

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of September 11, 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.

President VanAllen asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of those that lost their lives on this date in the terrorist attack of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Kelly Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2006 AND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys quoted a report from Public Works Director Phil DePaola indicating that Crowley Sheppard has completed the overlay of Banks, Blazer, Cronin and Garden Lane. The tubing-in of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Court ditches has been accomplished with only fill remaining for completion. Vian Construction will continue the final restoration.

Chipping has slowed due to the inclement weather. Large piles are being removed to the public works yard to dry, before being chipped.

There have been 22 instances of sewer rodding to clear blockages that have occurred, also largely due to the weather.

Potholes will be repaired starting next week in order to prepare for the upcoming winter season.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel**

Trustee Jurgel reported that an Internet Safety Class is being offered by the Justice Police Department for “Parents Only” on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center.

The Justice Police has been working with Public Works to identify the proper placement of signs in response to the problems with cars parked on Frontage Rd. blocking visibility. No parking signs will be installed on the north side of Frontage Rd. in response to complaints regarding the lack of safe ingress from Blazer and Banks onto Frontage Rd.

**MOTION:** Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve Resolution 2006-21, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Village of Justice and Certain Police Department Employees.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kelly

**VOTE:** Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz and Kelly, aye. Trustee Sparr, nay. Trustee Maruszak was not present. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kelly**

Trustee Kelly reported that the outdoor dance held on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> was a resounding success. This was the first dance of the new school year.

The gutters were repaired on the northwest side of the administration building to prevent future drainage problems.

A Community Action Team Leader Meeting for Aging Well was held on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lyons Township Hall. The next meeting of Aging Well will be held on Monday, September 25, at 9:00 am at the Lyons Township Hall. Community members are welcome to attend and participate.

The “Fall Bargain Days” garage sales weekend will be held on October 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> within the Village of Justice. Signs, advertising and free permits are being offered to those that participate. Stop in to the Village Clerk’s office and pick up a permit. Remember one person’s junk is another person’s treasure.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz**

Trustee Berkowicz had no report this evening.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Sparr**

Trustee Sparr reported that a field visit is scheduled to the proposed Justice transit site on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Diane Burns, a senior planner for the HNTB Corporation, will be gathering data for the study.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Ottosen requested a closed session this evening to continue discussion regarding the sale of real estate.

A brief analysis of the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Program was provided to Clerk Svoboda for discussion at a later committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda is in receipt of a thank you note from the Doogan Family for our expression of sympathy.

IMLRMA has notified the Village that we will be the recipients of a 2005 Safety Award commending us for our excellent safety record. President VanAllen commented that our bi-monthly safety meetings certainly contribute to our fine safety record.

NEW BUSINESS:

**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, September 20, 2006***

***Open Session***

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Discussion regarding the IMRF, Early Retirement Incentive Program and Credit for Military Service. Paul Parise of IMRF will be present. NIMS Certifications for elected and appointed officials.

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

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new licenses for review by the committee, in particular, Marko & Luka Properties, Inc. at 8750 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> Place. Also, an update on the expansion of the Local Ordinance Violation System with MSI.

**BUILDING PLATS & ZONING:** Review of pending petitions from the Zoning and Planning Commission, in particular, Reger Development LLC and the Justice Town Square petitions.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Review of a proposal to purchase playground equipment for the Arbors Pond through the US Communities buying consortium.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the Sale of Property.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee Kelly  
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:47 pm.

President VanAllen reconvened the Meeting to order at 8:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: President Mel VanAllen, Trustees: Vicki Kelly, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Rich Berkowicz and Rich Sparr. Trustee Maruszak has not arrived, yet. Attorney Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE:** - Trustee Berkowicz for Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz MOVES: To approve payables posted September 6, 2006, numbers 1-38, in the amount of \$20,935.93.  
SECOND: Trustee Kelly  
VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To direct the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary legal notices for a Public Hearing to consider amending the Redevelopment Agreement for TIF #2, the Lithuanian National Cemetery TIF.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz  
VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Kelly, Gabrys, Jurgel and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin questioned the lack of action on the Arbors Pond playground equipment.

President VanAllen noted that a decision to purchase had not yet been made.

Mr. Ed Rusch questioned the content of Resolution 2006-21.

President VanAllen explained that any Police Department employee with the rank of Lieutenant or higher, with at least 20 years of service, who is at least 50 years of age may receive a retirement package that would include their time due and cost of benefits, plus a ten percent raise for the last 65 days of employment as an incentive to retire.

This same incentive has been offered in the past to former Chief Wasik, Deputy Chief Carter, and Lieutenant Slepicka as well as Sergeants Suddeth and Weinberg.

The benefit to the Village is to reduce payroll by either not replacing employees or by replacing them with lesser-paid employees due to less service time.

Mr. John Small indicated that his question had already been answered.

Trustee Maruszak entered the meeting having been unavoidably detained.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen M. Suoboda*

Village Clerk/Collector