

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2005

President VanAllen called the Meeting to order at 7:32 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 Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:
There were none.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2005 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 September 9, 2005, numbers 1-42, in the amount of \$38,310.45.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys announced that he and Public Works Director Phil DePaola have investigated the various options for improving and streamlining procedures to better monitor fuel usage by the various departments and vehicles. Our old system has become out of date and is working poorly. At the last committee meeting those replacement options we discussed. The best monitoring equipment for features and cost was determined to be the FL6A Reader, from Petroleum Technologies Equipment.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve the purchase of the FL6A Reader from Petroleum Technologies Equipment for a cost not to exceed \$4900.00, to be paid for with MFT Funds.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly and Gabrys, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.
Trustee Gabrys reported that retention pond improvements are underway at the pond located at 81st St. and Kean Ave. The ditch is seriously eroding and will need to be tubed.
Readings are being taken at the Thomas Street detention pond in order to improve the flow in and out of the pond.
Public Works will be undertaking some of the landscaping and sloping at the 85th St. Reconstruction site. The result will be a considerable savings in the cost of the project.
Chipping is ongoing and the street sweeper has been out cleaning up, as schedules allow.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Trustee Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the resignation of support service operator, Jennifer Heim, effective, immediately.
SECOND: Trustee Maruszak
VOTE: Trustees Maruszak, Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.
MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the appointment of SSO Stephanie Krummick to the position of Traffic Compliance Officer with a corresponding stipend of \$.30 per hour.
SECOND: Trustee Maruszak
VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Sparr, Kelly, Gabrys, Jurgel and Maruszak, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND RECREATION – Trustee Kelly

Trustee Kelly reported that the ceiling in the men's room has been repaired. A fine job was done at minimal expense.
The lights in the boardroom and the all-purpose room have been checked and replaced as needed.
The Outdoor Dance on September 2, 2005 was very well attended. Everyone had a great time and will be looking forward to resuming the seasonal events next year. The fifth and sixth grade dances will resume in October.
Trustee Kelly personally thanked Marty Vilimek, Director of ESDA and his fine group of workers for the assistance they provided at the various functions this summer. Trustee Kelly noted that she was quite impressed with the reports we receive from Director Vilimek outlining the previous month of ESDA activity. She would like to extend her personal congratulations for achieving the 2005 Governor's Home Town Award.

The “Fall Bargain Days” village-wide garage sales will be held on October 7th, 8th and 9th from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Free permits may be picked up in the Clerk’s office.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of Regan’s Heating & Cooling at 8646 S. Roberts Rd., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Tri-Tech Mechanical doing business at 8426 S. 78th Ct., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Berkowicz complimented the outstanding efforts of Horizon Freight, 8750 W. 82nd Place, that sent six trucks of supplies to aid the Hurricane Katrina victims. Frank and his staff at Horizon have exhibited a truly charitable spirit.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Sparr

Trustee Sparr announced that at the present time there are eight new homes under construction in the Village as well as four new townhouse developments totaling 54 residential units currently being constructed.

Trustee Sparr will be requesting a Closed Session Committee Meeting at the next available date.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Karl Ottosen offered an update regarding the Crema Suit. We are about at the Summary Judgment stage and we hope to have a determination in the next few months.

The Officers of the Justice Police Department have requested a meeting regarding a general order by the Chief of Police.

The Levy will need to be on file by the last Tues. in December so we will need to be looking at creating the Levy.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

President VanAllen reported that we had received favorable pricing for three of the components of the Wm. O. Lipinski Pavilion.

Originally, the bid included floor finishing, locker room equipment and flagpoles.

The Building Department has solicited bids for these items to be completed at considerably less cost. The savings will be around \$28,000.00.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the bids from Folgers Flags for \$5,820.00, American Floor-covering for \$16,500.00, and Dearborn Midwest for the locker room equipment, for \$5,820.00.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2005-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DEDICATION OF AN EASEMENT FOR 88TH AVE AND THE 88TH AVE. RIGHT OF WAY.

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

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, September 21, 2005

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: Posted payables and other matters.

CLOSED SESSION

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or removal of specific employees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President VanAllen in receipt of correspondence from the Treasurer of the JWSWC describing a recent overall review of revenues and expenses for the Commission that reflects a net improvement in the financial position in the amount of \$463,142.00.

Jim Houlihan of the Cook County Assessor's Office notified us that reassessments are due this month and appeal forms will be included when notice is received in the mail.

An Assessment Appeal Seminar is being held at Lyons Township Hall on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Lyons Township Hall.

We received a thank you from Miss Andria Ard for all of our support while she was a contestant in the National American Miss Pageant. Andria loaned us a few of her trophies to be displayed in the Clerk's Office for a short time.

IMLRMA has notified us that we are to be recipients of a 2004 Safety Award. September 24, 2005 is Homecoming at Argo H.S. The games are at 11:00 am and at 1:00 pm and the Parade is at 9:00 am.

Most of our Board members will miss the Homecoming festivities due to our attendance at the Illinois Municipal League Conference, that same weekend. METRA has proposed a Rail Safety Campaign aimed at school children and may be calling on our police department to join them in presenting the program at our schools.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector