

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

Minutes of October 22, 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, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is attending this evening electronically. A speakerphone has been installed at the dais and he can hear and be heard clearly as is required. Trustee Gabrys is on vacation. 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 October 9th, 2007, First Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Kris Wasowicz cordially invites the residents of the northwest quarter of the Village of Justice to join him and the Village Board at a Town Hall Meeting at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center, 7256 Skyline Drive on Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 pm.

The northwest quarter is comprised of those residents who reside West of Cork Ave. and North of Archer Ave. behind the Village Hall, and the area North of Frontage Road and South of the 71st Street Ditch.

(Subsequent meetings will be scheduled for the two remaining quarters of the community.)

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To commence the bid process for the removal of approximately 70,000 cubic yards of soil from the TIF #2 Park Site.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the execution of an Agreement with Capital First Realty, the owners of the Sterling Estates Manufactured Home Community, for the installation of an informational sign to advertise Sterling Estates and the businesses on Frontage Road, and to approve a corresponding ten year lease at \$300.00 per month, payable to the Village of Justice for an easement on which to erect the sign.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda announced that Flu Shots are being offered at the Justice Public Library from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. on Wednesday, October 24, through the cooperation with Aging Well. Please call for an appointment and for details.

The 2007 Fall Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Tues. November 13, at 11:30 am. at the Lipinski Community Center. Tickets for our senior residents are free of charge and may be picked up at the Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables, numbers 1-39, posted for the period of 10/4/2007 to 10/17/2007, in the amount of \$37,816.20.

SECOND: Trustee

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

Trustee McGee reported that she attended four separate seminars at the IML Conference held this past weekend in Chicago.

The first seminar provided a guide to understanding financial reports for municipalities, another dealt with the process of preparing a detailed and realistic budget focusing on financial forecasting and creating fund balances.

Another seminar on Understanding the Impact of the New Audit Standards, presented in part by our own Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski, reviewed the new audit protocol by focusing on the in depth procedures for controls and assessment of risks within our municipalities.

Finally the Nuts and Bolts of Motor Fuel Tax presented by the Illinois Department of Transportation dealt with the collection and distribution of and the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds by local municipalities.

The Village Treasurer Ed Rusch, Ms. Zabinski and Trustee McGee are currently reviewing Budget proposals submitted for the various department of the Village.

A Budget Workshop is scheduled for Saturday November 10th to further refine the details of the 2008 budget.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Ed Jurgel for Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Jurgel reported that chipping, as usual, is ongoing and will continue through the end of October.

The salt bids from CMS are in place for the 07-08 procurement. The bid of \$40.98 per ton is up about \$1.60 per ton from last year.

All of the improvements to the Thomas Street pond are complete and the grass seed will be the final step in the project.

The landscaping on the 81st Street right-of-way is done and now will be maintained by the Asbury Woods Association.

Director Phil DePaola is working on the auto cad system and collaborating with our Village Engineer to provide an updated Address, Zoning, Drainage (sewer and storm sewer lines) and Flood Plain map. The JWSWC will provide the locations of the water lines to be added to the map, as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Ordinance 2007-226, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CHRONIC PUBLIC-NUISANCE PROPERTIES in the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

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

Trustee Murray stated that to date, the Justice Police Department has collected five administrative towing fees for a total of \$2,500.00 since the legislation took effect in late September.

Trustee Murray indicated that we are still negotiating the MAP labor agreement.

Chief Bockmann is in receipt of a letter from Chief Callahan of Bridgeview. Chief Callahan thanked us for our expressions of sympathy and participation in the Memorial Service honoring Sgt. Mark DiCaprio.

Ms. Deborah Absher of the Justice Currency Exchange offered thanks for the timely and successful response of our Police Department to the occurrence of Forgery and Deceptive Practices that occurred this last March.

Officer DeBella has commenced teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program in our area schools. As was customary with D.A.R.E. we have received a vehicle donated from South Oak Ford to increase awareness of this worthwhile, educational program. The colorfully designed 2007 Ford F150 is here for viewing this evening, after the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel has been working on the purchase of the portable ice-skating rink for the Lipinski Pond.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the purchase of a portable Ice Skating Rink for installation at the Lipinski Pond at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00 to be paid from TIF #1 Funds.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Jurgel reminded all that volunteers are needed to chaperone the upcoming Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance to be held on November 2nd.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz stated that the businesses of Flantistico and National Medical Supply are not quite ready for passage tonight.

Trustee Berkowicz reminded all that the hours of 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm have been designated as the Trick-or-Treat Hours in the Village of Justice for Halloween, on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

Trustee Berkowicz announced that plans are in process for the 2008-2009 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest. Details will be announced at a later date.

Trustee Berkowicz asked if a letter was sent to Public Storage regarding complaints about their customers' misuse of the garbage container and littering on both sides of the fence.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Jeff Kranig (Trustee Kranig is attending per our electronic Attendance Policy).

Trustee Kranig explained that he was required to stay off of his knee due to an injury he sustained in September, at a function where he was representing the Village.

Trustee Kranig asked Bldg. Commissioner Jim Barg to add to his report. Commissioner Barg announced that the Archer Avenue Sidewalk Project resumed today for the final touches to the sidewalks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz added that he too had attended the IML Conference and two seminars in particular that he found very informative were Municipal Adjudication and converting from a Fire Department to a Fire Protection District. Chief Doherty and Karl Ottosen were both part of the fire services panel. Another presenter has participated in as many as thirty such transfers.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Sara Gadola had no report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively

CLOSED SESSION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Collective Bargaining matters (MAP #60).

OPEN SESSION

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Discussion regarding disposition of the playground equipment purchased for use at the Arbors pond and discussion of some needed maintenance and equipment at the Lipinski Center.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Equipment needs for Public Works.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Any recommendations pending from the Zoning & Planning Commission or any matters under consideration from the Building Department, to include Ordinances and Resolutions per attached list titled Committee Meeting Agenda Items.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables and other financial matters.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Discussion regarding any new business licenses or ordinances available for review and possible discussion regarding the upcoming State Smoking Ban in effect January 1, 2008.

PUBLIC SAFETY: MSI Local Adjudication legislation and continued discussion

regarding potential hires of police officers with lateral transfer of service from other departments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Denise Martin of 7302 S. Blackstone, the Blackstone Condominiums asked how the notification of the residents for the Town Hall Meeting were being made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Wasowicz is in receipt of a letter from residents and a petition regarding damage to the fence and trespassing by youths cutting through yards of people on Garden Lane.

Sterling Estates had responding with a minor fence repair but it has proved to be ineffective.

President Wasowicz has now contacted representatives from Lyons Township and the County to intercede with the correction of these complaints.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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