

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

Minutes of February 26, 2007

Acting President Sparr called the Meeting to order at 7:32 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.

PRESENTATION:

Trustee Berkowicz introduced Assistant Superintendent Blair Nuccio of Indian Springs School District #109. Mr. Nuccio presented the dignitaries in the audience. Mr. Bill Caron, Principal of Wilkins School, Ms. Lea Wakefield, Principal of Brodnicki School, Dr. Kelly Dugan, Principal of Player School, School Board President Jim Duffek and School Board Trustee Jean Derting were in attendance. Teacher, Nancy Caulkins from Brodnicki School was also present to support the students.

Orley Betcher, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Trustee Rich Berkowicz and President Rich Sparr announced this year's winners.

First Place - Stephanie Tapia - Brodnicki School, Rm. 312, Grade 6  
Second Place - Aneta Walus - Brodnicki School, Rm. 312, Grade 6  
Third Place - Mariusz Czaja - Brodnicki School, Rm. 312, Grade 6

Trustee Rich Berkowicz presented the winners with \$100.00, \$75.00 and \$50.00 savings bonds, respectively.

Plaques were presented to each of the three winners by Mr. Betcher from the Chamber.

A short recess for cake and coffee was observed.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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 posted February 21, 2007, numbers 1-22, in the amount of \$20,913.45.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

## PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys will take the Resolution creating a business relationship with Family Bank, for a line of credit to anticipate reimbursement of grant funds back to committee for final review.

Public Works director Phil DePaola is working with our engineer ( Hoefflerle-Butler) on a Scope of Services Agreement for a Cal-Sag Watershed Project to be filed with the Appropriations Committee of the Watershed Board. This agreement will define the engineer's role on behalf of the Village in order for the MWRD Watershed Committee to evaluate our project.

An agreement with CMS (Central Management Services) for bulk salt for the 2007-2008 winter-season has been executed. This is customary procedure, and the request was required by March 15, 2007.

We received numerous calls on Saturday and Sunday for sewer backups and water breaks. Of the 15 sewer backup calls, only in one instance was one of our main sewer lines blocked. The three calls to report potential water breaks were due to standing water sitting in yards and were not the result of water breaks at all.

A water break did occur on 83<sup>rd</sup> Court and 80<sup>th</sup> Street. We had been monitoring that line for about 2 weeks and it finally broke loose on Monday morning. We were able to repair the line.

With the snow, freezing rain and then the thaw, Director DePaola drove through each and every area of town and checked for standing water. In numerous areas, water was standing in yards and along ditch lines. No problems were encountered that resulted in any homes getting water into basements or living areas.

Phil did report that in homes with basements, ejector pumps were running constantly. This was a result of ground seepage, a condition where the ground is totally saturated and the water is seeking the lowest level (basements).

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Lorne Stenson effective February 19, 2007.

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To hire one Patrol Officer from the current eligibility list to replace Patrol Officer Lorne Stenson who resigned, unexpectedly, to pursue employment with the U.S. Marshals.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

Our most sincere thank you and best wishes to Chief Carmine Gioiosa of the Justice Police Department for his loyal and distinguished years of service. Chief Gioiosa will retire effective March 1<sup>st</sup>.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-04, An Ordinance CREATING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5-227 PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

Attorney Wallin explained that the essence of this legislation follows the County's no tolerance ban but excludes businesses that have sit-down liquor and food service until such time as the State of Illinois takes definitive action.

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr

The Technicraft Petition is still pending. It is being held on the advice of our attorney and the request of the petitioner for possible reconsideration of the legislation in place requiring II zoning for existing auto re-builders within a 10 year period.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek

Trustee Bartoszek will be scheduling a committee Meeting at the appropriate time.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Paula Wallin has no report this evening.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS:

President Sparr has been meeting with the Mayors of our surrounding communities in order to explore the option of a multi-jurisdictional fire protection district.

President Sparr is gathering data regarding all of our fire protection options including continuing to contract service from Roberts Park, re-commissioning the Justice Fire Department or combining with other communities or districts to provide multi-jurisdictional fire protection. The goal is to provide the highest level of protection at the lowest cost to our residents.

President Sparr is also exploring a program to centralize 911 emergency dispatch for several communities in our area.

Trustee Maruszak, Trustee Gabrys and Trustee Bartoszek have been selected by President Sparr to act as the Negotiating Team for the MAP #60 labor contract. President Sparr feels that it is prudent not to have the committee chairperson on the negotiating team in order not to damage his relationship with the department.

The Public Works Mutual Aid program is being explored. We are sure that we want to participate.

President Sparr reiterated our commitment to the Cal Sag Watershed project to improve the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch that carries storm-water for the Village of Justice, Hickory Hills, Bridgeview, Bedford Park and Palos Hills. Application is being made to the MWRD for the Capital Improvement Program and our engineer is in the process of compiling the necessary documentation. The other communities involved will be compiling data as well, for submittal of the final, joint project.

Trustee Gabrys has been asked to spearhead an investigation of a Village-wide Garbage Program that would include businesses and multi-family buildings of not more than 12 units. We are looking to provide standardized service and save money being charged to the residents.

Plans for moving the dirt at the 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Park site are underway for the spring. We are pursuing a passive park plan at that site.

A renewal of the active liquor licenses in town is being performed to include re-application by each licensee and to update fingerprinting of all managers and manager-owners. No additional fees will be charged except for the fingerprinting fee.

President Sparr introduced a Proclamation naming the Week of March 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 to March 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 as National Weather Preparedness Week in the Village of Justice.

AT&T provided a presentation to President Sparr, Trustee Berkowicz and Clerk Svoboda regarding their proposal to directly compete with Comcast for Cable TV, internet services and telephone.

The AT&T Friendly Bundle, a package including phone, high-speed internet access and cable TV could be made available to users in our community as early as next year. They are proposing going into direct competition with Comcast. We will be reviewing our franchise agreement with our attorneys.

**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, March 7, 2007*

*OPEN SESSION*

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Redflex Presentation – Safety against red-light violations.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted Payables.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Review of the process for the “Voices from the Floor” portion of the Village Board Meetings.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Review a plan to establish a relationship with Family Bank for the execution of three reimbursable grant projects that are already in progress. Possible purchase of and/or maintenance of equipment.

**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 review of business pending before the Zoning and Planning Commission.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

John Small asked when the TIF #3 panel would be appointed.

President Sparr replied that he intends to proceed with the Panel and will be speaking to those he wishes to appoint for their consent, in order to name them at a future meeting.

Mr. Gerry Mendralla asked how money received from Smoking Violations would be used.

President Sparr replied that any monies collected from fines would be deposited into the General Fund as is customary with all other fine revenues.

Ms. Mary McGee asked if any public hearings had been conducted for the 2007 CDBG Program Year.

Clerk Svoboda explained that the CDBG Progress Hearing was held last November as is customary.

We did not apply for the 2007 program year since we have two projects currently in progress.

Mr. Ed Rusch asked from the audience for some clarification with regard to the CMS Salt Bid purchase. Why is this being done already and wouldn't the Board have to approve a contract from CMS for the \$35,000.00 purchase? The bid requirements have been met by CMS. CMS is a Government Procurement Program that negates the need for a bid by a single community. CMS handles the bidding for us for a much larger quantity and therefore a much better price than if we were to go out for bid for our salt alone.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen M. Svoboda*

Village Clerk/Collector