

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2005

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

Due to the inordinately large crowd attending tonight's meeting it was necessary to move the meeting outdoors to the concrete pad behind the police department.

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: Vicki Kelly, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mike Maruszak, Rich Berkowicz and Trustee Sparr. Attorney Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

2005 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND STUDENT OF THE YEAR AND ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

President VanAllen explained that annually, the Village of Justice awards scholarships to a few deserving high school graduates that reside in the Village of Justice and who have met our criteria for exemplary dedication to their community and to improving the quality of life for others. The scholarships are funded by donations from our community members and businesses to the Food Pantry/ Scholarship Fund collected each year.

Also, at the same time, we honor those students from among our community that excel as students or athletes and award to them certificates honoring their achievements.

Athlete of the Year or Student of the Year Certificates were awarded to the following fine young people:

Brian Lubek	Athlete of the Year	Argo HS
Jeanette Adjetely	Student of the Year	Argo HS
Ashley Lundgren	Athlete of the Year	Argo HS
Anthony Picatiello	Athlete of the Year	Marist HS
Monica Minkowski	Student of the Year	Argo HS

Tonight it is President VanAllen's pleasure to present \$500.00 scholarships to each of these outstanding applicants from among our community.

The 2005 recipients are:

Eric Baron	St. Rita High School
Deanna Kalafut	Nazareth Academy
Andrea Meier	Queen of Peace
Erika Rangel	Argo Community HS
Brianna Para	Argo Community HS

Cpl. Joe Hurkes awarded an additional scholarship from the Justice Fraternal Order of Police to Brianna Para, a graduate of Argo Community HS.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to these fine, young people.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were five (5) written requests to answer questions presented to the Board for discussion regarding the proposed Resolution Authorizing An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Roberts Park Fire Protection District. Multiple questions were included in each submission. The questions as submitted are attached as Exhibits A1 – A5.

Due to the difficulty in hearing the business being conducted, the questions as presented were not read into the record or answered.

A sign in sheet for those in attendance was circulated resulting in six pages of names. The pages, numbered 1-6, have been attached as Exhibit B.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2005 AND TO APPROVE AS CORRECTED.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Maruszak

Trustee Sparr announced a Point of Order asking to immediately go to discussion regarding the new business of the proposed Fire Protection Agreement with RPPFD.

President VanAllen replied that a Motion and a Second would be required to change the order of business from the Agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: To approve payables, posted June 22nd, 2005, numbers 1-49, in the amount of \$54,466.66.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz and Kelly, aye. Trustee Sparr abstained from the vote. Five ayes. One abstention. Motion passed.

Trustee Maruszak asks that the Agenda be changed to discuss the RPPFD Agreement immediately.

President VanAllen agreed to the change due to the anxious public in attendance. President VanAllen reviewed the Agreement under discussion.

RPPFD would provide fire protection and ambulance service including from our station at 7800 Archer Rd. with full use of our fire and ambulance equipment, to be leased from us for \$1.00 per year of the Agreement. The Village would still

retain ownership of the fire and ambulance equipment and RPPFD would maintain said equipment.

The Village of Justice would pay to RPPFD a sum of \$42,000.00 per month for the services. The Village would continue to collect the Sterling Estates payment of \$84,000.00 per year.

Any remaining payments for purchase of the equipment would be the responsibility of the Village.

The Agreement is for a term of two years with the option to renegotiate by either agency after one year.

Fire prevention education, haz-mat services and attendance at Block Parties and other village functions would be included.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2005-16 Authorizing An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Roberts Park Fire Protection District.

MOTION: Trustee Kelly so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Sparr Seconded the Motion for the purpose of discussion.

Trustee Sparr stated that he was not comfortable that we had not investigated how financially healthy the Roberts Park Fire Protection District really is.

President VanAllen stated that he had indeed checked and the District was in good fiscal condition. In fact they were 3% ahead in their budget projections.

Trustee Sparr stated that he could not calculate a \$400,000.00 savings when reviewing our financials between the proposed fee to Roberts Park and the actual cost being reflected by the Village.

President VanAllen said he has done the math and inclusive of employer tax payments, worker's compensation insurance, payroll and other costs involved with the running of our Fire Department, we stand to save between \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.00 per year.

Discussion ensued regarding whether competitive bids should have been sought for Fire and Ambulance Services. President VanAllen stated that since this was an intergovernmental agreement, bids were not required.

Trustee Sparr stated that he was never so proud to be a Justice Firefighter as he is today.

VOTE: Trustees Kelly, Gabrys and Jurgel voted aye. Trustees Sparr, Maruszak and Berkowicz voted nay. President VanAllen voted aye. Four ayes. Three nays.

Motion passed.

Trustee Sparr said that he felt the Attorney General should be consulted regarding what he perceived as a conflict of interest with the vote of Trustee Kelly whose husband is on the Robert's Park Fire Protection District Board.

President VanAllen answered that our legal counsel was confident that a conflict did not exist.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Ernest Spatola as Chief of the Justice Fire Department effective July 1st, 2005 at the hourly rate of \$16.65 per hour.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so Moves

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOTE: Trustees Kelly, Gabrys and Jurgel voted aye. Trustees Sparr, Maruszak and Berkowicz voted nay. President VanAllen voted aye. Four ayes. Three nays. Motion passed.

Due to the high emotion of the crowd, President VanAllen decided to adjourn the meeting with no further business being brought before the Board this evening.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kelly so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector