

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

Minutes of Monday, March 10, 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 Ken Florey is here for Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. who is on vacation.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys 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 approve Ordinance 2008-09, **AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Village of Justice, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.**

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

Ms. Kelly Zabinski, Financial Consultant to the Village, spoke about the need to restructure the Village's debt without creating any additional tax liability to our residents.

Over the last ten or so years, tax caps, delays in collection of real estate taxes and other factors have prevented revenue streams to the Village from keeping up with the cost of services and salaries. It has become more and more difficult to operate.

The current administration has created and passed a truly balanced budget but must also deal with long and short term debt.

In order to provide the Village with a cushion for the lean times when cash flow is a problem and to create availability for matching funds when grants become available, to refinance our debt in anticipation of several long terms loans coming due and to add working capital, we have decided to issue bonds.

We will set aside a particular revenue stream in order to insure that the bonds are paid automatically.

We are confident that this is a sound financial decision that will not impact our taxpaying residents, whatsoever.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the negotiated settlement between the Village of Justice and the Cremas substantially as previously discussed, subject to final revue and possible revision by the attorneys.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the annual Spring Senior Luncheon will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center. We are looking forward to a successful event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-32, posted for the period of 02/21/08 to 03/05/2008, in the amount of \$37,903.55.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

Trustee McGee explained that she has reduced the amount of the payables by \$2,500.00 due to the cancellation of one of the bands originally scheduled to entertain at the Ethnic Fest

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the spending of up to \$20,000.00 for start-up expenses for the 2008 annual Ethnic Fest.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: Action to approve an Amendment to a Cell Tower Lease reducing the rent charged to \$750.00 until such time as the second tenant is established on the tower.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To direct the Village Clerk and the Village Treasurer to negotiate for and open a flexible Certificate of Deposit to set aside between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 each billing cycle for future sewer repairs and improvements

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that potholes are still at the top of the list for public works maintenance projects. We are working diligently but at considerable expense since the cold-patch material has become increasingly expensive. Seven sanitary sewers were flushed due to the melting snow but no long term damage resulted.

A committee meeting will be scheduled to further discuss the hiring of part-time seasonal workers. Phil has been interviewing and will try to have recommendations for the new hires, soon.

Phil is also working with Hoeffler/Bulter Engineering to inspect the public improvements in the Arbors to insure that all infrastructure is up to par before the TIF is closed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray expressed his thanks to RPPFD for their prompt and effective action at the recent apartment complex building fire. No injuries were sustained.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: Motion: To approve the AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, ILLINOIS and the METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE JUSTICE CHAPTER #60, effective from May 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Police Chief Tom Bockmann announced that the first 2008 crown Victoria squad car was placed in service. The graphics on the car are new to the Village fleet and the car is available to view in order for all to become familiar with the new blue and silver look, after the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel reported that the Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance was held on Friday, March 7. Thanks to the Special Events crew for another excellent job.

The Fest Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-10, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 HEALTH & SANITATION, ARTICLE II HEALTH, SECTION 5-43 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR TATTOO & BODY PIERCING LICENSING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 3-566 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 3-567 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-13, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 3-568 ESTABLISHING PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the transfer of ownership of the 2008 Business License for House of Burrito doing business at 8025 W. 79th St. in Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee Berkowicz proposed an approval of Cent-Sational Limousine, but the motion was tabled until it was determined whether or not multiple limousines could be parked in a residential driveway.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation of Cyndi's Grooming doing business at 7651 S. Banks Street in Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee Berkowicz attended the Age Options meeting on March 3rd in Berwyn. He stated that the presentations were very informative and he would be happy to continue attending scheduled meetings in order to gain valuable information for our seniors.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To authorize Hoeffler/Butler Engineering to perform an inspection and assessment of the Public Improvements in the Arbors of Justice TIF #1.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee Kranig informed the Board that although an employee had recently accused him of being mistaken regarding working fire-extinguishers being required in the hallways of apartment buildings, he has determined that indeed he was correct.

Fire-extinguishers will need to be installed in the apartment complexes as soon as possible.

The next property tax levy by the County will include the tri-annual re-assessment. Trustee Kranig encouraged all to file for a reduction due to the loss in value experienced by the recent drop in property values.

Trustee Kranig requested a few minutes with Mr. Jerry Carter in attendance under the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of one or more classes of employees exception for closed session this evening.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that he was appalled at how long it has been since the apartment complex buildings were properly inspected.

The recent fire required the fire department to gain access to the building with the help of residents. Access must be provided to fire personnel.

A water hose was damaged due to cars driving by the scene while fire equipment was present. An emergency entrance must be reopened to the complex.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Ken Florey had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The White Hen on 79th closed this Friday after many years of providing good service to the community.

We hope to see a new tenant in that space soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

OPEN SESSION

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables and final review of the proposal for codification of 2007 ordinances and putting the Village Code online.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: The hiring of two part-time P.W. employees and possibly a clerical employee.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Presentation of the results of the Fire Protection Study by Sorenson & Wilder and discussion regarding declaring a 1999 Windstar Van as surplus equipment of the Police Department.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: License fees and regulations for mobile food vendors, and any new business licenses available for review.

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

ADMINISTRATION & RECREATION: Review of prices for audio-visual equipment at Lipinski. Discussion regarding purchase of a new, network server for the Clerk's office.

Trustee Murray requested that all Trustees, familiarize themselves with the contents of the Fire Protection Study in preparation for the presentation by Sorenson & Wilder on Wednesday, March 19th.

Trustee Kranig asked that in future all work to be performed at Village owned properties have contracts approved by the Village Board. The Building Department is not expected to make final decisions on contracts or hiring of contractors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Darlene Klaybor asked if there were knock boxes on the doors at the apartment complexes.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that indeed, there were not and master keys will have to be provided for all doors.

The fire was as a result of maintenance crews working on the roof of the building. There was no permit requested for the work.

There have also been lots of carbon monoxide alarms.

Fire Inspector Ernie Spatola and the building inspectors will start inspecting three or four buildings per week. At the moment, they are being told that the owner of Sunset Lakes is unavailable and the manager is on vacation so no one is able to let them in.

Ms. Brenda Egas stated that she was almost hit again, at the intersection of Archer and 86th Ave. When are we going to do something about that intersection?

We are trying to clearly acquire the property at the corner to completely redesign the intersection. In the meantime, maybe we could paint lines clearly delineating the lanes for turns for Archer to 86th.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of one or more classes of employees

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 9:02 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 Ken Florey 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 9:04pm.

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