

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

Minutes of Monday, March 24, 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 Neil Smith is standing in for Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz had hoped that we might approve the contract for removal of 40,000 cubic yards of dirt at the Asbury woods park site, tonight, but we have not received an executed agreement from the contractor yet.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that she is in receipt of information regarding the RTA, Seniors Ride for Free program. Stop in to the Clerk's office for details on how to sign up for a Senior Transportation Card. Senior citizens aged 65 or over living in the RTA service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace.

To take advantage of the free transit, seniors must have the senior reduced fare card to get a free ride.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-22, posted for the period of 03/08/08 to 03/19/2008, in the amount of \$62,432.83.

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the proposal from American Legal Publishing to update the Village Code of the Village of Justice and to create and host an online Code in Folio Views with search and retrieval capabilities.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve payment of an invoice in the amount of \$1,442.50 from SEECO Consultants for testing work done on the Archer Ave. Sidewalk Project from November 16 to December 15 of 2007.

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

Trustee Gabrys reported that our gasoline and diesel fuel rebate requests are completed and filed for the 2007 calendar year. Fuel usage was down by 4,782 gallons from the same period in 2006. The fuel savings is clearly attributable to the stopping of personal use of Village vehicles implemented by this Board. A rebate of \$2,668.92 is expected.

The Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) was contacted and has confirmed their availability for the Fest dates of August 15, 16 and 17 and the 18th for clean-up.

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.

We are still cold-patching potholes but the asphalt plants should open soon. Chipping will commence the first week of April, weather permitting.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-6 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGRD TO THE SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-15, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SURPLUS VEHICLE OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.
SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz
VOTE: Trustees, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Negotiations with the JPD Sergeants is still ongoing.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: Motion: To direct the Village Clerk to negotiate for and purchase a Windows 2003 Server for the Finance and Administration Department at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 plus installation.
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOTE: Trustees, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Jurgel reported that the Fifth and Sixth Grade Dance will be held on Friday, April 4th.

The Fest Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of CTC Logistics a transportation consulting business at 7449 S. Cork Ave. in Justice.
SECOND: Trustee McGee
VOTE: Trustees, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation of Cent-Sational Transportation dba Lawn Limousine at 7945 S. 85th Ave. in Justice.
SECOND: Trustee McGee
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig and Gabrys, ayes. Trustee Murray nay. 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.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: Motion: To authorize the Village Clerk to administrate the Child Advocacy Center bank account, to collect and reconcile the maintenance fees, and to pay the appropriate bills for expenses as they are approved by the Village Board.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee Kranig explained that there will be four signers with two signatures required. The records that were turned over by the Economic Development Director were impeccable. The change is simply a change in protocol to separate the administration of grant accounts from Village operating accounts.

The recent fire at the 88th Ave. apartment complexes was a reminder regarding the lack of proper access to the complexes by emergency equipment. Trustee Kranig will be working with the County and the owners of those complexes to add another entrance from 88th Ave. The entrance that previously existed was closed by the County in response to a request from the previous Village administration.

A full inspection of the buildings will be performed for fire and building safety issues. It appears that inspections were done piecemeal in the past and we do not intend to continue the same way.

Safety codes must be strictly enforced.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Neil Smith had no report.

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

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 Knox 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