

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

Minutes of Monday, April 28, 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 April 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting 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:

Appointments:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Mr. John Fairman and also to appoint Mr. George Pastorino to the positions of Commissioners of the Police and Fire Commission of the Village of Justice.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda spoke about a letter from John Hoefflerle regarding the upcoming road construction planned for the LaGrange Road Bridge and simultaneous repaving of Willow Springs Road.

The Bridge construction, planned to start on June 30, will require lane closures northbound and at one point, closure of northbound LaGrange Road.

We will try to stay informed in order to notify our residents regarding required detours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-26, posted for the period of 04/10/08 to 04/23/2008, in the amount of \$31,998.43.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Chipping began the first week of April and will continue into October. A new procedure is being implemented for chipping and will require the spotting of materials to chip by Public Works and then scheduling of that work on a three times per week basis.

We are trying the new process to avoid manning the chipper daily by more efficiently scheduling the work.

A drainage project is underway in Cork Highlands, and as the mowing season is underway, the mowers are ready and we are starting to maintain the public areas. We are in the process of saw-cutting, in readiness for hot-patch. The pricing for asphalt came in better than we expected since we were prepared for the worst in view of oil prices.

We are experiencing a lot of vandalism to street signs as of late, especially to our stop signs. Should anyone see an act of vandalism occurring, please dial 911 and notify the police.

Our complaint system seems to be working well. If a complaint is taken in the Clerk's office, a written complaint report is generated and forwarded to the appropriate department for action. A report is also submitted to the Trustee who is the liaison to the Board for that department.

The office clerk position for public works is currently on hold while we evaluate the needs of the department, since we also are seeking a public works director.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray announced the eminent retirement of Chief of Police Tom Bockmann. Tom will be using up some vacation effective May 1st and will be available to us until mid July when he will officially retire.

President Wasowicz sincerely thanked Chief Bockmann for his distinguished tenure as Chief and for his thirty years of service to the Justice Police Department.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve a retirement agreement for Chief Tom Bockmann, in substantially the same form as presented, subject to minor revisions by legal counsel.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Murray announced that we have reached a tentative labor agreement with the Police Sergeants, subject to final review and ratification.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel also expressed his good wishes to Chief Tom Bockmann for his retirement and stated that he would be sincerely missed.

Trustee Jurgel read a letter from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation awarding the Village of Justice \$16,250.00 for an energy efficient retrofit of the lighting system in the Administration/Fire/Police Department Building. The grant is being awarded to the Village thanks to the efforts of Chief Bockmann.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz announced that vehicle tags for the 2008-09 year go on sale on Thursday, May 1st. The fee for a senior tag has been increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00, one senior tag per household as usual. All other fees for vehicle tags remain the same.

The fee increase was implemented in order for the Village to break even on the administrative costs and printing of the tags. Two dollars no longer covered those expenses.

American Family Insurance, a business operating in town, has moved. A formal approval of the license at the new location will be forthcoming at the next regular Board Meeting.

A few other new business licenses are still pending final approval by the Building Department.

The Clerk will be issuing temporary licenses as they receive their final approvals.

As spring continues, please remember that motorized scooters are not allowed on Village streets.

Review of the business license fees continues and future meetings regarding the matter will be scheduled.

Two ice-cream trucks were inspected by our health inspector for licensure this past weekend, one passed and one failed.

To date, \$105,000.00 was collected by the Clerk's Office for business licenses fees for this year

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-06, A Resolution Adopting Elevator Safety Program for the Village of Justice in Conjunction with the Illinois State Fire Marshall.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys
Currently we administrate our own Elevator Safety Program through our vendor, Thompson Elevator. This Resolution adopts the State of Illinois standards and allows us to continue our own program.

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

To date, the Building Department has collected \$66,900.00 in permits and various other fees in 2008. Spring construction is underway. The Covington development alone will be worth about \$300,000.00 in permits and residual fees.

Clear Channel Outdoor provide a presentation to the Board regarding converting the billboard at Frontage Road by Firestone to a digital sign.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Sara Gadola stated that she is happy to report that we have reached a tentative agreement for the hauling of the dirt from the Asbury Woods park site. A "Notice to Proceed" should be issued shortly.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC SAFETY: Possible Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Matters and/or Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees. Presentation by RedFlex, the stop light camera people.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Matters before the committee including a presentation by Clear Channel Outdoor regarding digital signage, and possible review of a recommendation from the Zoning and Planning Commission for a petition to subdivide and rezone a property on Cronin Ave. Review of a

recommendation to hire a part-time clerical worker for the Public Works and Building Departments.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, possible **Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees**, review of proposals for off site data storage and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Review of the requirements for the lighting grant.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion regarding the scope of work to be bid in the Arbors for street improvements. The hiring of two, part timers for Public Works.

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

Trustee Berkowicz reminded the Board that our second meeting in May will fall on Memorial Day. We will need to reschedule that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Brenda Egas asked if small motorized cars or scooters were allowed on the Lipinski Pond path.

Police Chief Tom Bockmann said that they are not but the small toy cars for toddlers have been tolerated.

There has been considerable dumping of beer bottles and garbage at 71st Street. We will clean up and also try to monitor the area to avoid the littering.

Ms. Egas also questioned the repair of streets in the Arbors. She stated that there were considerable streets in much more need of repair than those that were installed only ten or so years ago.

President Wasowicz explained that the Arbors of Justice TIF is about to close. The tax dollars that are collected by the TIF allow for public improvements to be performed in that area only. Before the TIF closes it behooves us to insure that we will not need to spend General Fund dollars in that area for at least the next ten years.

Along with the refinancing of the Village's debt, we will acquire some capital that combined with Motor Fuel Tax dollars should allow for some street projects yet this year. We will have to prioritize and budget our street repairs very carefully, but we will see improvements this year.

Mr. Jim Rinkus commented on the deplorable condition of Frontage Road and questioned the progress in acquiring Village ownership from IDOT.

President Wasowicz stated that through the efforts of John Hoeffler, it was determined that we had indeed been granted that ownership in 1964. He also commented that a noise abatement wall had been planned back in that time frame and never constructed.

Mrs. Denise Martin asked how the new procedure for chipping would benefit the residents. Wouldn't it take more time for Public Works employees to spot and record the addresses of those requiring chipping service?

All of the Public Works employees will carry a clipboard to submit the addresses during the regular course of their day. The addresses will be turned in daily.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

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