

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

Minutes of Monday, December 8, 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:

Deputy Clerk Judy Field 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. Clerk Kathy Svoboda has the flu.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the November 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz had no report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Judy Field reminded the public that we are currently accepting applications for Food Baskets for the Needy for this Christmas Season. Please notify us should you have any families to recommend that we include.

If you would like to help with the distribution of the baskets on Saturday, December 20th, stop in the Clerk's office or contact one of the Special Events ladies to sign up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-26, in the amount of \$35,902.20, posted for the period of 11/20/08 – 12/03/08 and including re-occurring expenses that total \$84,526.96.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve an Ordinance 2008-32, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MIN/MAX AGREEMENT WITH THE IMLRMA FOR WORKER'S COMP AND LIABILITY INSURANCE. The annual premium is \$207,257.00 plus carrying charges for a total cost of \$211,402.14.

SECOND: Trustee Kranig

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

Trustee McGee reported that the Board has been working very hard on the preparation of the 2009 Budget.

There is legislation pending that if passed, would withhold some of the usual income tax distributions to the Village. We will need to keep close tabs on this issue for budgetary purposes.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-27, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES CONCERNING THE ARCHER AVE. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

Trustee Gabrys explained that change orders occurred in order to satisfy the concerns of some of the Archer Ave business owners during the sidewalk replacement project. Considerable cost was incurred by this work. This Resolution authorizes payment in the amount of \$29,236.00 for that final invoice.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray introduced Carmine Scardine, the new hire to the patrol staff in the Police Department. Mayor Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office, swearing in our new, probationary patrol officer. Congratulations to Officer Scardine.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To suspend any and all hiring of patrol officers until further notice due to budgetary constraints.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel has no report this evening, but will be discussing the Ethnic fest 2009 at the next regular committee meeting.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: Motion: To approve the business license of ID United Logistics doing business at 8243 S. 86th Court, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances
SECOND: Trustee Gabrys
VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: Possible action to approve the home occupation license of Low Cost Builders at 7208 Oak Grove Ave., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
SECOND: Trustee McGee
VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the business license of Hoffman Burial Supplies, doing business at 8255 S. 86th Ct., retroactive to the 2007 calendar year and having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To correct the current rate of pay for the full-time, Building/Public Works Department Secretary to \$13.00 per hour, effective December 1, 2008.
SECOND: Trustee Jurgel
VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kranig commented that building permit revenues are down as much as \$60 - \$70,000.00 from this year to last. We have had 54 sales inspections as opposed to 103 in 2007. We will really need to budget our revenues carefully for the upcoming year.

Trustee Kranig spoke about the need for a historical committee in readiness for our Centennial in 2011. He suggested that Mr. Ed Figura be approached to participate in that committee.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gadola had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Wasowicz read a letter from Hoeffler/Butler Engineering indicating that he has measured the elevations at the Asbury park site and determined that 39,000.49 cubic yards of dirt have been removed. We had contracted for 40,000 cubic yards but are not displeased with the outcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Bob Gedville offered a brief report.

Last week, the Justice Police Department Command Staff completed the Emergency Management Institute's ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents at Moraine Valley Community College. This federally funded course is mandated by FEMA and required for agencies that receive grant funding from the government.

As a result of past compliance with the aforementioned federal mandate, the police department recently was awarded the 2007 ILEAS Local Law Enforcement Homeland Security Mobile Digital Computer Grant. Last week, the department received a Panasonic Touch-Screen Mobile Data Terminal (Laptop), docking equipment, and modem. These items are valued at \$8,500.00 and were provided free of cost through the grant.

Last week, the police department first campaign of the Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (IMAGE) which is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The emphasis of this campaign was seatbelt compliance. Approximately 130 manpower hours were utilized during the campaign and they are fully reimbursed through the grant funding. During the campaign, the department issued 261 seatbelt citations, effected 14 arrests, and towed 9 vehicles.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables and review of the final, proposed budget for 2009.

ADMINISTRATION & RECREATION: Discussion regarding potential cell phone carriers for Village cell phones and initial discussion regarding the 2009 Ethnic Fest.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding the current freeze on hiring in the Police Department, and a request for a private property enforcement agreement for Bradford Court.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Closed Session regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Local business owner, George Wakup of Tattoo Depot stated that his 2008 business inspections had never been performed. Mr. Wakup does not see how he can be being billed again for inspections for 2009, when the previous year the village did not keep it's obligation to inspect.

Trustee Berkowicz determined that the fire inspection was done for 2008. The health inspection is the one that has not been completed. If we billed for an inspection that was not done, Mr. Wakup will be credited the cost of that inspection.

Trustee Kranig stated that he would have the building department call Mr. Wakup to follow up on his missed inspection in the next day or two.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Trustee Rich Berkowicz highlighted the details of a Resolution passed by the Justice Chamber of Commerce recently, requesting that Village businesses be considered first, when work is to be awarded in the Village since they pay taxes, licenses and fees to help support the Village services.

Trustee Berkowicz announced the RPPFD will be holding their Levy Hearing tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm, should anyone be interested in attending.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector