

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2006

President VanAllen called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE: President VanAllen led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: President Mel VanAllen, Trustees: Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mike Maruszak, Rich Berkowicz and Rich Sparr. Trustee Vicki Kelly will be late this evening. Attorney Paula Wallin is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2006 AND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Maruszak is absent.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve payables, numbers 1- 52, posted August 9, 2006 in the amount of \$46,248.12.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Plans are being made to commence preparation of the 2007 Budget. We are counting on our financial advisor from Virchow Krause to aid in the process this year, as there are considerable changes we want to make to the format.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that discussion regarding the use and varieties of speed bumps continue. We are checking into a product that is portable. In other words can be removed for the snowplowing season and installed where needed and removed or reused at another location. The Police Dept. is adding their input. It is probably prudent to formulate our plans over the winter months and install speed bumps in the spring.

We are in receipt of a proposal to install a sprinkler system at the Lipinski Center. We will be seeking competitive proposals before making a decision.

Crowley Sheppard should be starting on the grinding and repaving project on Thursday. Banks, Blazer, Cronin and Garden Lane will get much-needed improvements from Frontage Rd. to 76th Place. Public Works will be filling in the soft spots before Crowley Sheppard comes back to roll and then pave. The whole project should take between ten and fourteen days to complete.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve invoice #06-702-2, dated July 24, 2006, from Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering, Inc. for professional services rendered on the 82nd Court Water Main Replacement Project, in the amount of \$28,160.24.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

The Village of Justice Police Department, in cooperation with the National Association of Town Watch, hosted the First Annual “National Night Out Against Crime” at the Lipinski Community Center on Tuesday, August 1 2006 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

The event featured refreshments; inflatable rides for the children, music, demonstrations and fun for all ages. The Village of Justice ESDA, the Library Dist., Park District, Argo H.S. Dist. 217, RPPFD and the Justice Aging Well Team participated in the event. Due to the generosity of the business community, the event only cost \$1,500.00 paid from DARE and State and Federal asset forfeiture funds. At least 250 people turned out for the event in spite of the 100-degree weather.

Our sincere thanks to the Chief Gioiosa and Deputy Chief Tom Bockmann and all of the Justice Police Department personnel who along with their families achieved this ambitious event.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz had no report.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Sparr

Trustee Sparr reported that new construction in the Village is booming. The Building Department has issued nine single-family home permits, one multi-family permit, two sprinkler retrofit permits, two townhouse project permits and seven remodeling permits, this month alone.

We are expecting a petition for review by the Zoning and Planning Commission to subdivide a parcel of land between Cronin and Banks into eight, single-family lots.

- MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To refer back to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and a recommendation, Petition 2006-01, an amended Petition to consolidate and rezone with variances, 7830 Frontage Rd., 7800 Oak Grove and 7804 Oak Grove.
The Zoning and Planning Commission of the Village of Justice will hear this petition at the regularly scheduled meeting of August 29, 2006 at 7:00 pm.
- SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
- VOTE: Trustees Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:
The attorney had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:
President VanAllen reminded the board members that the RTA Steering Committee Meeting would be held tomorrow, August 15th at 9:30 am here at the Village Hall. Trustees Maruszak and Kelly will attend. Trustee Sparr is welcome if he is available. The agenda will include the feasibility of a METRA Station at 71st and Blackstone.

The Chair will entertain a MOTION: To approve Resolution 2006-20, A Resolution Authorizing the Village President, the Village Clerk and the Chairperson of the Public Utility Committee With Authority To Enter Into Village Grants, Agreements and Contracts.

- MOTION: Trustee Maruszak so Moves:
- SECOND: Trustee Jurgel
- VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Kelly, Gabrys, Jurgel and Maruszak, aye. Trustee Sparr abstained. Motion passed.

President VanAllen stated that we have been awarded an additional \$50,000.00 in CDBG funds to construct sidewalks on 82nd Ave. from 81st Street to 83rd Street. This grant was generated from surplus CDBG funds that are being re-appropriated and distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:
President VanAllen has met with some developers and businesses that will provide letters of intent to the Village upon completion of negotiations for acquisition of properties that would generate in excess of \$397,000.00 this year and over \$4.5 million dollars next year, if all goes well. President VanAllen will keep us informed as negotiations progress.

Trustee Kelly arrived as promised, at 7:45 pm.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kelly

- MOTION: Trustee Kelly Moves: To Contribute \$200.00 from Special Events to the Justice Park District for the 2006 Halloween Celebration Week End Festival to be held from October 27, 2006 through October 29, 2006.
- SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
- VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Kelly, Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Part-time custodian, David Lozano has resigned his position with the Village. We wish David the very best in future endeavors.

Saturday, July 29 a Block Party was held on 83rd St. at the Sunset Lakes Apartments. The party got off to a slow start because of the sweltering heat but the culinary skills of our own Public Works employee, Wiley Odems brought out a crowd for his famous barbequed chicken wings.

Thanks to Chief Gioiosa and the entire Police Department staff and their families for the hugely successful “National Night Out” held at the Lipinski Center on August 1st. The unique video presentation prepared by Chief Gioiosa and the demonstration by “Mike and Ike” was particularly excellent.

Wed. August 2nd was the last, bi-monthly Safety Meeting. Don Huenecke, a Firefighter- Paramedic from RPPFD provided the presentation on the 4-Gas Monitor that measures oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide and load explosive limits in the air.

The final Block Party of the season was held on Saturday, August 12th at Wilkins School. It was a beautiful day that brought out a huge crowd. All had a good time.

Trustee Kelly discussed the process of adopting a Village of Justice entrance sign in order to landscape and maintain an area around that sign. She mentioned the civic organizations or businesses that are currently maintaining signs and noted that there was a sign on North Roberts Rd. that was in need of adopting.

Schedule of Committee Meetings:

The following meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and follow consecutively with topics of discussion listed in each committee.

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Open Session

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Review of posted payables and any questions or concerns regarding finances.

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Review of pending petitions from the Zoning and Planning Commission and any new Building Department business.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: New businesses and home occupations, discussion regarding Pigeon Keepers.

Closed Session

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline or Performance of one or more classes of employees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda read a thank you note from the family of Mrs. Helen Rusch for our recent expression of sympathy.

We are in receipt of thanks for our respective, memorial donations from the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

Thank you notes were acknowledged from Casimir Ksiazek and Sarah Koslowski for their recent scholarships and awards.

Correspondence from Chief Doherty of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District was read commending Chief Carmine Gioiosa and the Justice Police Department for hosting the “National Night Out” at the Lipinski Center on August 1st. Chief Doherty found the event to be well orchestrated, lively and family-oriented as well as educational and enjoyable.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Director Marty Vilimek of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA offered the services of his staff and himself to maintain the entrance sign on north Roberts Rd.

Mr. John Small asked that agendas and minutes be provided as is customary. Clerk Svoboda left the copies behind this evening and will provide them at the close of tonight’s meeting.

Ms. Diane Powers asked about the current zoning of the property at 8950 84th Place because of the number of town houses being constructed in her neighborhood.

The zoning is currently R1, single-family.

Ms. Powers also asked if a stoplight was planned on 88th Ave. President VanAllen told her that he hoped a light would be forthcoming once 83rd St. was lined up east and west of 88th Ave. and the widening of 88th Ave. was completed. As usual, conditions for a stoplight would have to be evaluated and met.

Brief discussion occurred regarding the boarded-up gas station at 84th Place and 88th Ave. There was interest from a potential muffler shop, but we have not heard anything since.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Kelly so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Suoboda

Village Clerk/Collector