

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

Minutes of March 26, 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 Paula Wallin is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2007 AND APPROVE AS SUBMITTED.

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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: To approve payables, numbers 1-20, posted on March 21, 2007, in the amount of \$8,977.47.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak MOVES: To approve the empowerment of a Financial Advisory Committee consisting of Ms. Paula Wallin, one of our attorneys, Ms. Kelly Zabinski, our Financial Consultant and Harris Bank Government Services to review our financial position and make short and long term recommendations via a report to the Finance and Insurance Committee.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that Public Works has commenced chipping due to the inordinately nice weather that we have experienced. 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. A drainage project at the rear yards on Blazer is starting this week.

- Salt spreaders and plows are being removed from our trucks, but we will leave one truck equipped, should we experience any more wintry weather.
- MOTION: Trustee Gabrys MOVES: To approve Resolution 2007-12, A Resolution Authorizing and Establishing the MFT Maintenance Appropriation for the 2007 Program Year in the Amount of \$347,992.00 for the Purpose of Maintaining Streets and Highways.
- SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
- VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Jurgel, Gabrys, Maruszak and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel had no report but will be scheduling a follow up committee meeting for further discussion of the RedFlex System.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek

Trustee Bartoszek announced that on Tues., April 10th the twice-yearly Senior Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center. Any Justice seniors who have not picked up tickets may do so at the Clerk's Office. The luncheon is free of charge.

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

Last Wednesday some lively discussion occurred regarding the issue of an Ethics Commission 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.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

- MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz MOVES: To approve the Home Occupation License of Variety GSM, a website design and development business at 7914 S. 82nd Ave. being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr

President Sparr informed the Board that he is expecting three petitions for subdivisions of one lot into two, all for the construction of single family homes to be heard by the Zoning and Planning Commission in April. One lot is in the Highlands, one in Roberts Park and the third is on the North side of town.

Trustee Sparr asked the attorney to explain the possible grandfathering of the two, auto-body repair shops.

Attorney Wallin stated that on June 23, 2003, legislation was passed that required auto-body repair to exist in 11 Zoning Districts. At that time the two existing auto-body shops were given ten years in which to comply.

The Building Plats and Zoning Committee have discussed the potential for allowing those two businesses to be grandfathered as long as they are in compliance with all other codes and ordinances. This would require a public notice, a hearing and a recommendation by the Zoning and Planning Commission. That hearing process will commence as soon as can be arranged should the Board so decide by Motion.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Publish a Notice for a Public Hearing to consider the Grandfathering of auto-body shops that existed as of June 23, 2003.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Wallin had nothing more to report.

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 4, 2007

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables and a Presentation by Mr. Robert Dufkus of Miserow Financial to provide the renewal rates for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other viable health insurance options.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Continued discussion of the procedures for dealing with an ethics issue and the possibility of creating an Ethics Commission and the Questions or Comments period of the Regular Board Meetings. Discussion regarding the Village's participation in the Nat'l Cancer Survivors Day.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding possible implementation of the RedFlex System.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Review of any new business licenses or ordinances.

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Activity of the Building Department including current permits and proposed projects and any business pending before the Zoning and Planning Commission.

QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Mrs. Karen Scopinski of 8959 W. 84th Place asked when the end of 84th Place would be repaired from the 88th Ave. widening that has left such a mess, potholes etc.

The 88th Ave. widening is a Cook County Project being performed by Greco Contractors and we are in touch with the County. They assure us that reconstruction work will commence soon.

Ms. Scopinski asked if we knew what might be going in at the site of the closed gas station at 84th Place and 88th.

President Sparr replied that we heard it was being offered for sale by the bank that owns it but have not been notified of any potential buyers.

Mr. Gerry Mendralla asked why if we already employ a Financial Advisor we would need additional help with Village finances. Isn't it Ms. Zabinski's job to control spending and straighten out finances?

Attorney Wallin explained that Harris Bank Government Services and the advisory committee will be looking at long term debt as well as sound financial planning for the future. This is not Ms. Zabinski's role. Her role is to help us to prepare a good working budget, prepare us for annual audits, to close our month ends in order to keep good track of spending and to advise us with day to day decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

Director of Public Works, Phil DePaola asked if a letter could be drafted by the attorney requesting a copy of all applications/permits issued to Sterling Estates by Lyons Township or the County.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Suoboda

Village Clerk/Collector