

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

Minutes of Monday, October 13, 2008

Mayor Kris 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:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the September 22, 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 approve Ordinance 2008-30, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 JUNIOR LIEN BONDS (LNC, TIF PROJECT NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA) SERIES 2008, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Wasowicz explained that this is a conversion of the Developer Note, already in place for TIF 2, converting the note to tax-exempt status.

Attorney Vince Cainkar, who originally set up the TIF for the developer, performed all of the legal work to refinance the note with the tax-exempt bonds.

The Village's interests are protected by a review of the process and the documents by the Village's Bond Counsel, Tim Stratton of Ice, Miller.

Mr. Stratton services are being paid for by the bonds.

Trustee Kranig stated that he carefully reviewed the documents, and he is of the opinion that this refinancing of the note is indeed in the best interest of the Village. This action will create a stronger

financial position for TIF 2 and will make any new development more feasible.

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 reminded all that Moraine Valley Community College has issued an invitation to the public for a Breakfast with our Legislators on Friday, October 24, 2008. There is additional information in the Clerk's Office about the event. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Clerk Svoboda and Treasurer Ed Rusch are collaborating on a dinner honoring our Veterans. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:30 pm. at the Lipinski Community Center.

Kasia Krzysiak, the Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's office is handling the art work for posters and invitations and the Special Events ladies will be helping with set up, decorations and the program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee**

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: Motion: To approve payables numbers 1 – 44, posted for the period of 09/18/08 – 10/08/08, in the amount of \$62,595.75.  
SECOND: Trustee Gabrys  
VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray and Gabrys, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.  
Trustee McGee reported that the preliminary meeting with department heads was held and all our working on their respective 2009 budgets. We expect to set a date in early November to review those proposed budget numbers.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Gabrys explained that recently street improvements were completed in the Arbors of Justice. The improvements were done to insure that TIF 1 is in the best possible condition to close.

Once the TIF closes, all repairs will require the use of General and MFT Funds. Since so many of the Village streets are badly in need of resurfacing, it was prudent to take advantage of TIF financing opportunities so we will not need to spend Village dollars in the Arbors for a long time.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-18, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES CONCERNING 2008 ARBORS OF JUSTICE RESURFACING PROJECT.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Gabrys reported that he, with the help of Municipal Services Administrator Jim Lurquin and the advice of Treasurer Rusch, has been working on negotiating the contract with Warren Oil to provide fuel and a fuel delivery system to the Village. With a few minor changes being negotiated the contract will be ready for passage at the next regular board meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray sincerely congratulated the Justice Police Department for their part in a drug seizure of 160 kilos of cocaine at two locations in Hickory Hills and in Justice. On September 25, the joint efforts of the two departments netted the cocaine, four vehicles and a gun. The Justice property was located in the 8900 block of 84<sup>th</sup> St.

Trustee Murray tabled the action on the Resolution with the American Red Cross for an opportunity for review in committee.

EMA Director Marty Vilimek stated that he took the ambulance recently designated for the use of EMA to Technicraft in Justice for repair. Technicraft repaired the ambulance for the cost of parts, a total of \$300.00.

Director Vilimek presented Sebastian Jachimiak with an award for his generosity and dedication to the service of our community.

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

Trustee Jurgel tabled action on the potential purchase of a digital security system for the Lipinski Community Center. He wishes to discuss the purchase one more time in committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz**

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the hours of 3:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. as the official Halloween, trick-or-treat hours in the Village of Justice

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of V.W.B. Express doing business at 8432 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Unit A.

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of R. J. S. Refrigerated Express doing business at 8026 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Place.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

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

Trustee Kranig commented that Mayor Wasowicz, Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda, Lyons Township Supervisor Pat Rogers and Congressman Dan Lipinski attended a Presentation at the Rosary Hill Home of a Proclamation Naming the Month of October as Rosary Hill Month in the Village of Justice and also an award for participation and a donation from the Rosary Hill Home in the recent Ethnic Fest.

Trustee Kranig stated that Sister Natalie and Rosary Hill actively participate in the community and we are proud to be their home.

