

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

Minutes of Thursday, December 20, 2007

Village President Krzysztof Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

President Wasowicz led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2007 as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz wished all a very Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda added her greeting and good wishes for the Holiday to that of President Wasowicz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-25, posted for the period of 12/06/2007 to 12/17/2007, in the amount of \$30,792.58.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray and Gabrys, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To amend the proposed Budget to increase the line for the Village Collector's salary from \$25,900.00 to \$26,400.00.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOTE: Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-31 An Ordinance Providing An Appropriation for General Corporate and Other Special Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008, and Ending December 31, 2008, for the Village of Justice, County of Cook.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-32, An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the 2007 Tax Year of the Village of Justice, County of Cook.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel and McGee, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys commended the Public Works staff for an outstanding job cleaning up after the recent snow. The crews were out six hours on Saturday and another four on Sunday. A number of residents called to comment on the fast and efficient job performed by our Public Works employees. Keep up the good work!

Trustee Gabrys added his wishes for a safe and happy Holiday Season to all.

A special thank you to the Special Events ladies, Robin, Anna and Barb, the Administration staff, the Bridgeview/Justice EMA and all of the businesses, individuals and organizations that donated to make this years' Christmas Basket distribution an especially successful one.

President Wasowicz has named Phil DePaola, Jim Lurquin and Jim Gabrys to sit on the NPDES Committee for the Village of Justice. All have indicated their willingness to serve.

An Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees, will be held later in the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray announced that the second phase of the IMAGE Grant, the Speeding Enforcement phase, will be beginning in the upcoming days. Please drive safely and stay within the posted speed limits.

Trustee Murray added his own personal Holiday Greeting to those that came before. Have a safe and happy Holiday.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

- MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To ratify the changes to, and authorize the execution of, the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Justice and the Justice Park District for the transfer of the playground equipment.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee
- VOTE: Trustees Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

The ice-skating rink at the Lipinski Pond is fully installed and all we need is some cold weather.

Happy and healthy Holidays to one and all.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

- MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of Kids Count II located at 8526-31 Cork Ave., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND: Trustee Murray
- VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Berkowicz congratulated the winners of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorating Contest. First place went to the Sako Family, second place to the Garcia Family, third place to the Kandich Family, fourth place to the Roebach Family and fifth to the Kazmierczyks.

Trustee Berkowicz is in receipt of 185 submissions for this years' vehicle tag design contest. Choosing the winners will be a particular challenge.

Please remember the Smoking Ban goes into effect on January 1st, 2008.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Kranig stated that all is proceeding well in both the Building and the Zoning Departments. We should have total permit figures for the 2007 year at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Kranig extended his personal thank you to Lyons Township and to Sterling Estates Manufactured Home Community for the generous donations to the Food Basket Program. We were able to expand our distribution to include needy families in the unincorporated area of Justice, Sterling Estates.

Jeff complimented the Special Events Committee, Robin D'Adam, Anna Sako and Barb Stimatz for all of their hard work on the Christmas Baskets. Also, a special mention to the ladies in the Clerk's Office and the Bridgeview/ Justice EMA.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Sara Gadola explained that there were a number of considerations to be addressed by the Board regarding the State of Illinois Smoking Ban. We will have the option of either changing the Village Code in detail to mirror the State requirements of the Act. Or, we might adopt the State's legislation by simple reference to the Statute in our code.

We also need to consider whether we intend to adjudicate violations or allow complaints and tickets to be handled by the County. Adjudication would require amending our code to allow for violations to be issued and heard in our hearing system and fine structures would need to be addressed.

Attorney Gadola will provide the Board with a Memo outlining the pros and cons and a timeline. We can re-visit this issue in January.

All Boards and Commissions must publish their Schedule of Meeting for 2008. Posting of regularly scheduled meetings and distributing to the various newspapers that request said schedules, is sufficient.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Monday, January 9, 2008

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, collection of overdue sewer and garbage bills, and the process by which payables are selected for payment.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Action to approve legal non-conforming use for a 3-unit building in an R2 district. Code violations existing at 8451 S. 79th St. and damages incurred to property at 8026 Daniel Drive.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Review of a Home Occupation for the Ceramic Club at 7841 S, Cronin. Business license issues of Compass Freight and Chicago Corvette.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Sewer and Refuse rates.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding fire and burglar alarms.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC UTILITIES & BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Richard Czerniak asked if this was a Budget that the Village can adhere to.

President Wasowicz stated that this particular Budget is a truly balanced one. It was a painstaking process to insure that we created a Budget that reflects our revenues realistically and addresses our expenses with an eye to being fiscally responsible in all of our spending decisions.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

MOTION: Trustee Kranig so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:57 pm.

RECONVENE:

President Wasowicz called the Meeting back to order at 8:33 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present are: Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Village Collector