

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

Minutes of October 9, 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 and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is absent due to an injury. 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 September 24th Second Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, 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 approve Ordinance 2007-21, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IV SECTION 4-94 OF THE FIRE PROTECTION CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE WITH REGARD TO THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To cancel the Moratorium on fire sprinkler retrofits created by the action of the Village Board during New Business, at the Board Meeting of May 29, 2007.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Murray and Gabrys, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2007-22, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE JUSTICE/WILLOW SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-131(6) OF THE ZONING CODE AS IT APPLIES TO EXISTING AUTO BODY SHOPS, AUTOMOBILE REBUILDING, AUTO AND TRUCK REPAIR, AUTO OR TRUCK STORAGE, OR WRECKING FACILITIES.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel and McGee, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda offered our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. George Lenos who passed away last week. Mr. Lenos was the father of Officer Pete Lenos of the Justice Police Department.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on October 27, 2007 at 159th and Lorel Ave. in Oak Forest (A flyer is posted in the vestibule).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: To approve payables, numbers 1-38, posted for the period of 9/19/2007 to 10/04/2007, in the amount of \$23,796.91.
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Murray, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Jim Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that chipping, as usual, is ongoing. Public Works has turned over the project along 81st Street for landscaping improvements to be installed by Betcher Landscaping on the south side of the street. Final grading, seeding and planting of trees will complete the project. Fully funded by monies set aside from TIF 2, the improvement will then be maintained by the Asbury Woods Homeowners Association.

The detention pond between Cork Ave. and Oak Grove just north of 75th has been re-excavated to remove silt and improve drainage from the pond.

The improvements to the Thomas Street pond are complete except for seeding to insure against erosion.

Public Works employees are now wearing identification badges so that they may be easily identified by our residents.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray indicated that we are still negotiating the MAP labor agreement. Newly hired patrol officer candidate Brian Gray has entered the Academy for training.

Chief Bockmann is in receipt of a letter from Chief Alan Vodicka of Hickory Hills. Chief Vodicka commended our officers Sgt. Mark Krummick, Cpl. Ryan Zima and Patrol Officer Daniel Latek for their apprehending of four suspects in a shooting that occurred on October 3, 2007 in Hickory Hills.

The quick response and commitment of these fine officers resulted in the arrest of four suspects in an attempted murder case.

Chief of Police Tom Bockmann would like to add his commendation to that of Chief Vodicka for these fine officers as well.

Former Village of Justice resident and member of the Bridgeview Police Department, Sergeant Mark DiCaprio, passed away recently. Mark was well known and well respected in our southwest communities and will be missed. We offer our most sincere condolences to his family.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel is working on the purchase of the portable ice-skating rink for the Lipinski Pond. He will have an update at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Trustee Jurgel is handling the disposition of the park equipment originally intended for the Lipinski Pond and negotiating its possible transfer to the Park District. Further discussion will occur at a subsequent committee meeting.

Trustee Jurgel offered a sincere thank you to the volunteers who chaperoned the last Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

- MOTION:** To approve the Home Occupation License of Brush With Greatness, a custom painting and decorating business at 7817 Garden Lane in Justice.
- SECOND:** Trustee Gabrys
- VOTE:** Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Murray and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** To designate the hours of 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm as the Trick-or-Treat Hours in the Village of Justice for Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.
- SECOND:** Trustee Gabrys
- VOTE:** Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee McGee for Trustee Jeff Kranig who is absent this evening.

- MOTION:** To approve Resolution 2007-21, a Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Permit Fees to Cancel Building Permit #06-6175.
- SECOND:** Trustee Murray
- VOTE:** Trustees Berkowicz, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 2007-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX (SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE BY ADDING SECTION 8-357 ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN AND A FEE OF \$150.00 FOR FLOOD ELEVATION CERTIFICATES.
- SECOND:** Trustee Murray
- VOTE:** Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 2007-25, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE XIII SECTIONS 3-406(10) OF THE MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES CODE.
- SECOND:** Trustee Berkowicz
- VOTE:** Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Sara Gadola had no report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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

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 SAFETY: Discussion about lateral transfers of service for hiring of experienced police officers and chronic public nuisance properties.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Equipment needs for Public Works and discussion regarding the uniform allowance.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Any recommendations pending from the Zoning & Planning Commission. Any matters under consideration from the Building Department.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables and other financial matters.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Discussion regarding any new business licenses or ordinances available for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Denise Martin of 7202 S. Blackstone, the Blackstone Condominiums spoke about the problems being encountered as a result of the four-wheelers that are entering the MWRD property across the railroad tracks alongside the condo property.

Chief Tom Bockmann stated that he has a call into Jim Caverras the Senior Manager of Public Affairs for the railroad in order to discuss concerns regarding trespassing at that site.

Mr. George Gaskin of 7106 S. 86th Ave. commented that signage on 80th Street by Wilkins School is inadequate for the new, one-way going west traffic pattern.

Trustee Gabrys said that new signage is ordered and should be installed in the next couple of days.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda announced that she has prescription discount cards to distribute to those residents who do not have prescription coverage from either a personal plan or Medicare Part D. Sean McDermott of the Cook County Department of Public Health provided the cards for the benefit of any under-insured residents.

Trustee Berkowicz asked that the State Smoking Ban be added to the items for discussion on his committee agenda for the next regular committee meeting.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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