

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

Minutes of Monday, December 22, 2008

Village President Kris 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 President Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the CDBG Hearing as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz announced that he is in receipt of the Draft Redevelopment Plan for TIF #3. The document is available for review by the board. The proposal is for a commercial TIF and hearings will commence in late January or early February.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda wished all a very, Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-33, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2008 TAX YEAR OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-34, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 FOR THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-26, in the amount of \$197,637.54, posted for the period of 12/04/08 – 12/17/08 not including re-occurring expenses that total \$\$32,479.28 and MFT related bills of \$18,334.06.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that our Public Works have been keeping up with the recent snowstorms, admirably.

In fact, there was a recent posting on our website highlighting some of the compliments from our residents that have been received by both the Clerk's Office and the Public Work's department.

Trustee Gabrys thanked the Public Works employees for their hard work.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray commented that in case of extreme cold the Village Hall is available as a warming center should any of our residents find themselves without heat. Just contact the Police Department after hours or the Clerk's Office during the day if such a need arises.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel has been discussing the Ethnic Fest 2009 with an eye to booking our entertainment early this year. Trustee Murray is helping with this endeavor.

The pictures from the Senior Luncheon are posted on the website and clearly represent the good-time that was enjoyed by all.

This past Saturday, December 20, the annual Christmas Basket Program took place. Literally, 85 families benefited from this annual charitable event. Trustee Jurgel offered a sincere thank you to the Special Events ladies for a job well done. Also, thanks to the Bridgeview/Justice Emergency Management Agency staff that came out in force to deliver.

Trustee Jurgel offered a sincere and public apology to Mrs. Anna Sako for his harsh words in a recent phone conversation. He stated that he was out-of-line and was very sorry.

Trustee Jurgel wishes a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz commented that the Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. First place was awarded to Dave and Donna Dvorak of 8107 Christeen Drive, second place went to Kevin and Angel Malone at 8146 S.82nd Ave., third place to Jennifer Kaszmierski at 7542 Garden Lane, fourth place to Judy Rake for her decorations at 8026 83rd Court and the fifth place award to Barbara Payne at 7945 S. 85th Ave.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated for brightening the look of our town at Christmastime.

Trustee Rich Berkowicz added his own personal wishes for a Merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Kranig expressed his hope that all would enjoy a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season.

Trustee Kranig stated that the job done by our Special Events Coordinators to organize the annual Christmas Basket Program was truly outstanding. He asked that we add our thanks to his own and give a round of applause to thank and to honor Anna Sako and Barb Stimatz.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gadola had no report but expressed her best wishes for a truly happy and restful Holiday to all.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 7, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATION & RECREATION: Possible discussion regarding cell phone carriers for Village cell phones, the 2009 Ethnic Fest and whether or not to hold an appreciation dinner.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review and review of the business license fees.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding hiring in the Police Department.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Review of a proposed CDBG Resolution,

President Wasowicz introduced a Proclamation proclaiming South Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

PADS provide aid, shelter, programs and community partnerships. They provide medical attention, interim housing and move people from homelessness in tremendously difficult economic times. President Wasowicz is honored to proclaim January of 2009 as South Suburban PADS Month in the Village of Justice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked why Zoning Board Commissioner Jeff Allen was replaced. Trustee Kranig stated that Mr. Allen's appointment was expiring and Mayor Wasowicz chose to appoint someone that he knew shared his goals and philosophy for the community. That is the Mayor's right with the consent of the Village Board. Mrs. Charlene Carter was appointed in his stead.

Mrs. Barbara Plachta asked where our usual, outdoor Christmas tree is. Clerk Kathy Svoboda stated that the tree had become difficult to erect and had problems with the lights. It was rusty and heavy making it cumbersome to store and to assemble. She consulted Mayor Wasowicz who stated that he preferred a crèche to an outdoor tree. We do, however, have a tree in the vestibule.

Treasurer Ed Rusch suggested that Clerk Svoboda might want to let the public know about the Census Employment Testing that is scheduled at the Village Hall. Clerk Svoboda thanked him for the reminder and announced that testing for management positions and clerical positions for the 2010 Census was scheduled for January 8th and 9th at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Justice Public Library is also a testing site but she does not have the schedule of dates for the library.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda stated that she has received many, many Christmas cards on the Village's behalf.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to executive session.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting reconvened at 8:22 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are President Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is present.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to executive session.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector