

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JUNE
Minutes of Monday June 9, 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:

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kris Wasowicz

Appointments: President Wasowicz will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Trustee Mary McGee as Mayor Pro-Tem to serve in the case of his absence, until April 30, 2009.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustee Gabrys, nay. Trustee Jurgel and Trustee Berkowicz abstained. Trustees McGee, Kranig and Murray voted aye. Motion passed.

President Wasowicz stated that there would be no action taken this evening to appoint a Police Chief.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the engagement of Kane McKenna & Associates to perform a study of a prospective TIF District (#3) at that location that lie west of Cork Ave., North of the I294 Toll way to 79th Street, and including the triangle of land across from Damar Funeral Home and between 79th St. and Archer Ave.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

President Wasowicz explained that this will not be a residential TIF and will be designed to attract a retail type development.

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda stated that vehicle tags sales are going well. The hours in the Clerk's Office will be expanded during the last week of timely purchasing to accommodate the last minute sales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: Motion: To approve payables numbers 1-52, posted for the period of 05/22/08 to 06/04/2008, in the amount of \$66,010.89.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee McGee stated that the Bond Closing is scheduled for June 17th, a little later than we had anticipated. Please make sure all payables are submitted to the Finance Department for payoff after the bond closing.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys explained that the Archer Ave. Sidewalk Project was delayed from completion due to a number of businesses on Archer Ave. wanting accommodations for parking and such. Changes were required and delays resulted in temporary measures being used to make it through the winter. Now we must complete the improvement. We will be billing back to those businesses part of the costs for the revisions.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: to Approve Resolution 2008-08, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO COMPLETE THE ASPHALT PARKWAYS FOR THE ARCHER AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Kranig

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

Trustee Gabrys reported that he is working with the Arbors of Justice Homeowners Association, in particular Ms. Heather Bergman, to identify and correct a suspected problem with our sewer main at Maplewood Drive and the Arbors Town-homes.

We will be televising that main sewer line in order to determine what repairs may be necessary.

Our hot-patching program continues to be a focus. Hoeffler/Butler, our engineering firm, has inspected the streets to formulate a priority list for street reconstruction projects.

Our two, part-time, seasonal employees for Public Works are on the job and are working out well.

Jim Lurquin is working on a new process for approval and payment of MFT eligible invoices with the cooperation of Clerk Svoboda.

Jim is also evaluating other paperwork, recordkeeping and procedures with an eye to improving day to day operations in the Public Works Department.

Trustee Gabrys will be reviewing with his committee the need to purchase mechanics tools for Public Works. A cage to secure all hand tools and provide better accountability for the use and return of tools will be installed.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-22, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PREVAILING WAGE STANDARDS IN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Renegotiation and renewal of the contract with RPPFD to provide fire and ambulance service to the Village is underway. Trustee Murray tables any action regarding the Village owned fire and ambulance equipment until a later date.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel indicated that the Fest Committee and especially our Special Events ladies are doing an excellent job. We are attracting crafters and food vendors. The entertainment lineup in complete.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: Motion: To approve Ordinance 2008-23, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE III SECTION 8-166 THROUGH 8-210 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE I, SECTION 13-1 OF THE RATES AND FEES CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE WITH REGARD TO SIGNS.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License for Coffee & Deli Express doing business at 8401 S. 79th Street, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

There are currently three ice-cream trucks licensed to sell ice-cream in Justice, Quality Taste, Molkey Rabbi and Bannisar. All three trucks are displaying a clearly visible phone number on the truck.

The license for Corey's Transportation, a livery service, doing business at 8640 S. 86th Ave. #113 is still under review for compliance with our insurance requirements.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: Motion to approve Resolution 2008-09, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

Trustee Kranig explained that this position was created to combine the administrative duties of the Public Works Department and the Building Department with Economic Development duties. A salary of \$52,100.00 for the combined position will be paid.

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

Trustee Kranig announced that we will be meeting with representatives of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority and a contingent of local, State and Township leaders, tomorrow.

Dan McGee and Jim Lurquin have had valuable input, respectively, with a film presentation prepared by Dan and a letter of preface prepared by Jim to encourage favorable dialogue with the Authority regarding the 79th St. ramp.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Sara Gadola had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Works has removed the old playground equipment for the Park District in readiness for the new equipment to be installed.
The installation should be complete in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, June 18, 2008

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding the surplus fire and ambulance equipment with representatives of RPPFD.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Gabrys for Trustee McGee, Posted payables and other matters before the committee. With Treasurer Rusch, discussion of a new P.O. process will occur.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion with Phil DePaola regarding the various projects planned with the JSWC. Discussion regarding the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreements proposed for those projects.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:

Discussion regarding the reimbursement of expenditures to complete the Archer Ave. Sidewalk Project by business owners affected along Archer Ave.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Update regarding plans for the Fest. Final determination of the 2008 Scholarship recipients for awards on Mon. June 23rd.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any licenses or ordinances available for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Review of Ordinances providing for the ticketing of parked motor vehicles and amending provisions of the village code regarding the lateral hiring of Police Officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Edwina (Cookie) Gaskin commented about the condition of the grass at 86th and Archer. It's nearing 4 Ft. tall and is blocking the view of oncoming traffic when turning.

The weather has us scrambling to perform grass cutting in detention ponds, ditches and vacant lots. We will try to rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Also, the painted lines defining the lanes at 86th and Archer are already wearing off. We need to repaint them in order to continue to benefit.

Mrs. Alicia Betts thanked the Board for the improvements to the Thomas Street pond.

Mrs. Betts also thanked the Justice Police Department for their response to the problems occurring at one of the Daniel Drive town-houses.

Frontage Rd. is in need of a cleaning. There is a lot of debris along both sides of the roadway.

Robin D'Adam spoke about the progress on the plans for the Fest. The entertainment has been secured and applications for vendors and crafters are coming in. We may need to advertise for crafters.

The Rotary Club will be offering cash Bingo at the Fest with proceeds to benefit a few civic organizations and the Scholarship/Food Pantry fund.

Thanks to Ms. D'Adam for her hard work and dedication to making this year's Fest a success!

Mr. Gary Bjorklund asked if we had booked any local entertainment. He will drop off a tape of his son's band for Robin to review.

The borings at the Lipinski Center foundation were taken today. We should have a report of the findings soon.

Treasurer Ed Rusch stated that he felt that due to current economic conditions, we could increase the number of scholarships awarded this year.

Congratulations to the Board for having the foresight to use Alternative Revenue Bonds to pay-off all of our debts, create an emergency cash fund of around \$400,000.00 to be used for emergencies or for grant fund matches, and to create a cash flow cushion for the Village.

All this was accomplished with a debt service of \$10,000.00 less than what we were currently paying each year. And at no additional cost to the taxpayers, whatsoever.

The budget comparisons look good and we are seeing the financial health of the Village increase significantly. If we stick diligently to the Budget we should remain in good shape.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn
Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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