

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF APRIL

Minutes of April 23, 2007

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

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

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: President Richard Sparr, Trustees: Kinga Bartoszek, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel and Rich Berkowicz. Mike Maruszak is absent this evening. Attorney Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2007 AND APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Bartoszek for Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek MOVES: MOTION: To approve payables, numbers 1-33, posted April 18, 2007, in the amount of \$29,397.68.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz, Bartoszek and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys MOVES: To Award the Bid for the CDBG Project to install street lighting on 85th Place to Utility Dynamics Corp., 2 Commerce Drive, Oswego, IL 60543 in the amount of \$45,143.00

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Gabrys and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Gabrys reported that he was informed by P.W. Director Phil DePaola that striping has been completed at the intersections of 75th and Cork, Archer and Garden Lane, 79th and Cork and at Wilkins School. AC Pavement Striping Co. Inc. gave us an estimate before the weather broke and has now completed the work with thermal PVT Striping for the amount of \$5,000.52.

JULIE has marked a large section of Garden Lane for a drainage project to commence.

Chipping continues throughout town. Residents are heeding the clippings only rule since we do not chip entire trees.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel has no report.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek

Trustee Bartoszek reminded all that the Spring Bargain Days - Garage Sale Weekend is scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20th. Stop in and sign up for your free permit.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz reminded all that vehicle stickers will be on sale starting on Tues. May 1st. Vehicle stickers must be displayed by June 30th or violations may be issued.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr

President Sparr informed the Board that he is in receipt of a lengthy report from Jim Lurquin that he will provide to each trustee for review.

One of the items noted in the report is that there have been 44 sales inspections completed to date, this year.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Ottosen reported that he has provided a couple of items of legislation for consideration.

The first is an ordinance that would amend the TIF 1 eligible expenses that may be reimbursed to include other public improvements and authorized redevelopment project costs.

Over the life of TIF 1 the Village has incurred extraordinary administrative, planning, oversight and service related expenses as well as costs related to building code compliance problems and probable litigation expenses.

Attorney Ottosen stated that a Motion would be in order to enact this legislation. Trustee Jurgel commented that he felt the new board should be consulted before such action is taken since there remains only one more meeting until they are seated.

Trustee Berkowicz mirrored the sentiment that this action should be tabled for consideration by the new board members.

Trustee Berkowicz took the opportunity to discuss the Archer Ave. Sidewalk Project that will require a match to be paid from TIF 1. He feels that the project is intrusive to a number of the businesses on Archer Ave. He stated that he is appalled by the sidewalk being constructed on both sides of Archer Ave. How can we have mothers with strollers and trucks backing in to businesses?

President Sparr reminded Trustee Berkowicz that this project has been in the works for the past couple of years. It is primarily a Cook County project and has been designed and approved by Cook County engineers.

Attorney Ottosen introduced the second piece of legislation for consideration, action to enact a loan transfer from TIF 1 to TIF 2 to be repaid with escrow funds held and unable to be released timely for payment of a contract for dirt excavation. Attorney Ottosen stated that this action was time sensitive since we have a hauler and a dump site now that might be at risk by delay. Again, the action was suggested to be held for consideration by the new board. Attorney Ottosen asked that this action be tabled by a Motion. He will provide copies to the Mayor Elect and the Trustees Elect.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel MOVES: To table the proposed resolution regarding a fund loan transfer from TIF 1 to TIF 2 to pay the costs for excavation and removal of dirt at the Asbury Woods park site
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Lastly, Attorney Ottosen introduced a Resolution to Release Closed Session Minutes from Committee Meetings and Board Meetings per Exhibit A that has been prepared by the Clerk and reviewed in committee. The Chair will entertain a Motion to Approve Resolution 2007-13 as described by Attorney Ottosen, Releasing Closed Session Minutes identified in Exhibit A.

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

OLD BUSINESS:
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

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, May 9, 2007

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables and other financial matters.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion regarding a camera to televise sewers and discussion regarding the use of speed bumps.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding preventative maintenance of squad cars being performed by Public Works.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Review of any new business licenses or ordinances in particular, an update on the progress of Why Not Drive In.

QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Mr. Ray Hodson asked about the proposed loan from TIF1 to TIF 2 to remove the dirt at the Asbury Woods park site. Why, if we are considering developing part of the site with additional townhomes, would we pay to remove the dirt? Wouldn't that be a developer expense?

President Sparr explained that moving the dirt becomes part of the financial equation either way. Either we move the dirt and get more for the build able property, or we let the developer move the dirt and get less.

We have an opportunity to save considerably on the cost of excavation and removal so that we could maximize the benefit to the Village of selling some of the land.

Mr. Hodson asked how much dirt needs to be removed.

Attorney Ottosen replied that there is between 60,000 and 80,000 cubic yards to remove, at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. There is currently about \$660,000.00 in the TIF 2 park-development escrow fund.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none

Trustee Gabrys introduced a Proclamation in honor of Richard H. Sparr. The Proclamation acknowledges his service as a First Responder, a Trustee and the Acting Mayor of the Village of Justice. Acting President Sparr's service to our community spans more than 30 years.

A copy of the Proclamation has been attached as part of the permanent record.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz so MOVES:
VOICE VOTE: Trustee Gabrys
All ayes
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Suoboda
Village Clerk/Collector