

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

Minutes of Monday, September 22, 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.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Treasurer Ed Rusch spoke to the Justice Willow Springs Little League, District 15 Champions.

Mr. Rusch pointed out the character building and teamwork inspiring nature of being part of a team, and ultimately, an all-star team. He further qualified his message with anecdotes from his own experiences with the Justice/Willow Springs Little League from his time as a player, some fifty years ago, forward to his more recent experiences as a coach and an umpire.

Mr. Pat Rogers, Lyons Township Supervisor and candidate for District Court Judge also spoke to the team and added his message of inspiration and his congratulations for their championship in the District. Supervisor Rogers commended the Village Board for recognizing the Champions.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz and Trustee Jeff Kranig awarded each member of the Justice/Willow Springs Little League a Certificate of Congratulations for winning the District 15 Championship. A gift card for a free pizza from a local business owner, Geno Randazzo of Why-Not Hot Dogs in Justice, was included.

Supervisor Pat Rogers added an additional certificate for each player from the Township of Lyons. The Coaches of the team received awards and words of thanks for devoting their time and talents to these accomplished young players.

A recess for Cake and Coffee in honor of the District 15 Champs was observed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded all that the Benefit for Corporal Caspar, recently injured in Afghanistan, was this coming Saturday at the Kerry Piper in Burr Ridge. Corporal Caspar grew up with his family in Justice. The Caspars have since moved to Palos Hills and still have many friends and family here. Corporal Caspar sustained grievous injuries, and he now has his own young family.

Moraine Valley Community College has issued an invitation to a Breakfast with our Legislators on Friday, October 24, 2008. I have information about tickets, if anyone is interested. The cost is \$25.00.

Saturday, October 11 is the date for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held on 119th and Ridgeland from 8:00 am. Until 3:00 pm. The MWRD and the Southwest Conference of Mayors have organized this opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1 – 45, posted for the period of 09/04/08 – 09/17/08, in the amount of \$111,296.43 plus \$236.80 from the previous period that was inadvertently omitted.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys tabled action on the Warren Oil contract. He stated that our Attorney, Sara Gadola was working on final revisions to the language in the contract, and we should be ready to approve at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Gabrys stated that sealed bids were entertained on Friday, September 12, 2008 for the Oak Grove and 84th Court resurfacing projects. We received five bids. Crowley Sheppard was the lowest bidder and had done commendable work for the Village in the past.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO RESURFACE OAK GROVE & 84TH COURT UNDER THE 2008 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Gabrys reported that we were the subject of a recent safety inspection from the Illinois Department of Labor and were found to be in compliance. No violations were found.

Thank you to the Village department heads and employees.

Jim Lurquin, our Municipal Services Administrator, attended a recent presentation sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors designed to educate public works employees to the signs of dog-fighting. Literature from the presentation will be forwarded to the police and building departments.

We will be attending a meeting of the Watershed Council with the MWRD Commissioners to address the proposed increase of the flood zone areas on October 2nd, 2008.

The SWCM is asking for an updated equipment list for an inventory of our apparatus available for mutual aid.

Thanks to our former Public works Director, Phil DePaola, we are in good shape for salt for the upcoming winter season. Some towns are paying as much as \$140.00 per ton, but since we reserved 1500 ton through CMS as soon as it was possible, we confirmed our price at \$54.50 per ton.

Grass and weeds complaints are being addressed as quickly as possible. Those complaints that occur at vacant, foreclosed or abandoned properties will need to be maintained and then billed back to the owner or agency.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray remarked that we had 131 candidates at the police test this past Saturday. That's probably the largest field of candidates in as long as we can remember.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To assign the 1996 International Ambulance to the Bridgeview/Justice EMA for use as an emergency response vehicle.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

EMA Director Marty Vilimek stated that he took possession of the vehicle last week in order to repair some damage before being placed in service... Director Vilimek took the vehicle to a body shop in Bridgeview that works on emergency equipment and received a quote of \$1,700.00 to repair the damage. Marty stopped at the Village Hall where Trustee Kranig insisted that he check with Technicraft before paying the \$1,700.00 to repair the vehicle. Technicraft agreed to repair the ambulance for parts, a total of \$300.00.

