

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER
Minutes of Tuesday, December 27, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Gary Perlman 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 December 12, 2016 regular 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:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Karen Warner to serve out the unexpired term of Wojciech Dziechciowski to the Economic Planning Board of Commissioners and to appoint David Shipyor to a full term on the Economic Planning Board, effective immediately.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE–Trustee Richard Symonds

Trustee Symonds commented that we are in receipt of a “No Remediation Letter” from the EPA with regard to the property on 86th Avenue and Archer Road. We have been anxiously waiting for this communication as it allows Phase II of the Illinois Jobs Now Project to proceed.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables 1-64 in the amount of \$51,509.48, recurring

expenses of \$25,892.78, MFT expenses of \$26,523.22, TIF #2 expenses of \$315.00, TIF #5 expenses of \$840.00 and Capital Projects expenses of \$33,265.07 for a total of \$138,345.55.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Rusch will coordinate with Kelly Zabinski to confirm the 2016 recap is complete and to schedule a firm date to commence the budget process for 2017.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small asked Special Events Director Janet Cervantes to update all on the Christmas Basket distribution that occurred on Saturday, December 17th.

Janet stated that well over 80 Baskets were distributed on that Saturday with a few carryovers to the following Monday for pick-up.

She personally thanked the Share the Magic organization, Secret Santa and the Roberts Park Fire Protection District for the donations of toys and gifts for the children. The students in Wilkins and Brodnicki Schools for the generous donations, and particularly the kids who came and sorted and wrapped the toys from Wilkins.

There were so many non-perishable food items that we were able to assist the Lighthouse Food Pantry in Alsip with the contribution of our leftovers.

So far, our 2017 Food Pantry distributions will occur on Tuesday, January 17th and on Tuesday, April 18th here at the village hall.

Trustee Sue Small personally thanked everyone that participated in the Christmas Baskets Program, employees, volunteers, EMA, RPPFD, Justice Police, elected officials, friends and family. There are just too many to mention.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Melanie Kuban wished to all a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

Trustee Kuban added her own personal thanks to everyone that assisted with the Holiday Baskets. In particular, her constant helpers, Jim Lurquin, Gary Durkin, Mike Maruszak and Matt Zarebczan, to name a few.

We are in receipt of an IPRF Safety Grant in the amount of \$9,905.00 earmarked for safety equipment for our departments. Trustee Kuban will review the specific criteria and consult with department heads regarding their safety needs.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr is working with Building Commissioner Ed Shilka to create a process to deal with any blighted or non-compliant properties in Justice, from initial notification of the specific violations to bringing those issues into housing court when necessary to

insure compliance. The process will need to start with prioritizing safety and code violations that exist.

Trustee Sparr added his own personal thanks to the Christmas Basket workers, and especially the members of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA for volunteering their assistance delivering about half of the baskets to needy families efficiently and with great care.

Trustee Sparr added that it is truly humbling when he realizes how many families have been helped during his own tenure with the village that spans well over 20 years.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

Trustee Oszakiewski announced that the next Economic Development Commission Meeting will occur on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm. He sincerely welcomes the two new members, David Shipyor and Karen Warner and looks forward to their participation.

The next Justice Chamber of Commerce Meeting is on Thursday, February 9th, at 6:00 pm at the Justice Public Library.

We are targeting Wednesday, March 15th for a Business Appreciation Dinner; more information to follow.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Gary Perlman had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Posted payables, update on the budget process and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including an employee evaluation process.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding a theme for the 2017-2018 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest and discussion regarding use of the IPRF Grant.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including a process to prioritize blighted properties and require compliance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Oszakiewski

Any new business licenses or home occupation applications available for review including a home occupation for Jan & Kris Remodeling, Inc. at 8237 S. 82nd Ave. and any other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including proposed Groundwater Ordinances and possible Executive Session to discuss maintenance worker position applications.

Possible Executive Session:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Small asked about the public hearing being held at the Daley Center on January 23rd regarding a referendum to annex property in Justice into the Roberts Park Fire Protection District. How will the village educate those involved regarding the issue and ramifications of the annexation?

Trustee Kuban responded and Mayor Wasowicz reiterated that once the court ruled, informational meetings for the public will be held to insure the process is most transparent.

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that the new PACE Bus in Shoulder is operating and is slowly gaining ridership. The ride takes only about 35 minutes and he is sure once more people are aware of its availability the bus will fill up nicely.

President Wasowicz added his wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

He added that the custom to allow our taverns to remain open one extra hour on New Year's Eve until 3:00 am New Year's morning will be observed if there are no objections. Since there were no objections; the Police Department will be advised.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda, Village Clerk