Trustee Kranig alluded to rumors of comments that may come up in voices from the floor and stated that he will not tolerate censorship of statements that may be made. We have adopted a policy of transparency in government and must allow voices from the audience to be heard.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** Attorney Sara Gadola stated that she will be on vacation from October 18<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Gadola is working on the Red Flag legislation and should have it available at the next regular board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kris Wasowicz announced that the repairs and resurfacing on Oak Grove and 84<sup>th</sup> Ct. are proceeding nicely.

The JWSWC in cooperation with the village is installing new water lines on 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Streets. We are working on the village sharing in the cost of reconstruction of those streets to include additional improvements but estimates are coming in quite high. We will try to apply some creative ideas to make the project more affordable in hope that we can expand the reconstruction to include a comprehensive street repair.

President Wasowicz stated that a complete prioritization of the streets of the Village is being prepared by Hoeffler/Butler Engineering that will clearly show priorities by use of color coding on a map of the Village streets.

We may need to rely on Village funds for much of the repairs since Federal funding has been held up indefinitely.

Trustee Mike Murray made a statement regarding the issue of a paradoxical e-mail that he sent about Trustee Kranig that was inadvertently circulated. "Three weeks ago Trustee Kranig and I had a disagreement. The next day I was still very upset over the incident. I acted out by sending an email of a political parody to a friend under a fictitious sender. The email was only addressed to my friend. Unfortunately, my friend forwarded the email, which was not for public consumption, to a distribution list he had created before I could advise him that the email was a parody.

With that said, I would like to apologize to anyone that this email was forwarded to. I would like to make it known that I have done nothing criminal in this matter. I have consulted 2 attorneys regarding the matter and that this is a personal matter between Mr. Kranig and me. This does not reflect as to how I have performed as a Trustee for the Village of Justice. I want everyone to know that I only sent this one email. I did not send any other emails to Trustee Kranig. I will make my computers available for inspection to prove that any other emails sent to Trustee Kranig were not sent by me.

I trust that this will be sufficient to redress any embarrassment caused by the unintended distribution of that email and with that said I will not address this matter any further in this forum as it is not business of the Village of Justice."

Trustee Kranig clearly stated that the email sent by Trustee Murray all but called him a crook! He does not accept the statement made by Trustee Mike Murray as an acceptable apology and intends to pursue the matter through legal channels to the furthest extent of the law.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, October 22, 2008

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Review of a program by Third Millennium for printing, handling and mailing of a newsletter/utility bill, posted payables and an update from a recent meeting with Treasurer Rusch and the 911 Board about the liability to the Village for the equipment loan.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Determination regarding cameras, recording equipment and maintenance for the Lipinski Community Center security system.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Closed Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation Discipline or Performance of one or more classes of employees.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review and the business license fee schedules.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** A presentation regarding the new, digital sign on Frontage Road, discussion surrounding vacant, abandoned or foreclosed properties and complaints at Deer Woods and around 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Amelia Court and Oak Grove.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Nancy Kranig offered a comment regarding the issue of the fictitious email sent by Mike Murray, using Mr. Kranig's name as the sender. She stated that Mike Murray's actions shine a light into his character and judgment. He is an elected official of the Village that represents the Village in his words and actions, and as such, his behavior should not be tolerated or condoned by the Village.

Mr. George Gaskin stated that the gas station at 84<sup>th</sup> Place and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. was becoming quite an eyesore.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we are working on a disposition of the property.

Mr. Rick Passarelli expressed frustration regarding the many code-violations that still exist at the property formerly owned by Limo Bob. The property is now being offered for sale by a real estate company and the neighbors are tired of living with the unsightliness and inconvenience of the various violations.

Mr. Jim Lurquin stated that the property has been sold twice and permits exist for correction of the problems, but the violations still are not corrected. As long as the permits are valid, we cannot site the owner yet. Please rest assured, however, that ownership of the property cannot transfer or the property cannot be occupied without the repairs being completed.

John and Kathy Koslowski added their frustration at the lack of movement regarding the house. There must be something the village can do.

Mayor Wasowicz commented that we cannot enter the property to effect repairs without benefit of a court order. That process takes a very long time.

Treasurer Ed Rusch asked that we look at the business license fees and the permit fees for any changes and to reflect current economic conditions for the purpose of the 2009 budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn  
Trustee Murray so MOVES:  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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