He offered sincere thanks to Trustee Kranig and especially to the owners of Technicraft.

Director Vilimek presented Police Chief Robert Gedville with a nameplate for his desk in recognition of Bob being appointed the Chief.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the purchase of four desks, three returns and four modular dividers for the Clerk’s office at a total price \$3,614.50 with an additional 3% reduction in cost for payment within 30 days.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

Trustee Rusch provided a detailed report for the Ethnic Fest. There was \$35,326.75 in revenues collected, including \$15,550.00 in donations. There were expenditures of \$36,338.13, resulting in a cost to the Village of only \$1,011.38 of the \$20,000.00 that was originally appropriated.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz commented that there were a few complaints regarding the produce counters outside of the Justice Market with the make-shift canvass covers. The property maintenance inspector responded and the problem has been rectified.

We are in the process of denying the home occupation license for Torres Plumbing at 8815 ½ 85th Place. The applicant does not have a Plumber’s License.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve Ordinance 2008-29, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE BY BID THE PROPERTY AT 78TH STREET EAST ON BLAZER AVE.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

At the last Board Meeting discussion occurred regarding upgrading the status of a part-time employee of the Building Department to full-time. A recommendation for this action came from both the Mayor and the Village Clerk. The employee being considered for this change in status has worked for the Village for over 10 years and is an exemplary employee.

The following day, Trustee Kranig received a very, personally derogatory anonymous e-mail regarding this subject.

Trustee Kranig admonished the cowardly, anonymous critic for his inappropriate and childish words.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Sara Gadola extended an invitation to the Mayor, Village Clerk and the Board to join her at the Robbins, Schwartz Hospitality Suite at the IML Convention in Chicago this coming weekend.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, October 8, 2008

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, budgetary concerns and other financial matters.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Discussion regarding cameras for the Lipinski Community Center.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Discussion regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with JWSWC for the performance of work by public works, the Warren Oil contract, and a Resolution to pay expenditures regarding the Arbors resurfacing project.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review, in particular, VWB Express a transportation company and RJS Refrigerated Express, a home occupation.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Matters regarding the Building Department or the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the Justice Village Code is now on-line for all to review and use.

With the recent change in codification companies to American Legal Publishing, we implemented the online hosting of our code book that is interactive and may be searched in a number of different ways.

Our webmaster, Gerry Mendralla has provided some tutorial notes to guide the first-time user.

Please visit our web page to experience the online code book.

Per the Webmaster, Gerry Mendralla, photos are posted online from both the Fest and the full season of the Car Shows. Please visit our Web Page and enjoy.

Village President Kris Wasowicz read a Proclamation Naming the Month of October, 2008, Rosary Hill Month in the Village of justice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked if there was any progress on providing No Littering signs on Frontage Rd.

Trustee Gabrys responded that the signs should be in any day, and will be erected as soon as they are available.

Mr. Shirley Wagner informed the Board that the address of 8701 W. 73rd Place was being used in ads for the Covington of Justice townhouse development. That address is actually a residence on 73rd Place.

Mr. Jim Lurquin explained that the proper address for the Covington models is 8701 Covington Drive, behind 73rd Place. He has spoken to Bruce Mack, the developer, to clarify the address in the ads.

Mr. Gary Bjorklund complimented Trustee Kranig and the Board for the ceremony on behalf of the JWSSL, District 15 champs. It was a truly nice ceremony and the Village Board should be commended for their recognition of the accomplishments of our local youth.

Mrs. Shirley Wagner thanked everyone who helped out during the recent storms with flooding problems.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Wasowicz encouraged Board members and those in the audience to attend the Breakfast with our Legislators being offered at Moraine Valley Community College later this month. The Breakfast will provide a great opportunity to hear first-hand about what is going on in Springfield and to get your questions answered.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector