

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2005

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

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

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

AWARD PRESENTATION:

President VanAllen introduced Gene Wroblewski, President of the Argo High School Board. He and board members Mr. Para, Mr. Meneshe, Mrs. Mary VanAllen and Ms. Pam Valdez were present.

President Wroblewski thanked President VanAllen and the current board for the cooperation and the additional funds that have been provided through the efforts of Mayor VanAllen and the Village of Justice. Many programs to benefit the Argo High students have been created or retained due to the donations made available by President VanAllen's efforts in creating school-friendly TIF's. President Wroblewski presented a plaque in recognition of the efforts of President VanAllen and the Justice Village Board.

President VanAllen asked Village Trustee Victoria A. Kelly to come forward. He presented to her a Certificate of Achievement from the Academy for Municipal Excellence of the University of Illinois for satisfactory completion of the L.E.A.D.S. Program.

Trustee Kelly is the first Trustee for the Village of Justice to receive this prestigious certification and has been attending classes for the better part of a year. President VanAllen, Clerk Svoboda and her peers on the board extend their heartfelt congratulations to Trustee Kelly.

President VanAllen read a Proclamation naming the week of March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 as Firefighter Mike Doogan Week in the Village of Justice.

Mike, a resident of Justice and a firefighter in another community, went above and beyond to help a neighbor during a recent fire on Oak Grove Ave.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF March 14, 2005 AND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: To approve payables, posted March 23, 2005, numbers 1-39, in the amount of \$73,915.95.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Berkowicz for Trustee Slapelis

Trustee Slapelis injured his back and is not present this evening.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel read correspondence from Chief Gioiosa of the Justice Police Department indicating that he had received funding from a Southwest Cook County Task Force Grant to purchase video recording equipment for suspect interviews. The equipment at a cost of more than \$5,000.00 is mandated for some types of interviews and is a welcome addition to the technology in the Police Dept.

The installation of the new 911 equipment is moving along, well, and the efforts of the command staff with painting, tiling, carpeting and installing the dropped ceiling is greatly appreciated.

Two new candidates for the patrol officers have been recommended by the Police and Fire Commission and will be sworn in readiness for academy training in the next week or so.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND RECREATION – Trustee Kelly

Trustee Kelly reported that she had arranged for the washer and dryer in the Fire Dept. to be repaired.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz reminded all that local businesses and their employees are invited to a Fire Extinguisher Seminar on April 15, 2005. The class offered in cooperation with R.P.F.D. and the Justice Chamber of Commerce, will be held in two separate sessions, a morning and an afternoon with lunch offered to both groups, between.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve Ordinance 2005-08, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING LEGAL NON CONFORMING USE TO 7459 S. 86<sup>TH</sup> AVE. AND 7821 S. GARDEN LANE, IN JUSTICE, IL.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz  
VOTE: Trustees Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.  
The plans for the new Child Advocacy building will be at the architect this week. New construction permits are starting to come in due to the nicer weather.

Please remember to check with the Building Department for those spring projects to make sure if a permit is required and that you comply with local rules.

The Zoning and Planning Commission convened to review the next phase of the Comprehensive Plan and recommendations will be forthcoming.

VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT:  
No report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Karl Ottosen is in receipt of additional correspondence regarding the Primeco Class Action Suit. We took action to settle the suit for the Village of Justice at the last board meeting, but he will review this latest correspondence to insure that our repayment of the IMF Fees is all that is required.

Mr. Ray Hodson had asked about the casual mention of the audit that occurred at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and if the annual audit would be available before the upcoming election.

Attorney Ottosen recalled that the mention was that the auditors had been present at the Village that day, and that annual audits are due by the end of June for the preceding year. It is inconceivable that the 2004 audit would be completed before the election. Although most of the fieldwork had been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:  
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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

*Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

*OPEN SESSION*

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE:** Posted payables.

**BUILDING PLATS & ZONING:** Review of recommendations of the Zoning Board with regard to the Comprehensive Plan and review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda passed out to the board members a memo outlining the enhancements to the employee life insurance and STD benefits that she was able to negotiate with Fort Dearborn Life through the Horton Group.

President VanAllen has received a letter from the Asbury Woods Association commending the first responders for the positive first impressions that have been made on calls in Asbury Woods. Our firefighters, paramedics, and our police have attended to all calls in an exemplary manner and have created a great first impression with the homeowners and the management personnel, alike.

President VanAllen received a letter of thanks from Chief Doherty of R.P.F.D. for the recent legislation regarding fire sprinklers.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

James Rinkus of 7829 S. Garden Lane presented a question but since President VanAllen felt it was just politics, it was not addressed for the record.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk/Collector

