

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JANUARY
Minutes of Monday, January 12, 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, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Kranig is absent with the flu this evening. 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 December 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz announced that disbursements are in process for TIF #1. Both school districts have received their usual allotments and the Park District and the Library District will be receiving \$50,000.00, each.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Filing dates for the 2009 Consolidated Election are from Monday, January 19th at 8:00 am until Friday, January 26th at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-24, in the amount of \$26,100.94, posted for the period of 12/18/08 – 01/07/09, not including re-occurring expenses that total \$11,717.89.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys reported that we needed to perform additional improvements to the Thomas Street Pond. Jim Lurquin has investigated and determined that unused CDBG Funds are available for transfer to the original CDBG project 06-

029 for improvements to the pond. Therefore, we need to take action to formally transfer the available funds.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNUSED CDBG FUNDS TO A NEW PROJECT UNDER CDBG 06-029.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee Gabrys stated that he was in receipt of a proposal from Anagnos Door to provide and install an automatic, overhead door-closer on the Public Works bay door. As this action is not on the agenda this evening, he will treat the expense as a payable for approval at the next regular Board Meeting. The proposal is only for \$1725.00, an amount we should save on energy costs in no time.

Addressing the practice of plowing of senior driveways, Trustee Gabrys reminded all that in the event of a snowfall on the weekend we will not incur overtime expenses for senior citizen's driveway plowing. We will, however, try to get to them as soon as possible on the next regular workday.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray stated that he and Chief Gedville had analyzed the cost to benefit ratio of hiring the proposed, additional officer for the police department. Action had been taken to freeze hiring, but if an officer can be dedicated to truck enforcement, we should benefit more that the cost of the additional officer and the associated benefits.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To direct the Police and Fire Commission to hire one, patrol officer from the current lateral-hire, eligibility list.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

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

Trustee Murray commented that in case of extreme cold the Village Hall is available as a warming center should any of our residents find themselves without heat. Just contact the Police Department after hours or the Clerk's Office during the day if such a need arises.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel had no report.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the business license of Fine Line Seal-Coating doing business at 7857 S. Cronin Ave., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

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

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz Moves: To approve the option for payment of the 2009 Business License Fees of two (2) installments, one by January 15th and the second on or before April 15th, with a carrying charge of \$50.00, or 10% whichever is less.

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

Trustee Berkowicz announced that he will be picking up the entries for the 2009-2010 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest and will have those entries available at the next regular committee meeting.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig

In Trustee Kranig’s absence, Municipal Services Administrator, Jim Lurquin stated that we had been forced to hire a board-up company to secure two properties, a single family house that was abandoned and the four-flat building at 8451 79th street. We will be billing back the board up fees to the financially responsible parties by the filing of liens.

The Illinois Infrastructure Task Force is compiling a list of projects to be submitted to the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill and also for the State Capital Plan. This information from the Southwest Conference of Mayors is being forwarded to Trustee Kranig and Municipal Services Administrator, Jim Lurquin.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gadola had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz is in receipt of the Draft Redevelopment Plan and Project for TIF #3. Public hearings will be scheduled in the upcoming, few weeks.

Trustee Gabrys reminded all that during snowplowing, the destruction of some mailboxes is inevitable. If your mailbox is damaged, contact Public Works with your address and phone number and we will provide repair with a 4X4 post and a mailbox. We cannot be responsible for decorative or brick mailbox structures.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION & RECREATION: Possible discussion regarding cell phone carriers for village cell phones and the 2009 Ethnic Fest.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses or ordinances available for review and possible review of the vehicle sticker design entries.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Review of a proposed resolution authorizing the final payment to Fiala Paving Co. for estimate No. 2 of the Arbors Resurfacing Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Ed Rusch suggested that we might want to schedule the second business license payment for later than April 15th, maybe into the summer. Treasurer Rusch suggested that with cash flows to the village, summer was often a difficult time, before the second installment taxes come in.

Clerk/Collector Svoboda stated that since we have a utility billing on April 31 and vehicle tags go on sale on May 1st, late spring, early summer tends to be a financially stable time. She added, that to delay the second installment too long would only tend to leave it too close to the next year's payment.

Mr. George Gaskin asked why the plows were going so fast on 86th Ave. Trustee Gabrys stated that he would speak to Mr. Ken White to insure that the plow drivers watch their speed.

Mr. Jim Rinkus stated that the rocks he placed on the easement in front of his house were hit by the plow on Saturday morning. He asked if when the snow cleared we would be replacing his rocks to their original position.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that we discourage the placing of rocks in the easement, especially when those rocks are covered by snow. We will look at the placement of those rocks after the thaw.

Mrs. Sue Small asked why we are using sand in lieu of salt on the roadways.

Mr. Jim Lurquin stated that some salt comes to us with a sandy substance already evident. Depending on where the salt is mined, it may have a different texture or color. Also, at very low temperatures, salt is ineffective and a sandy material helps with traction. On occasion, sand becomes necessary.

Jim Lurquin also cautioned that occasionally we will see intersections and hills being salted and straight-aways without salt.

Mrs. Melanie Kuban asked why Willow Drive is only being plowed to the width of a single lane and snow is being pushed to the driveways at the curves. Mayor Wasowicz stated he would look into the plowing of Willow Drive for any suggestions for improvement to the process that he might provide.

Mrs. Valerie Lyons stated that again, she has snow being stored in front of her house. She stated that we need designated areas on or around Indian Lane to store the snow. Mayor Wasowicz said that he would investigate her complaint.

Trustee Murray sincerely thanked the Bridgeview/Justice EMA for all the help with sandbagging during the last flooding event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Murray
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Collector