Avenue – General Construction business and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables, the 2016 budget process, discussion of a potential procurement manual, employee health insurance renewal and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Small
Any matters before the committee including plans for the Veterans Day luncheon and the Winter Wonderland program, changes to the employee manual and to village code regarding sexual harassment policies.

Executive Session: If necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Teri Laucius asked what the outcome was of the work having been done in the front office without proper board action.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the issue has been resolved.

Mrs. Cookie Gaskin asked why we don't receive crime statistics from our Police Department.

Trustee Kuban replied that the board is keep informed of any major incidents or trends. Our local papers have not shown interest in crime statistic updates.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of the Sale or Acquisition of Property.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda, Village Clerk