

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

Minutes of Monday, September 8, 2008

Mayor Pro Tem Mary McGee called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**PLEDGE:**

President Pro Tem McGee led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: Village President Pro Tem Mary McGee, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, 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 August 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

**PRESENTATION:**

President Pro Tem Mary McGee introduced the Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick. Assessor Weyrick thanked Mayor Wasowicz and Clerk Svoboda for the opportunity to perform a Tax Appeal Outreach at the Justice Village Hall. Assessor Weyrick presented Clerk Svoboda and Deputy Clerk Judy Field with bejeweled, fluffy pens as a token of her appreciation for their help during the 30-day appeal period. Our Assessor went on to inform the public that she especially wanted to thank Trustee Jeff Kranig, who when realizing the huge number of appeals from Justice and other Lyons Township communities that Barb was facing, volunteered of his time and talents to assist Barb and her staff at the Office of the Lyons Township Assessor. Jeff gave countless hours of his own time, daily, helping Barb and her staff to organize the huge number of appealers, process appeals and to insure order and patience for those that waited long hours for their turns to be served.

Assessor Weyrick presented Trustee Kranig with a Certificate of Appreciation and Trustee Kranig graciously accepted the expression of gratitude.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda stated that she would address a few items under correspondence, at the appropriate time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve payables numbers 1 – 18, posted for the period of 08/21/08 – 09/03/08, in the amount of \$18,868.80.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Gabrys stated that he had what was in effect a housekeeping item that needed to be addressed.

Motion: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To reinstate Tim Dalton to the status of salaried Street Foreman, effective August 15, 2008.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

Trustee Gabrys tabled action on the Warren Oil contract. He stated that we were not yet ready to act on the contract as we are still negotiating the details.

Trustee Gabrys tabled action on Adept Environmental Solutions who contacted the Village asking that we execute documents regarding environmental issues at the Justice Citgo gas station.

These documents are being reviewed in order to determine if it is appropriate that we sign.

Trustee Gabrys will be taking to committee an agreement with Sheriff Tom Dart's office for use of the Graffiti Busters' program.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray complimented Chief Gedville and the members of the Justice Police and Fire Commission for attracting almost 200 applicants for the current eligibility test for patrol officer candidates.

We are currently operating with a deficit of two patrol officers and in order to control overtime and lessen the time for new officers to be effective, Trustee Murray has another option.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To direct the Police and Fire Commission to hire up to two, qualified patrol officers from the current applicants for lateral hire to the Justice Police Department.

SECOND: Trustee Kranig

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

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

**MOTION:** Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the request for a permit to conduct a car-wash and other fund raising activities at Why Not Hot Dog Co. on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with no consumption of alcohol to be permitted. EMA is to be retained by the establishment for crowd and traffic control, porta-potties are to be installed for the duration of the event and then removed within two days thereafter.

**SECOND:** Trustee Jurgel

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

Trustee Jurgel stated that we are still working on a detailed report for the Ethnic Fest and we hope to have that report available at the next regular meeting.

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

Trustee Berkowicz stated that there were a few businesses still undergoing the licensure process, but none were ready for action this evening.

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

Trustee Kranig stated that we currently have two, part-time clerical workers in the Building Department that share duties for Public Works as well. We have one employee, Shirley Shilka who has almost 13 years of service with the Village and does an outstanding job. It would take an enormous amount of training to bring any employee up to near her level of expertise.

**MOTION:** Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION SERVING THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**SECOND:** Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Murray asked that this action be tabled for further discussion at a committee meeting.

Attorney Gadola stated that as a Motion was made and seconded a roll call vote was indicated.

**VOTE:** Trustees Berkowicz, Kranig, and Jurgel, ayes. Trustees Murray, Gabrys and McGee, nays. Motion failed.

**MOTION:** Trustee Kranig Moves: To approve Resolution 2008-16, a Resolution Supporting the Construction of an exit from the Toll way Ramp at 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. near 79<sup>th</sup> Street in Justice.

**SECOND:** Trustee McGee

This Resolution is presented for passage by the various member communities in support of the construction of the ramp.

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

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: To authorize Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering to obtain a Proposal for Bid for the structural repairs to the Lipinski Community Center.  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOTE: Trustees Kranig, Murray, Jurgel, Gabrys, McGee and Berkowicz, aye. Motion passed.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** Attorney Sara Gadola has no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Justice/Willow Springs Little League is proud to announce that their All-Stars are this year's Junior League, Illinois District 15 Champions. The All-Star Team consists of 2 coaches and 13 players. Trustee Kranig would like to honor the champs with cake and coffee at the next Board Meeting on September 22, 2008.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables and other financial matters and a presentation regarding a sample plan for TIF 3.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Purchase of office furniture, security cameras for the Lipinski Community Center, a financial report from the Fest, and plans for installing the ice-rink for the next winter season.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Discussion regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with JWSWC for the performance of work by public works, the Warren Oil contract, and Sheriff Tom Dart's Graffiti Busters Program.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review; 2009-2010 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest and Business License fees.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion regarding Fire Inspections.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING and then ADMIN. & REC.:** Closed Session; Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Trudy Patek informed the Board that the vacant house next door to hers is very poorly maintained. The grass is in need of cutting and weeds abound. Jim Gabrys stated that he would identify the current owner and send the property maintenance inspector. If necessary we will direct public works to perform the grass-cutting. Trustee Kranig asked that residents please continue to be our eyes and call in when they see abandoned or neglected properties.

Mr. Gary Bjorklund reminded all that a former Justice man was injured in Afghanistan in May and is still undergoing treatment in Germany. His injuries were egregious and a fund raiser to help him and his family is planned in early October. The tickets are \$30.00 and everyone is welcome.

Treasurer Ed Rusch cautioned the Board that an analysis should be done regarding the cost of two, laterally hired officers versus the cost of overtime. Benefits would need to be figured into the equation. Has the Board determined that the Budget covers the cost of staffing either way; by the lateral hire of two officers or the overtime necessary to operate two officers short?

Asst. Building Commissioner Jim Lurquin reported that Hoeffler/Butler performed preliminary work to evaluate the drainage problem that exists at the Alter house. A solution would require 151' of perforated pipe and 300' of hard pipe and would cost up to \$20,000.00. The cost versus the benefit is being evaluated.

The Arbors of Justice Townhouse Association will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at the Lipinski Community Center. The Mayor and board members are invited to attend. Issues regarding the current board of that association and the rules and regulations that currently exist will be discussed.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked why Voices from the Floor were not part of the minutes posted on the web site. Clerk Kathy Svoboda told him that he was mistaken as Public Comments are always included in the minutes and the minutes are posted in their entirety, always.

Melanie Kuban asked if the Village could provide covered recycling bins. Clerk Svoboda replied that the next waste hauling contract will be negotiated for 2009, and her suggestion could be addressed at that time.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked if no littering signs could be erected on Frontage Rd. There is a deplorable amount of littering occurring.

Trustee Gabrys indicated that signs have been ordered and we will address that concern when they come in.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda read correspondence from Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (our insurer) notifying the Village that we are the recipients of a 2007 Safety Award for our outstanding loss statistics record.

A Household Waste Collection sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors and the MWRD will be held on Saturday, October, 11, 2008, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm at 119<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Ave. in Worth. Please take the opportunity to dispose of your unwanted hazardous waste items.

Attorney Sara Gadola extended an invitation to Mayor Wasowicz and the Board to the Robbins, Schwartz hospitality suite at the upcoming IML Convention.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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