

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 14, 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, Don Slapelis, 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:

The Justice Firefighters' Association presented an award to Mayor VanAllen and the Board of Trustees recognizing their dedication and support of the Fire Department of the Village of Justice and the commitment to the betterment of public safety within the community.

WELCOME HOME TO LCPL ANTHONY BUSKUS FROM IRAQ.

President VanAllen introduced LCPL Anthony Buskus of the U.S. Marine Corp. who is recently home from serving our country in Iraq.

President VanAllen read into the record a Proclamation naming the week of March 13 through March 19, 2005 as LCPL Anthony J. Buskus Week in the Village of Justice. All residents are encouraged to personally thank him for his service to our Nation.

Lyle School sent greetings from the students for their alumni, Anthony Buskus.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS IN HONOR OF LCPL BUSKUS

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:48 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present are: President Mel VanAllen, Trustees: Vicki Kelly, Don Slapelis, Ed Jurgel, Mike Maruszak, Rich Berkowicz and Rich Sparr.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AND TO APPROVE AS CORRECTED.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: To approve payables, posted March 9, 2005, numbers 1-35, in the amount of \$41,316.58.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: To approve Resolution 2005-06, A Resolution Authorizing Fort Dearborn Life to Provide Life Insurance, Spousal and Dependant Life Insurance and STD coverage for full-time, Village of Justice employees, to be effective 4/01/05.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Slapelis

MOTION: Trustee Slapelis Moves: To approve a quote from Aquatic Weed Technology for four applications of flight control at the Arbors Pond, at a cost of \$2,950.00 to be paid from TIF Funds set aside for this purpose.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC SAFETY - Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel reported that the installation of the new 911 equipment was progressing, smoothly. Chief Gioiosa, Deputy Chief Bockmann and the JPD Lieutenants have given of their time and talents to install the ceiling and paint to save dollars where they can.

A report from Chief Gioiosa indicates that in the second week of training at the State Police Training Institute in Springfield, our dog, Ike, is the smartest dog of the ten in the class, per the instruction staff.

Patrol Officer in training, Barclay Murphy will graduate Friday, March 18, 2005 from the Police Academy in Springfield. His academic score is in the 90th percentile.

The Justice Police Department has completed background investigations for three new police candidates and two of the three have been recommended to the Police and Fire commission for hire.

The new DARE vehicle has been detailed and is ready for use and is parked at the rear of the Police Department, if anyone would like to see it.

ESDA Director, Marty Vilimek, announced that 40 weather band radios had been distributed to strategic locations within the villages of Justice and Bridgeview.

The radios, donated by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, will provide additional severe weather preparedness for the two communities.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND RECREATION – Trustee Kelly

Trustee Kelly reported that the parts to repair the overhead door in the Fire Department are on order and will be installed shortly. Parts for the sinks in the lock up are also on order and should be available for installation, soon.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License for Me & You Sell, Inc. at 8057 Marion Dr. in Justice, contingent upon a letter from the landlord and on compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: Possible action to approve the Business License of Anna's Flowers at 8805 W. 83rd Place in Justice contingent upon compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Sparr

Trustee Sparr stated that Ed Shilka had made the board aware of open permits and reviewed some new permit applications to bring us up to speed on Building Department business.

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

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Karl Ottosen indicated that a closed session before the end of tonight's meeting was in order to discuss pending litigation regarding the PRIMECO Class Action Suit. The board will recall that this suit was regarding whether Infrastructure Maintenance Fees could be charged to cellular providers by municipalities. Numerous municipalities were involved and a couple of options are available to the Village with regard to this suit.

OLD BUSINESS:

President VanAllen announced that a pre construction meeting was held with Utility Dynamics for the Arbors Detention Pond Lighting Project. The construction will begin in May and should be complete by about June 25th.

We are in receipt of a notice to proceed on the 85th St. CDBG Project. The engineer should have the plans complete by the first of May for a letting in May.

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, March 23, 2005

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: Posted payables and other items before the committee.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Regional Transportation Authority is recognizing the Village of Justice as one of the “Communities that make a difference,” for our recent application for and award of the feasibility study for a METRA Station. They recognize communities whose plans will improve the mobility and vitality of Northeastern Illinois.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has made available grant opportunities for Diesel Retrofit. This would provide retrofit for pollution control for diesel equipment for on road or off road use.

The Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission has decided to waive all fees and will donate equipment to the Wm. O. Lipinski Pavilion in support of the dedicating of the pavilion in honor of Congressman Lipinski.

The construction company has erected a sign noting the proposed date of June 15th for a tentative completion date and grand opening for the pavilion.

A letter from Roman of Roman’s Mobile Station complementing Detective Plotke for his exemplary handling of a recent investigation.

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion regarding pending litigation.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Kelly

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to closed session at 8:05 pm.

RECONVENED: The meeting reconvened at 8:18 pm.

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

President Van Allen commented that discussion had occurred regarding the two options of either settling the lawsuit by refunding the collected IMF Fees or continuing to pay into the Lake County Mayors' Association litigation fund to continue the suit.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2005-07, A Resolution Settling the PRIMECO Suit for the total amount of \$7,422.00 of IMF Fees.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector