

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

Minutes of Monday, January 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 and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is absent this evening due to illness. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

**PRESENTATION:**

Chief of Police Tom Bockmann spoke about the evolution of the Awards for Excellence in the Performance of Duty and the criteria for the selection of the recipients.

The award program was implemented in 2006 making this the second year of an annual program.

Chief Bockmann introduced Deputy Chief of Police Robert Gedville to present the awards.

Deputy Chief Gedville stated that one award had been added this year to recognize an outstanding telecommunicator.

The recipients of this year's awards are:

**Officer of the Year**

Detective Robert Plotke (9yr veteran)

**Narcotics Enforcement Award**

Corporal Lucas Wyatt (6yr veteran)

**DUI Enforcement Award**

Sergeant Mark Krummick (9yr veteran)

**Traffic Enforcement Award**

Corporal Lucas Wyatt (6yr veteran)

**Telecommunications Service Award**

Theresa DePaola (11yr veteran)

Mayor Wasowicz, Clerk Svoboda and the members of the Justice Village Board offer sincere congratulations to these outstanding members of the Justice Police Department.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of January, January 14, 2008, as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee Jurgel  
VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve payment of \$3,300.00 for materials and work to be performed at 8036 Daniel Drive.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz  
VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that a Tax Appeal Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm. at the Justice Village Hall. Representatives from the Cook County Board of Review will be available to help with the process of filing a property tax appeal. The current appeal period ends on February 11, 2008. Appeals done at the workshop will be filed that evening.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-22, posted for the period of 01/10/08 to 01/23/2008, in the amount of \$19,234.74.  
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz  
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Murray and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Gabrys provided some helpful hints to our residents regarding snow plowing etiquette. We receive frequent complaints because the plows bury mail boxes and block driveways with snow. Unfortunately, we have no other place for the snow to go but along the curbsides of the road and build up is unavoidable. Please shovel the snow around your mailboxes and in front of the driveway to the grassy areas of the front of your house to minimize the problems.

All portable basketball nets must be removed from the street end of driveways.

On garbage day, please keep your cans and recycling bins behind the curb-line. Take cans in as quickly as possible to avoid being blown into the street.

Mailboxes must also be behind the curb-line and must not encroach or lean into the street, and we will only repair to a standard 4"x4" post and a standard mailbox if a mailbox be damaged by a plow. Public Works is not responsible for elaborate or decorative mailboxes.

Once the streets are cleared, public works will plow a path on the driveways of our registered senior citizens. Only those seniors who do not have a non-senior family member living with them are eligible.

If a car is present in the driveway, we cannot plow.

**MOTION:** Trustee Gabrys Moves: To deny a request from a former public works employee for reinstatement.

**SECOND:** Trustee Murray

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

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray reported that recently the JPD completed the second campaign of an IDOT Traffic Compliance Grant focusing on speeding. In excess of 100 tickets for speeding were issued.

The third campaign will soon commence focusing on seat-belt compliance.

Many of you may have noticed the new speed trailer in use on village thoroughfares. The trailer digitally displays and stores the speed of a vehicle as it approaches and passes the trailer.

If you have a speeding problem on your street, please contact Lt. McDermott or Sgt. Schuerg with your request to have the speed trailer installed for a period on your street.

We have taken delivery of two, new Crown Victoria squad cars. The cars are in the process of being equipped and will be in service very soon.

The JPD has implemented a new form, the *Traffic Enforcement Action Request*. Accessible on the website from the Police department home page, click on the form to fill out and to submit.

#### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel**

Trustee Jurgel thanked Ms. Robin D'Adam for successfully booking top notch

entertainment for this year's Ethnic Fest. We will feature Aura, Infinity and Caliente'.

George Heslop has consented to Chair the Car Show for the Fest.

A Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2008 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Volunteers to chaperone the dance are welcome.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING** – Trustee Rich Berkowicz  
Trustee Berkowicz thanked Mayor Wasowicz, the Clerk and the Board for supporting his efforts with the annual Vehicle Sticker Design Contest. The contest has become a pet project for Trustee Berkowicz since he enjoys working with the children for the benefit of the community. This year's motto "Think Green" is an important reminder to protect our environment.

Thanks to Special Events Chairperson, Robin D'Adam for providing refreshments this evening.

One of the businesses, the House of Burrito is selling and will be under new management soon. All necessary inspections are approved and the new owner may take over before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Trustee Berkowicz will allow them to operate under the new ownership until they can be ratified at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Berkowicz met with the Board, members of the Chamber of Commerce and a contingent of the businesses in Justice regarding business license fees. All of the businesses will be invited to the next meeting to continue the discussion. Any changes to the fees structure will be implemented in 2009.

Trustee Berkowicz asked the Attorney for an update regarding the Smoke Free Illinois legislation.

Attorney Gadola stated that the Rules to be determined by the State of Illinois in interpreting the Act have not been finalized.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING** – Trustee Jeff Kranig

There was no report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Sara Gadola had no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kris Wasowicz stated that the last of four Town Hall Meetings was held at Wilkins School on Thursday, January 24. The meeting was well attended and a

number of issues were explored. Mayor Wasowicz intends to continue the meetings throughout the Village.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We plan to produce the first of a new Village Newsletter. Initially, w will publish twice per year with the hope of eventually publishing quarterly.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

OPEN SESSION

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Discussion regarding Certified Flood Plain Managers and the opportunity to reduce Flood Insurance Premiums for some residents and better manage flood zones. A representative from Hoeffler/Butler will attend.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables and other matters before the committee. Capital Projects for TIF 1.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Review of the final occupancy of a church, Life Ministries at 8519 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. Possible discussion regarding rules and regulations for private swimming pools.

**ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING & RECREATION:** Request for a donation to the Heritage Corridor. Discussion regarding purchase of equipment for the Lipinski Community Center. Update on plans for the Fest.

CLOSED SESSION

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

The next CDBG Hearing will be February 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm. preceding the Schedule of Committee Meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Mike Maruszak, a former Trustee, complimented the lighting project newly installed around Commissioners Park.

Ms. Martin from Blackstone Ave. asked why the new lights had been left on 24 hours per day for the last day and a half.

President Wasowicz answered that they were on due to a test being performed by the contractor to insure that all is in order.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

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/Village Collector