

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

Minutes of Monday, February 09, 2009

Village President Kris Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Justice Police Department Color Guard proudly presented the Flag in honor of the 2009 Police Department Performance Awards

**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, Jim Gabrys, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Trustee Jurgel is running late and will try to be here, later. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is present.

**PRESENTATION:** Chief of Police Robert Gedville presented the 2009 Police Department Performance Awards.

The winners are:

Narcotics Enforcement:	Cpl. Michael McNamara
Traffic Enforcement:	Cpl. Ronald Brenza
DUI Enforcement:	Cpl. Lucas Wyatt
	Sgt. Mark Krummick

And with the most sincere congratulations of the Justice Police Department and the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Justice, the **2009 Officer of the Year Award** goes to **Officer Anthony DeBella**.

Officer DeBella is a ten-year veteran of the Justice Police Department. His primary duties as the community relations officer dictates that he spend much of his time in our schools. Officer DeBella administers the Stranger-Danger Program, the VEGA Program, and the GREAT Program. Prior to the implementation of these programs, he was the DARE Officer. Officer DeBella represents all of the best qualities we want in a police officer. Officer DeBella will soon be helping to implement a Neighborhood Watch Program in our community.

Chief Gedville pointed out the new uniform of the Justice Police Department. We used to wear the Chicago-style uniform with the light blue shirt. It was time for a change to a more progressive style of uniform, featuring a dark blue shirt and a different style of patch, with a stripe down the leg.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or as corrected. (On page six, it is stated that CDBG Funds will be used to construct sidewalks on the south side of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and the west side of Roberts Road. It should state CMAQ Funds not CDBG Funds).

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve as corrected.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

On Friday, February 13, at 3:00 pm, a Joint Review Board Hearing for the Village of Justice, TIF #3, will be conducted at the Justice Village Hall, 7800 S. Archer Road. We are in need of a Public Member to represent the Village at these proceedings.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Mr. Michael Maruszak as the Village of Justice Public Member to the TIF Joint Review Board.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

**VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-38, in the amount of \$25,794.79, posted for the period of 01/22/2009 – 02/04/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$1,853.58 and TIF #1 expenses of \$1,017.29 and TIF #2 expenses of \$6, 526.25, for a total of \$36,192.31.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the Master Retail Gas Service Agreement with Integrys Energy Services Inc. to provide a quantity of natural gas to Village owned facilities, contingent upon review and approval by the Village Attorney.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Jim Gabrys stated that public works has been busy the past few weeks with snow-removal and repairing pot-holes with cold-patch materials. A number of sewers needed clearing and manholes and culverts are being cleaned in readiness for the expected thaw.

Many of our traffic signs were in need of repair, in particular, stop signs, as they are a target of vandals.

Our plows need regular service this time of year and we have spruced-up the public works lunchroom with a fresh coat of paint.

The Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance, the TIF #3 ordinance draft and CDBG engineering reports have recently been addressed by Jim Lurquin on our behalf.

We are working on drainage plans for 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Cork Avenue, 73<sup>rd</sup> Place near the Covington Development and the Thomas Street pond.

Discussions regarding the potential annexation of Sterling Estates are at a point that required that Mayor Wasowicz confer with the owner of the manufactured home community to further explore the benefits to both the Village and Sterling Estates.

No conclusions have been reached but the possibility of annexation is worthy of further exploration.

With regard to the issue regarding snow-removal at the sidewalk in front of Damar, Trustee Berkowicz spoke with Mr. Mark Kaminski, the owner of Damar, and he has agreed to handle the snow shoveling on that sidewalk.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray sincerely congratulated the Justice Police Department Performance Award winners.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: **To approve Ordinance 2009-01B, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; SECTION 7-24, LIQUOR REGULATIONS.**

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

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

This action allows for local adjudication of offenses related to the possession and transportation of alcohol by minors.

Trustee Murray reported that there was a fire at an Arbors townhouse building last night. He thanked the Villages of Summit, Willow Springs and Bedford Park and the Roberts Park Fire Protection District for their hard work to put out the fire.

Our own police officers, Anthony DeBella and Carmen Scardine, exhibited both bravery and resourcefulness by rescuing a resident who was unconscious in the burning unit. Our thanks and applause to them both.

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

Trustee Ed Jurgel had not yet arrived.

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Business License of Beauty World operated by Yara Inc. doing business at 8517 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of D & K Southwest Corp. doing business at 17 Ottawa Ct., in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of FIL Cab Co. doing business at 7431 Maple Drive, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances and contingent on proof of a \$2,000,000.00 liability insurance policy.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

On Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm we will honor the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest winners with a presentation and refreshments. The winners are first place - Tericita Tovar, second-place – Daniel Garbacz, and third-place – Jason Pavalchek.

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

MOTION: Trustee Kranig Moves: to approve Ordinance 2009-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 - UTILITIES; DIVISION 3 - BUILDING SEWER CONNECTIONS; SECTION 11-89(G) STANDARDS FOR CONNECTIONS TO SEWER SYSTEMS AND ADDING SECTION 11-92 GREASE TRAP/INTERCEPTOR REQUIREMENTS.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

Trustee Kranig stated that the Grease Trap legislation was in response to a serious sewer back-up that occurred on 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. that made it apparent action was required.

We are also working on the problem of snow, not being removed on private driveways in multi-family buildings, the feeding of wild birds and animals, and the re-authorization of a CDBG Grant for the Thomas Street pond.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Gadola had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Wasowicz elaborated on the potential annexation of Sterling Estates. In response to the research by the committee, Treasurer Rusch compiled some conservative numbers regarding the financial benefits and costs related to such an annexation.

It has been clearly determined that the village would not accept responsibility for infrastructure. Streets and sewers would need to continue to be maintained by the owner. The owner of Sterling Estates had hoped that in the event of annexation, the village would take over the water billing to his residents, but we are no loner in the business of billing water. An agreement would have to be reached with the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission for billing of Sterling's residents. Any annexation at this point would be contingent upon an agreement being reached between Sterling Estates and the Water Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables and other matters before the committee to include a **Closed Session** regarding 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.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Jean McGuire, Director of the Justice Public Library, sincerely thanked Trustee Gabrys and the Public Works Department for their assistance unloading boxes of books for the book drive.

Mrs. Rita Campana stated that a recent article in the DesPlaines Valley News stated that money had been distributed to School Districts 108 and 217 from a Village of Justice TIF.

President Wasowicz replied that it was School Districts 109 and 217. That was merely a typo in the article.

Ms. Debbie Bose complained about the demeanor of the radio-dispatchers she spoke to on the phone and later at the reception counter of the Police Department. Chief Gedville said that he would speak to her regarding her concerns after the meeting.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Murray so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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