

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

Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2009

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. President Wasowicz is absent this evening. Present are Mayor Pro Tem Mary McGee, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is absent. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem McGee had no report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

The spring, village-wide garage sales are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15th, 16th and 17th. The sales will be advertised in the Daily Southtown and the DesPlaines Valley News for a few weeks preceding the dates. Permits are free of charge and are available in the clerk's office. A list of participating home addresses will be prepared for pick-up, for the convenience of those shopping the sales.

We are seeking residents with artistic talent for an Art Show, scheduled for June 28th at the Lipinski Community Center. Painters, sculptors, quilters, jewelry makers or those who express themselves through art that would like to display their work are encouraged to call the clerk's office to sign up. There will be no charge to the exhibitors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve payables numbers 1-36 in the amount of 49,034.90, posted for the period of 03/19/2009 – 04/08/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$1,666.31, TIF #1 expenses of \$ 1,196.02, TIF #2 expenses of \$2,623.00, for a total of \$54,520.23.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue Advantage HMO, the PPO and the Blue Choice Select PPO Health Insurance benefit options for full-time employees of the Village of Justice, and to approve the renewal of the employee-funded Guardian dental insurance plan, all effective May 1, 2009.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that the village engineer has been reviewing drainage problems on the north side of town. The 7700 blocks of Cronin, Blazer and Garden Lane, 71st Street, 87th Avenue and 76th and Blazer, Banks and Cork, have all been under review. Assistant Director Ken White is working with John Hoefflerle to provide quadrant maps and field observation sheets to designated public works employees to facilitate personal attention and responsibility to the maintenance of ditches, culverts and storm drains.

Engineering for projects including reconstruction of Cork Ave. from Archer to 71st Street and sidewalks on 79th Street from Cork Ave. to Roberts Road is underway. Also, the Justice Flood Control Project on Cork Ave. is in the process of being re-engineered in order to seek funding.

Jim Lurquin attended a recent seminar exploring initiatives for public works directors and supervisors. Designated public works employees are scheduled to attend a class teaching the safe use of herbicides.

Our most recent hire to Public Works, Mr. Mark Lonak has successfully completed his training and testing and has obtained a CDL, a requirement of his employment as a full-time, public works laborer.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray had no report.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

There was no report.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: Motion: To approve the Business License of Sammy’s Ice Cream Shop doing business at 7901 S. 87th Court, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

SECOND: Trustee Murray
Trustee Murray asked that the license be contingent upon there being no parking or traffic flow problems evidenced by the dual use of the business location. The ice cream business occupies the building at a self-service gas station.

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License to operate Justice Little Angels at 7448 Banks, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with the State of Illinois and all codes and ordinances of the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Kranig is absent this evening. He is recovering from a brief hospitalization.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gadola had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, donations to other local organizations and other matters before the committee, including a quote for performing the TIF Audits.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Discussion regarding possible membership in the 5th District SWAT organization and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Egas asked if a CDL was a requirement for a full time position in public works.

Indeed, a CDL must be obtained by candidates for full-time employment.

Mr. Egas then asked if the laborer's position had been advertised by the village. Mr. Gabrys stated that it was not unusual to hire from those employees who had successfully worked for public works as part-time or seasonal employees and had proven qualifications.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked about the safety of combining gas sales and ice cream sales. He wondered why permits were issued for the build-out to sell ice cream if safety concerns were evident.

Mayor Pro Tem McGee stated that all the necessary codes were met by the business as proposed.

Attorney Gadola added that the village would not have the option of refusing permits to a business without cause.

Mr. Rinkus questioned whether a health inspection was done and was the health inspector satisfied that you can sell gas and ice cream.

There will be no money taken for gas sales by the ice cream shop employees. The gas is pay at the pump only. The health inspector approved the ice cream shop for licensing.

Ms. Barb Stimatz asked about the status of the proposed drainage improvement between her property and the Amelia Court condos.

Trustee Gabrys stated that we are awaiting a letter from the Amelia Court Association to enter onto their property to perform work.

Ms. Stimatz asked if she had a drainage easement at the rear of her lot.

Mr. Lurquin said that utility easements are on all lots, but that does not mean that drainage improvements are installed or would be installed in that easement.

Mayor Pro Tem McGee stated that Ms. Stimatz's questions were very specific and were better posed to the building department, specifically, Mr. Lurquin on a one on one basis. She should make an appointment to speak to Mr. Lurquin to explore her options regarding her drainage problems.

Mr. Joe Egas asked what class of CDL was required for a public works employee, and who pays for the license.

Mr. Phil DePaola, our former Public Works Director, stated that the employee pays for the license but the training and testing is done by Mr. White, who is a certified instructor. We require a Class A, CDL. There is no hazmat endorsement required.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Jurgel

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector