

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes of October 9, 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: Vicki Kelly, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mike Maruszak, Rich Berkowicz and Rich Sparr. Attorney Paula Wallin is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 AND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Kelly, Gabrys, 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 October 4, 2006, numbers 1-27, in the amount of \$24,434.29.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Maruszak reported that he convened a meeting of all department heads to go over the requirements for the 2007 budget and proposed deadlines for submittal. Trustee Maruszak will be reviewing each department's budget as they are submitted.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys quoted a report from Public Works Director Phil DePaola indicating that the current contract with J. M. Viverito for the disposal of our yard waste is expiring.

Director DePaola recommends that the contract with J.M. Viverito be renewed for another year at the price of \$4,000.00 for the year.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys MOVES: To approve the contract as described.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly and Gabrys, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.
Trustee Gabrys reported that the 81st Street improvements are proceeding but we have experienced delays due to the weather. Completion will occur soon.
The sprinkler system being installed at the Lipinski Center will be done by the end of the week.
Congratulations to Phil DePaola for completing the NIMS Certifications, IS100, IS200, IS400, IS700 and IS800. Phil has fully qualified under the National Incident Management System. Phil has also fulfilled the requirements to renew his Class D, water operator's license.
At the committee meeting of October 4th, correspondence from Unisom Site Management was discussed. They are interested in purchasing our cell tower leases and do offer some royalties for increases in tower tenants. We have decided not to pursue the sale of these leases at this time.

The IMRF Early Retirement Incentive is being investigated in order to implement a window of opportunity for those people who have reached at least age 50 and who have at least 20 years of creditable service in IMRF. We should have a resolution available for the next regular meeting.

Trustee Gabrys sincerely thanked Phil DePaola, Ken White, Tim Dalton and the Public Works team for all their hard work during the recent storm. A number of residents called with their compliments and thanks.

Phil met, this past Saturday, with the Courtyard Townhouse Association to address the problems at the detention pond located west of Daniel Drive. He was able to provide some suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the pond.

Chipping continues on an as needed basis.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel MOVES: To release Patrol Officers Brian Krummick, Rich Pedota and Lorne Stinson from probationary status and place them on the roll of permanent police officers for the Justice Police Department.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Jurgel quoted a letter from a resident thanking the Fire Department, the Building Department and the Police Department for their actions during a recent fire, when they were out of town.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kelly

Trustee Kelly reported that the bi-monthly safety meeting had been held on October 4. The program, presented by a representative of IRMA was about the effective use of safety committees.

The fifth and sixth grade dance on October 5th was a resounding success and all that attended had a great time.

The Village of Justice, Aging Well Team is presenting an “Ask the Doctor” program, featuring a renowned geriatric physician, on Tuesday, October 17th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room of the village hall. On that same day, Flu Shots for seniors and those with serious health problems are scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We have 100 flu shots to distribute. Please sign up in the Clerk’s office.

Trustee Kelly announced that the Fall Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Tues. October 31, 2006 at 11:30 am. A festive program by the fabulous Gilhooley’s, a singing and dancing team, is planned as well as good food and fellowship for all that attend. Tickets are free of charge on a first come first serve basis, but must be obtained in the Clerk’s office by the 25th of October.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz MOVES: To approve the changes to the Business License for White Hen Pantry doing business at 8401 W. 79th St. to a corporate form of ownership with a manager. Liquor sales require fingerprinting of the manager and are currently suspended while the process is being completed

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz MOVES: To set the Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village of Justice from 3:00 to 7:00 pm on Tues. October 31, 2006.

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Sparr

Trustee Sparr reported that Mr. William Tarwater of 7507 Garden Lane has submitted a petition to subdivide one lot into two. This petition is a re-submittal of a previous petition that was never completed, a few years ago.

