

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

Minutes of January 22, 2007

Acting President Sparr called the Meeting to order at 7:34 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.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 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: To approve payables posted January 17, 2007, numbers 1-29, in the amount of \$48,044.51.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Maruszak commented that Kelly Zabinski, our Financial Consultant, has been working on the preliminary audit work to prepare for our upcoming Annual Financial Report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys spoke to those students in our audience that are participating in tonight's meeting as a requirement of their course of study.

He explained that the meeting being conducted this evening was procedural in nature and is, in fact, a result of many more hours of discussion. That discussion occurs at Committee Meetings where the issues up for a vote have been explored and often negotiated by the Committee with the input of the rest of the village board. Residents have the opportunity to be heard at these more informal meetings. Often, department heads or consultants sit in to advise the board members so a consensus can be reached.

Trustee Gabrys complimented Economic Development Director Jim Lurquin on his recent presentation to the Board regarding grants, their procedures and timing.

Mr. Lurquin outlined the types and variations of a number of grants be they reimbursing, cash awards, or direct pay by the funding agency. He explained some of the recordkeeping requirements and financial arrangements that are unique to various types of grants. The package of materials on Grants that Jim provided is available for the publics' review and may be picked up at the end of tonight's meeting.

With regard to the Wesley Field's Water line Replacement Project, a few changes were requested to the existing agreement with JWSWC. This necessitated a new agreement being executed in order to incorporate those changes.

The highlights of the agreement include that the JWSWC will fund the project. The JWSWC will take over the billing of the Wesley Fields Customers and will collect all revenues generated. The Commission will conduct the required water sampling tests. The Village will turn over the operations and maintenance of the system upon completion of the project.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-01, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JUSTICE – WILLOW SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION AND THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE CONCERNING THE WESLEY FIELDS WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution 2007-06, A Resolution Authorizing the Sub recipient Agreement For Community Development Block Grant Project #C06-029 for the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel reported that the two new, 2007 Crown Victoria Squad Cars are fully-equipped and have been placed into service.

On January 14, 2007 the Summit Police Department investigated a call regarding a car-jacking. A short time later that same vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in which a pedestrian was struck and killed. The vehicle was later involved in a subsequent accident in Bridgeview Gardens where the driver fled the vehicle on foot.

Alerted to the accident by Marty Vilimek of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA, neighboring police departments responded to the scene, including our Canine Unit. Cpl. Mike McNamara, our canine handler and Ike picked up the scent of the suspect and tracked him to the site of the Bedford Park Community Center. The offender was apprehended shortly thereafter. The Summit Police Department then took the offender into custody.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-02, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY RANGE IN CHAPTER 9-4, SECTIONS 2-34 OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE CODE.
SECOND: Trustee Gabrys
VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak and Berkowicz, aye. Trustee Bartoszek and President Sparr abstained. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek
Trustee Bartoszek had no report

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz
MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of Lion Repair, Inc. at 8211 S. 86th Court, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
SECOND: Trustee Maruszak
VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, President Sparr and Trustee Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

As of today, we have received about 95% of the business license fees collections for the 2007 business license year.

The Vehicle Sticker Design Contest has resulted in 152 applicants from both Brodnicki and Wilkins Schools. We will be selecting the winners this evening, after the regular meeting.

On Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 pm. at the Justice Village Hall, we will again be discussing the Clean Air Legislation to be enacted by the Village of Justice. Those businesses effected by the law and any interested residents are invited to attend. A presentation by Sean McDermott of Cook County will be included.

Any action taken by the Village may be preempted by the State of Illinois on or around January 1, 2008. It is believed that State Law will be enacted at that time, and it is unknown what specific action will be taken and if non-home rule communities will be granted the ability to temper such legislation.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr
MOTION: Acting President Sparr Moves: To approve Resolution 2007-07, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Parking Agreement between the Rachel Lane Townhome Association and The Village of Justice
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Gabrys, President Sparr and Trustee Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

President Sparr will be reviewing the re-submitted Tarwater petition, a petition to subdivide and rezone with variances one lot into two at 7507 S. Garden Lane.

The petition will be reviewed for final details at a subsequent Committee Meeting.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Ottosen had no report but reminded all that the Crema matter was set for trial on January 30th. A few employees are required to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Mr. John Small asked if a Referendum was planned to annex the rest of Justice into the Roberts Park Fire Protection District.

President Sparr answered that a Referendum was not anticipated.

Mr. Ed Rusch asked if the \$250,000.00 grant that had been promised to the Village for the Wesley Fields Water line Replacement Project had ever been received.

Mr. Jim Lurquin answered that the award of \$242,000.00 was collected in full as reimbursement for funds as they were expended on the project.

President Sparr added that plans for the completion of the Waterline Replacement Project was expected to start in late March or early April with total completion expected this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Comcast has notified us that the DMX lineup of channels is changing. The Spanish channels will be reduced and digital channels 453 – 460 will no longer be available.

AT&T is going to compete with Comcast and will be offering their “Friendly Bundle” that includes cable TV, telephone and high speed internet. AT&T will be making a presentation to the Village in the near future.

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, February 7, 2007

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC SAFETY: Review of a proposal for expanding MSI Code Enforcement System and Wireless Alarm upgrades. Also, discussion regarding the Bargaining Team for MAP #60.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Plans for upcoming projects and equipment needs. Review of the plans for drainage improvements and funding for the Thomas Street pond. Possible discussion of proposed improvements with the Courtyard of Justice Townhouse Association.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or Ordinances.

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Review of construction projects starting and proposed and possible discussion regarding issues before the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Thursday, February 8, 2007
OPEN SESSION

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Review of proposed clean air legislation. Business owners are invited.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Maruszak
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Suoboda
Village Clerk/Collector