

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

Minutes of Monday, February 23, 2009

Village President 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 President Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Trustee Jim Gabrys is home with the flu. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is present.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mayor Kris Wasowicz read a Proclamation naming the Week of March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 7, 2009 as National Severe Weather Preparedness Week in the Village of Justice.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded all that The Spring Senior Luncheon will be held at the Wm. O. Lipinski Community Center on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 11:30 am. We will feature corned beef and cabbage, chicken and roast pork members, and are available to be picked up, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The first of the newly formatted, 8 1/2" X 11", sewer and refuse bills will be mailed to our homes on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Included in the same mailing will be our newsletter, designed to inform our residents of interesting and/or critical information..

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

MOTION: To approve payables numbers 1-18, in the amount of \$25,696.93 , posted for the period of 02/05/2009 – 02/17/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$31,544.78 and TIF #1 expenses of \$353.75, for a total of \$57,595.46.

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-03, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2008 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BOND SERIES 2002, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-04, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2008 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BOND SERIES 2003A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve a proposal from MWM Consulting Group, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Il 60604, to perform actuarial services for the Village of Justice.

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

Trustee Mary McGee mentioned that on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. the TIF Joint Review Board will convene to review the Redevelopment Plan and proposed Project Area for TIF #3 in the Village of Justice.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Jim Gabrys is absent this evening.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray reported that Chief Gedville has been researching a couple of grants and has submitted an application for a grant that would fund three years of salary for a new officer.

The Bridgeview/Justice EMA is sponsoring a Severe Weather Seminar at Toyota Park at 7:00 pm on March 11, 2009. All those interested are invited to attend.

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

Trustee Ed Jurgel stated that he will be discussing the entertainment venues that have been contacted by Gerry Mendralla for the upcoming Fest at the next regular committee meeting.

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

Sincere congratulations once again to the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest winners Tericita Tovar – First Place, Daniel Garbacz – Second Place, and Jason Pavlachek – Third Place.

Trustee Berkowicz hopes they enjoyed the festivities this evening.

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

Trustee Kranig has just returned from a week in San Antonio. He commented that the business of both the Building and Zoning departments is very slow. He attributes the lack of activity to the economy and to the weather. He is confident that permits will pick up when the weather improves, at least for repairs and remodeling.

Currently in the Village of Justice there are 62 homes in foreclosure. Please be aware of vacant homes and call the police should you see any suspicious activity. One abandoned home in the Deer Woods Subdivision had incurred severe damage due to water breaks in the cold weather. The heat was off and the water left on.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Gadola announced that her firm was relocating their downtown office. She will be taking calls routed through the Joliet office for a few days at the end of this week.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, March 04, 2009

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables and other matters before the committee. Possible **Closed Session** regarding Potential or Pending Litigation.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review, in particular, legislation to amend village code regarding business regulations.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** Any matters before the committee, in particular, legislation providing code amendments to regulations for mobile/manufactured homes.

**ADMINISTRATION & RECREATION:** Update regarding plans for the Fest, especially the proposed entertainment.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion regarding emergency dispatch operations.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Any matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Mike Maruszak reported that he attended a recent public meeting regarding Phase II - PACE routes. Phase II addresses ten routes that have little impact on our service in Justice, but the good news is there is a proposal in Phase III to extend the 379 route beyond Moraine Valley to Orland Park with additional buses being added to shorten the time between routes. The Phase III Hearing will be in March.

Mr. James Rinkus questioned whether an Emergency Board Meeting held on July 16, 2008 was indeed an appropriate emergency. President Wasowicz replied that we were in the midst of the Asbury park-site dirt removal project and ran into a situation that required immediate action so the project could proceed. We incurred an inordinate amount of concrete that had to be sifted for the materials being loaded. The sifter was available to rent now, but was promised at another site and would not be available after the next regular board meeting. The cost of \$75,000.00 had to be approved by the Board of Trustees in order for the project to continue.

Attorney Gadola added that the special meeting was properly noticed and completely legal and appropriate to hold. The minutes were transcribed and approved and are available for review.

Ms. Rita Capana asked with 62 homes in foreclosure in Justice, isn't there any mandatory requirement for municipalities to be notified? Trustee Kranig agreed that notification should be required but Deputy Clerk Judy Field and Jim Lurquin share information and check the newspapers daily to keep our list of vacant and foreclosed properties current.

Mrs. Brenda Egas asked when the map displaying the priority of the condition of our streets was going to be completed.

Trustee Kranig stated that it should be ready at the next regular board meeting.

Mrs. Egas said that there is a big dip in the pavement at 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, as if the pavement is sinking. Also on 71<sup>st</sup> Street there are ruts in the pavement. President Wasowicz asked Jim Lurquin to take note of the areas so that they may be evaluated.

Lastly, Mrs. Egas stated that there are people walking their dogs at the Lipinski Pond and are not cleaning up after them.

Chief Gedville says if the offenders are identified and the police are called citations can and will be issued.

Also, the wooden fence at the pond is in need of repair.

Mr. Vince Centano asked if it would have been cheaper to buy the machine that sifted the dirt at the Asbury Woods park-site and have public works operate it. Mayor Wasowicz stated that to rent the machine for a short time was \$75,000.00. The cost to purchase the machine would be enormous. There were huge concrete pieces that once sifted might be sold. The organic material could not contain any concrete and be dumped. The dump sites would not accept organic materials with concrete included. The best course of action was to appropriate the \$75,000.00 and get the work completed.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked how much money was spent to reconstruct the dais and who it was that did the work. Was the project put out to public bid?

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the work was done by McGee Woodworking, a business in town, and an \$8,500.00 expense did not require a bid.

Mr. Rinkus continued that there were nails sticking out at the ends of the dais and it was a safety hazard.

Mayor Wasowicz thanked Mr. Rinkus for pointing out the defect and said that we would have it corrected.

Mr. Rinkus asked who constructed the Village Sign.

Mr. Mike Ohland, of Ohland Signs in Justice, constructed the medallion in the center of the sign, and Mr. Dan McGee constructed the sign. Mr. McGee donated his time and talents to the project and was not paid for his work.

Mr. Rinkus informed the Board that the light at the Veterans' Memorial is out.

Mr. Ed Rusch indicated that he did indeed question the legality of the Special Meeting of July 16, 2008 for notice requirements at the time the meeting was held.

The attorney has already confirmed that proper notice requirements were met.

Mr. George Rohde asked if and when a sound wall will ever be constructed between the toll way and Frontage Road and near the entrance to Sterling Estates. Mayor Wasowicz replied that IDOT has stated that when we have 50% of the cost to contribute they will build the wall.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Kranig

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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