The Hejny petition, 2006-05, a petition to consolidate two lots into one, and subdivide into eight lots for R1, single-family use, with no variances, will be reviewed in committee for action at the next board meeting.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Ottosen presented a Resolution, 2006-22, A Resolution opposing Ordinances and Resolutions proposed by Cook County Commissioner Quigley regarding Tax Increment Financing Districts. The legislation introduced by Commissioner Quigley would delay and adversely effect the creation of TIF Districts by municipalities

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2006-22, A Resolution Opposing Ordinances and Resolutions proposed by Cook County Commissioner Quigley regarding Tax Increment Financing Districts.

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

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

Attorney Ottosen noted that our cable franchise is coming up for renewal. Comcast has to provide notice to the municipality and public hearing must occur to allow the public to comment on service provided by Comcast. We need to pass a Resolution authorizing the formal process of negotiations and public hearings to commence.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2006-23, A Resolution Authorizing the Commencement of the Cable Franchise Renewal Process.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

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

Attorney Ottosen announced that a Closed Session would be needed to discuss the Sale of Property at the conclusion of tonight's business.

OLD BUSINESS:

President VanAllen reintroduced the proposal from Game Time/Recreation Concepts for playground equipment for the Arbors Pond Park. Upon further review of the proposal and the U.S. Communities buying consortium, it has been determined that bid requirements have been met.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To accept the proposal from Game Time/Recreation Concepts for purchase and installation of playground equipment at the Arbors Pond park.

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak and Kelly, aye. Trustees Sparr, Berkowicz and Gabrys, nay. President VanAllen, aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

President VanAllen announced that negotiations for the sale of more than 500 apartments to be converted to condominiums have concluded. This EAV on this specific development will increase by more than \$1,000,000.00 provided an additional \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to the Village and more than \$400,000.00 to each school district both #217 and #109. This should also reflect a reduction in property tax to property owners in Justice since we levy for a dollar amount and more money will be coming in. WE cannot release the name of the purchaser until contract negotiations between the buyer and seller have concluded.

RPPFD Asst. Chief, Ed Murphy wrote a letter to the Justice Willow Springs Water Commission asking that they take charge of the Wesley Fields Water Line Replacement Project as a matter of life-safety. Together with support from Commissioner Paul Kelly, the Water Commission has agreed to fund the project, fully, over any funding received by the Village for 82nd Ct., 83rd Ave. and 83rd Ct. Sincere thanks for the efforts of Chief Doherty of RPPFD, Asst. Chief Ed Murphy, Commissioner Paul Kelly, Trustee Joseph Kelly of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, Jim Lurquin and Phil DePaola, and of course, Congressman Dan Lipinski for obtaining the Grants through the U.S. EPA.

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, October 18, 2006

Open Session

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Review of posted payables and any questions or concerns regarding finances. Update on progress of the 2007 Budget.

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Review of pending petitions from the Zoning and Planning Commission, in particular, 2006-05, the Hejny Petition at 7551 Cronin, and discussion regarding the resubmitted Tarwater Petition.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion regarding the IMRF, Early Retirement Incentive Program, the possibility of a generator for emergency use of the Lipinski Center, equipment needs for Public Works and change of vendor for medical consults for work-comp claims.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new licenses for review by the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Review of the quotes for repair of the ladder truck.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Possible discussion regarding the proposed TIF #3 and possible *Closed Session* regarding the Sale of Property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President VanAllen announced that the Cook County Department of Office Technology is working in town providing digital photography to provide photographs of all parcels for a number of State, County and local agencies to access.

The Northwest Municipal Conference of Mayors is spearheading the distribution of grant funds that represent 60% of the IMF Fees, class action suit refunds. Municipalities are eligible for grants up to the amount of the refund they paid. We paid around \$54,000.00 in refunds due to the suit, and will be exploring eligible projects to apply for our share. The remaining 40% of the monies are earmarked for health care for the indigent.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

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

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:04 pm.

President VanAllen reconvened the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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 Rich Sparr. Attorney Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda

Village Clerk/Collector

