

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

Minutes of April 9, 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, Mike Maruszak and Rich Berkowicz. Attorney Karl Ottosen is in attendance.

PRESENTATION:

Representatives of the Children's' Advocacy Center (CAC) of Southwest Cook County presented "Operation Clothesline" a program that heightens the awareness of the number of children affected by domestic violence or abuse.

Danielle Butts, Director of the Child Advocacy Center, introduced Kristen Sterba who described the work that the CAC does and spoke of the benefit to a victim by expressing their emotions and displaying them on a shirt.

Dignitaries from the parent organization, the Hull House, were in attendance for the presentation.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2007 AND APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak MOVES: MOTION: To approve payables, numbers 1-35, posted April 4, 2007, in the amount of \$37,612.21.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Maruszak reported that the annual audit will begin next Monday. Lauterbach & Amen will conduct the audit at a cost of about \$20,000.00.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that Public Works has commenced chipping. Please remember that chipping is provided for the seasonal trimmings from trees and bushes and that we will not chip the remains from whole tree removals. Make sure branches are placed neatly at the curbside with the cut ends together for easy access.

The Jet Rodder is at Cesar's Equipment undergoing a complete overhaul. Cesar's is waiting for the new, larger water tank to come in so that it may be installed.

The supplies are in for the drainage project that is planned for the rear yards on Blazer. We are awaiting a tree stump removal so that project can commence.

President Sparr commented that he has had conversation with residents of Fawn Trail and Deerpath and that the temporary generator that is operating the lift station is poorly protected and noisy. He suggested that he, Jim Gabrys and Phil need to meet and address the short and long term solutions.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel **MOVES:** To release Patrol Officers Joseph M. Bonkowski and Daniel M. Latek from probationary status and place them on the rolls of permanent Police Officers for the Justice Police Department, effective March 29, 2007.

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek

Trustee Bartoszek reminded all that tomorrow, Tues., April 10th, the semi-annual Senior Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center. Food, fellowship and fun are planned for all.

The Spring Bargain Days Garage Sale Weekend is scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20th. Stop in and sign up for your free permit.

Trustee Bartoszek is working on a redrafting of the legislation regarding our Ethics Policy and the Questions or Comments portion of the board meetings. Further discussion will be continued at the next regular committee meeting.

Also at the next meeting, Trustee Bartoszek would like to discuss the Village's participating in National Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, June 3. She would like to explore what we might do as a community to join in the observance of that day. Anyone with ideas about how to observe the Survivor's Day is welcome.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz commented on the progress of legislation to enact a statewide smoking ban. On Thurs. March 29, the State of Illinois Senate voted to enact a ban on smoking in bars, restaurants, public buildings, publicly owned automobiles and many businesses. That legislation was forwarded to the House for review and approval. The proposed legislation has a January 1st effective date. Currently 53% of the United States is now smoke-free.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr

President Sparr informed the Board that he is in receipt of two petitions, both to subdivide one lot into two, and both for the construction of two, new single-family homes. The petitions will be heard by the Zoning and Planning Commission in April. One lot is in Roberts Park and the other is on the North side of town.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Ottosen reported that he is waiting for alternative dates for the MAP #60 negotiations from the attorney for MAP.

Erik Anderson of Harris Bank Municipal Finance Department, Kelly Zabinski, our Financial Consultant and Attorney Karl Ottosen will meet, tomorrow, April 10th at the Village Hall to begin the process of reviewing financial issues in order to compile recommendations to the Village.

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, April 18, 2007

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Continued discussion of the procedures for dealing with an ethics issue and the redraft of the Ethics Ordinance and the Questions or Comments period of the Regular Board Meetings.

Discussion will occur regarding the Village's participation in the Nat'l Cancer Survivors Day.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda acknowledged a thank you from the Family of Genevieve Pedota for our expression of sympathy and another from Scott & Deanna Wexler for our congratulations on the birth of their new baby girl, Peyton Marie. Sincere Congratulations to our newest grandfather on the board, Jim Gabrys.

QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so **MOVES:**

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Svoboda

Village Clerk/Collector