

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

Minutes of Monday, February 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 and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is attending electronically. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is also in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel 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 Proclaim the Week of March 2, 2008 to March 8, 2008 As Severe Weather Preparedness Week in the Village of Justice.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the annual Spring Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center. Tickets are available at the Clerk's Office. There is no charge to senior residents of Justice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-34, posted for the period of 02/06/08 to 02/20/2008, in the amount of \$23,541.67.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-06, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2007 TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS SERIES 2002 OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-07, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2007 TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS SERIES 2003A OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the Schedule of Stipends to be added to the salaries of the Director of Public Works, the Asst. Director of Public Works, the Public Works Street Foreman, the Economic Development Director, the civilian Fire Inspector, the Deputy Village Clerk and the increase in the salary of the Village Collector.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee McGee stated that she is working on a revision to the lease with the cell tower company that leases the site behind the police department.

Currently there are no tenants on that tower. The lessee requests a reduction in rent to allow for some time to obtain tenants to make the tower profitable.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys reported that the preliminary Maintenance Expenditure Statement (MES) for 2008 has been completed. Also the final MES for 2007 has been turned over to the village engineer for filing.

The salt allocation from CMS for 2008-2009 has been completed.

Our mapping project for NPDES is complete and Trustee Gabrys will meet with the appropriate representatives to continue our efforts to compliance on Thursday, February 28.

We are in the process of renewing our NPDES permit with the storm water permit section.

Public Works crews have been concentrating on filling potholes whenever the weather allows.

We are prepared for the forecast of more snow for tonight.

Trustee Gabrys, along with Mayor Wasowicz have been encouraged to enter into a non-emergency mutual aid agreement sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors. It is a reciprocal agreement with neighboring towns to aid one another when necessary in the case of any kind of disaster.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-03, A Resolution Authorizing Non-Emergency Mutual Aid in Public Works.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Gabrys commended the Bridgeview/Justice EMA for the outstanding job they did in implementing and updating the Emergency Operations Plan of the Village of Justice. Marty Vilimek along with Don Pointer conducted a refresher for the plan in the event of a disaster.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray tabled the approval of the Labor Agreement with MAP #60 until the next meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To Approve Ordinance 2008-08, An Ordinance Declaring a 1999 Ford Windstar Van Surplus Equipment of the Justice Police Department and Authorizing It to be Sold or Disposed of.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Murray commended our Justice Police Department for the recent arrests in response to thefts of GPS units in vehicles and also the apprehension of the perpetrators of numerous acts of graffiti.

Deputy Chief Bob Gedville personally commended Corporal Dabros and Sgt. Krummick for their actions apprehending the burglars.

Depty Chief Gedville also commended Detective Bedalow, Officer Latek, Detective Plotke and Detective Malloy who acted admirably by working together to apprehend four offenders in seventeen graffiti cases.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel reported that the Fest Committee met on February 13 and they will meet next on March 12.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance is planned for Friday, March 7.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

The House of Burrito is still being operated by the original owner and will be reconsidered for a transfer of the Business License as soon as the closing with the new owner occurs.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To direct that appropriate action be taken to increase the price of a designated Senior Vehicle Tag from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and to reconfirm that only one Senior Tag is authorized per household.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

Trustee Berkowicz will be continuing his consideration in committee of the Tattoo & Body Piercing License Fees at the next regularly scheduled time.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Kranig stated that through January 31, 2008 the Building Department took in \$13, 460.00. So far there have been 38 permits issued for varying degrees of construction.

There are a number of permit applications pending.

Trustee Kranig is spearheading the identification of all vacant properties and their owners, in order to insure that the proper maintenance is performed. If necessary we will be sending public works to perform necessary maintenance such as grass cutting or debris removal and we will bill the responsible party or encumber the property to assure payment.

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To direct the Assistant Building Commissioner to solicit and obtain quotes for a report evaluating the Lipinski Community Center from a licensed Structural Engineer.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gadola informed the Board that she will be on vacation during the March 10th Board Meeting. A substitute attorney from Robbins Schwartz will attend.

We may have the final contract for the removal of the dirt at Asbury Woods Park. If so, the attorney will have been briefed in order to discuss the details of the agreement.

There are currently no updates regarding the Smoking Legislation.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, March 5, 2008

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC SAFETY: Possible discussion regarding changes to Chapter 9 of the

*Village Code regarding the discharge of probationary patrol officers.

*The need for an additional entrance to Sunset Lakes Apt. Complex.

***Closes Session:** Review of the agreement with MAP #60.

FINANCE & INSURANCE:

*The appropriation of start-up money for the next annual Fest.

*Posted payables and other matters before the committee.

*Capital Projects for and possibly donating funds to the Library and the Park District from TIF #1.

*Review of a proposal for codification of 2007 ordinances and putting the Village Code online.

*Discussion regarding setting aside funds from the Sewer Collections to repair or replace sewers as needed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Closed Session: Review of a Grievance from a PW employee and SEIU.

***Open Session:** The hiring of two part-time P.W. employees and possibly a clerical employee.

*A review of the public improvements in TIF 1 for evaluating repairs that may need to be made before the close of the TIF.

*Discussion regarding possible changes to the PW schedule.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: License fees for Tattoo Parlors, mobile food vendors and possible discussion regarding rules and regulations for private swimming pools.

*Sign fees and regulations.

*Any licenses available for review.

*Legislation to charge a 5% tax to AT&T Video Television Service (U-Verse).

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Matters before the committee including possible review of proposals to evaluate the Lipinski Center by a structural engineer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda read a letter from the Justice/Willow Springs Little League inviting us to participate in their Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 19th, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. George Gaskin asked if we could use sand to lessen our use of salt during the winter season.

Phil DePaola replied that sand gets into the sewers and drainage lines and comes with its own set of complications.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of Pending or Imminent Litigation.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 8:18 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 and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is attending electronically. Attorney Sara Gadola is still present.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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