

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

Minutes of Monday, April 14, 2008

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, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is present.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Board Meeting of April 2, 2008 as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2008-16, AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issuance of an aggregate of not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, total, of Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008A and General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008B of the Village of Justice, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Ms. Kelly Zabinski, our Financial Consultant, congratulated Mayor Wasowicz and the Board for their foresight in taking affirmative action by the sale of bonds to restructure the Village's debt, once and for all, to create a climate for long-term fiscal responsibility and strict adherence to the budget.

This action will free up funds for much needed maintenance projects and will allow for the responsible financial operation of the Village.

Mayor Wasowicz offered our most sincere thanks to Ms. Zabinski for her guidance and her actions on our behalf. Without her, this bond issue would not be a reality.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the soliciting of candidates by advertisement to fill the position of Superintendent of the Public Works Department.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda spoke about the recent Clerks' seminar in Galesburg. She thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to go and network with other clerks in the State and to take advantage of the educational opportunities made available by the Illinois Municipal Clerks' organization.

This particular seminar featured one educator that spoke to the upcoming ballot question regarding the option of holding a Constitutional Convention for the State of Illinois.

The question will be posed on the November ballot and will ask the voters whether or not to review the entire Constitution. A convening of the Convention could cost the State upwards of \$80,000,000.00.

Keep in mind that the Constitution is a framework for our State and has been amended ten times of seventeen proposed amendments in the last 20 years.

Clerk Svoboda also spoke about receiving education and tips for following the progress of a Bill from its inception to being passed, failed or tabled in the Senate or the House.

In order to be an informed citizen, we need to stay aware of the actions our legislators are proposing or passing.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-55, posted for the period of 03/20/08 to 04/09/2008, in the amount of \$82,173.52.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Retirement Health Savings Account with Vantage Care.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the renewal of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO, Blue Advantage HMO and to offer the Blue Cross/Blue Choice Select PPO as a third option to the qualified employees of the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: Motion: To approve A Resolution Appropriating the Sum of \$343,338.70 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Gabrys read two letters of resignation, one from William Smith who is retiring after 25 years of service to the Public Works Department on April 30, 2008, and another from our own, Director of Public Works, Phil DePaola who is leaving for a position with another government agency where he will continue to serve the residents of Justice.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz sincerely thanked Mr. Phil DePaola for his many years of dedicated service to the Village of Justice. We regretfully accept Phil's resignation and wish him well in his new endeavor.

Mayor Wasowicz also thanked Mr. Bill Smith for his many years of service to the Village of Justice and wished him the very best for his retirement.

Chipping began the first week of April and will continue into October. Please remember that our Public Works can only chip trimmings and brush. We cannot be disposing of entire trees. You must rely on your tree service to dispose of the remainder of a tree.

We are still cold-patching but will be switching to hot-patch just as soon as the asphalt plants open in a couple of weeks. Saw-cutting, in readiness for hot-patching, is underway.

The ice-rink has been disassembled and will be stored for the next ice-skating season.

Village Engineer John Hoefflerle has been advising Public works on a number of random drainage projects.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

A severe weather tips and facts section has been added to the Village of Justice web page as an additional service to the residents.

Collective bargaining continues with MAP 61, the bargaining unit for the JPD sergeants.

Negotiations with RPPFD to continue to provide fire and ambulance service to the Village will commence in earnest, soon.

**MOTION:** Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-17, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 9-32, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGARD TO THE DISCHARGE OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS.

**SECOND:** Trustee Berkowicz

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

The second new squad car had been delivered and is being readied for use by the JPD.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel**

The Fest Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome.

Trustee Jurgel reported that the next Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance will be held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz**

**MOTION:** Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business Registration of Kama Beauty Salon, doing business at 8403 S. Roberts Rd., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

**SECOND:** Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of J&J Fish and Chicken doing business at 8515 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray and Gabrys, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of J&M Cleaning, doing business at 7240 Arbor Lane in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOTE: Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig**

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-18, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.  
SECOND: Trustee Murray  
VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel and McGee aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve contracting with a licensed, structural engineer to evaluate the Lipinski Community Center, at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00, to be paid from TIF 1 funds set aside for this purpose.  
SECOND: Trustee Murray  
Trustee Kranig stated that concerns exist regarding the integrity of the Lipinski Center structure. The floor and the walls contain cracks and there is trouble with the alignment of the doors. He advises that we perform a comprehensive evaluation before TIF 1 closes, and repairs become a Village liability.  
VOTE: Trustees Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kranig announced that at a recent meeting with the former, Public Works Director Phil DePaola and John Hoefflerle of Hoefflerle/Butler Engineers, it was determined that we would apply for \$19,000,000.00 over the next five years in Federal Grant Funds. For 2009 alone, we have applied for more than \$6,000,000.00.

To date, this year the Building Department has collected \$33,759.65 in permits and various other fees. Spring construction is underway. The Covington development, alone, is worth about \$300,000.00 in permits and residual fees.

Code enforcement personnel will be out regularly to insure code compliance.

Safety codes will be strictly enforced.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** Attorney Sara Gadola had no report this evening, but she requests a Closed Session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss pending litigation and also collective bargaining matters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Murray asked about the status of the fire code inspections at the three apartment complexes east of 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Trustee Kranig stated that we will be doing annual inspections at all three complexes and that the customary 72 hr. notice to inspect will no longer be a policy. He is in the process of scheduling meetings with the various complex owners.

Mayor Wasowicz announced that a breakfast meeting was held on April 5 at the Justice Village Hall with the mayors of seven of our surrounding communities and our State, County and Township officials to cooperatively influence the opening of the 79<sup>th</sup> and Cork Ave., Toll way Ramp. All of our combined political influence will be used for this common goal. Mayor Alan Novaczyk of Willow Springs will Chair a committee to this end.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
OPEN SESSION

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables and other matters before the committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Sign regulations and any new business licenses or ordinances available for review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Possible Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Matters.** Discussion regarding the disposition of surplus fire equipment and lateral transfers for hiring of police department personnel.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** Matters before the committee including a possible update regarding a petition to subdivide and rezone a property on Cronin Ave.

Treasurer Ed Rusch asked that he please be copied on all legislation that effects the financial position of the Village.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk Svoboda announced that a former Trustee for the Village of Justice and also a former firefighter, Mr. Louis Drolk passed away. Our sincere sympathy is offered to his family. We honored Mr. Drolk with a police escort for his funeral procession.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining Matters.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm**

**RECONVENE:**

**The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 pm.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola is still present.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn  
MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

**Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.**

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