

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

Minutes of Monday, August 25, 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 August 11, 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: President Kris Wasowicz

President Wasowicz presented a Proclamation declaring May 1st of each year as "Silver Star Banner Day," the PERMANENT AND OFFICIAL DAY TO HONOR THE WOUNDED AND ILL SOLDIERS OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

President Wasowicz reminded all that a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm, at the Village Hall for those people that reside north of Archer Ave. and west of Cork Ave.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda issued a reminder that Sept 8, 2008 is the deadline for filing an Appeal with the Cook County Assessor with regard to your 2008 tri-annual reassessment.

Lyons Township Assessor Barb Weyrick is available at the Lyons Township Hall, 6404 Joliet Rd. in Countryside to aid our residents with the appeal process.

Patience will be necessary as Assessor Weyrick is helping with a record number of appeals this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1 – 41, posted for the period of 08/06/08 – 08/20/08, in the amount of \$46,540.91 that reflects a \$131.25 reduction in the bill from RSNLT as decided by the committee.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee McGee stated that Robbins, Schwartz is reviewing previous bills for any errors since the invoice that resulted in the \$131.25 reduction reflected charges for items that Attorney Sara Gadola had submitted without charges.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys stated that we were reviewing a contract with Warren Oil but were waiting for advice from our attorney regarding the terms and conditions. We may have a contract available for the next regular board meeting.

Trustee Jim Gabrys thanked the public works employees for their participation during the recent Ethnic Fest. Our public works employees worked for comp-time rather than overtime to lessen any financial burden from the Fest for the Village.

A special thanks to Ken White and Tim Dalton, the public works supervisory staff who gave of their time to attend planning sessions for the Fest.

Trustee Gabrys spoke to several residents about specific drainage issues during the Fest and evaluation and possible repairs have been scheduled.

The sign at Figura Park was vandalized; a new sign is ordered and will be installed.

A request for “No Littering” signs on 81st St. is under review. We are checking to see what signs we have in stock or might order to stop the littering. Also, 83rd St. has weeds and trash that needs to be addressed.

Adept Environmental Solutions contacted the Village asking that we execute documents regarding environmental issues at the Justice Citgo gas station. These documents will be reviewed in order to determine if it is appropriate that we sign.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve a Resolution Accepting the Cook County

Interoperable Communications System (Gold Star).
SECOND: Trustee Jurgel
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Gabrys, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig and Murray, aye. Motion passed.

The Justice Police Department will again participate in the IMAGE Grant that reimburses overtime for traffic safety compliance enforcement during the period of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel sincerely thanked the Special Events staff and the volunteers that made the Fest a huge success. Congratulations on a job well done.

A party to thank the volunteers that participated in the fest is scheduled for Friday, September 19th. Details will follow.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of Ambassador Bakery & Café, Inc. at 8008 W. 84th St. having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of the Justice Laundromat at 8523 S. 88th Ave. having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kranig

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

Motion: To approve the Amusement License and associated vending tags for Myatt, Inc. of 9418 S. Oakley in Chicago to provide six, novelty-type vending machines in the House of Burrito.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Kranig stated that we have no formal action this evening regarding the vacation of 78th Street. We will be scheduling a public hearing, soon, to continue this process. We are required to give 15 days notice in order to hold the hearing.

A meeting to review the structural report for the Lipinski Center will be held on the 3rd of September to evaluate the scope of repairs to be performed. The repairs must be made before the TIF closes. There is \$84,000.00 that was held back from the general contractor due to deficiencies in the construction, so we will need to take action to secure these funds toward the repairs.

Trustee Kranig recognized Gerry Mendralla and also John Bruce, along with Barb Stimatz and Anna Sako for all their hard work on the Ethnic Fest.

Thank you to Ed and Julie Figura for their work supervising the beer sales, and another thank you to George Heslop for producing a record-breaking Car Show.

Thank you to Mr. Joe Rizza who donated \$2,000.00 plus shirts and hats and sent a car to display.

In all, more than \$15,000.00 was donated by various sponsors for the Fest.

We can't begin to think of everyone to thank, so thanks to all who participated and donated.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Sara Gadola suggested a Resolution in support of Chicago's bid for the 2009 Olympics but the resolution was already passed at a previous meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Murray asked when the fire inspections in the apartment complexes would commence.

Trustee Kranig said that we are scheduled to start in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, September 3, 2008

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, the Reverse 911 program and procedures, and a presentation regarding a sample plan for TIF 3.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Review of an Intergovernmental Agreement with JWSWC for the performance of work by public works.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review. Sign fees and Business License fees.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Structural report and possible repair of the Lipinski Community Center.

Closed Session: To discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Request by a business to conduct an outdoor, all-day event.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Shirley Wagner advised the Board that the house next door to her at 8718 73rd Place is vacant and desperately needs attention. The grass is uncut and weeds are growing rampantly.

We will check on the current ownership and contact the responsible party to maintain.

The Arbors Townhouse Association asked about the private property enforcement agreement between the Village and their association. We offered them a copy of the ordinance creating the agreement and promised to review our responsibility to that organization.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded the members of the association that their recourse, should they not agree with their association management, is to elect new board members and lawfully change the rules to which they object.

The Mayor offered to attend a meeting of that association to explain the Village's position regarding the enforcement agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We are in receipt of a thank you card from the Family of Elizabeth Galigani for our expression of sympathy.

Another thank you was received from the Argo Band-Aids for our help organizing the recent car wash at the Station 2 fire house.

The Girl Scouts will be taking cookie orders from October 1st to the 19th, and will be delivering those orders in November.

A letter of congratulations has been issued to the Village of Justice for being one of the first 100 Save Havens Communities in Illinois.

The Save Havens program allows newborns to be dropped off at the Police or Fire Departments, no questions asked, in order to preserve the safety of an infant.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector