

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JULY
Minutes of Monday, July 27, 2009

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

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Newly appointed Trustee George Pastorino is present waiting the administering of the Oath of Office. Attorney Tom Garrette is present.

PLEDGE:

President Wasowicz led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN:

Village President Kris Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office to Trustee George Pastorino who will complete the term vacated by Trustee Jeff Kranig.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 07/13/09 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

Trustee DePaola asked that the minutes of his committee report be corrected on page 5, to reflect that he stated he would be scheduling a meeting with the mayor and the board to discuss a proposal for a business at the recently vacated Why Not location. The minutes as proposed quoted him as saying he would be scheduling a meeting with the mayor.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes as corrected.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees Murray, Pastorino, Fairman, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2009-18, An ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustees Pastorino, Fairman, McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda presented a plaque to Mayor Wasowicz on behalf of the Justice/Willow Springs Little League, honoring the Village of Justice for sponsorship of the League in 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

Motion: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-50 in the amount of \$46,086.19 posted for the period of 07/03/2009 – 07/22/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$71,331.25, TIF #1 expenses of \$9,167.99, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 560.21, and MFT expenses of \$8,287.45 for a total of \$135,433.08.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOTE: Trustees Fairman, McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola, Pastorino and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek added that she is gathering the final proposals for waste removal and associated services from potential vendors this week. She expects to have five or six proposals over all. The proposal from our current hauler will be a re-submission due to changing markets in the recycling industry. Trustee Bartoszek is anticipating reviewing those proposals in committee at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Trustee Bartoszek added that she is in receipt of the mid-year financials for the village. She will review those reports, in detail, with the board at the next committee meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee John Fairman

Trustee Fairman reported that Public Works is working on tubing two ditches in Roberts Park at 83rd Street and 78th Court.

On 87th Ave. between 71st and 72nd Streets, the French Drain is being redefined by clearing, cleaning and excavating that drain. Miscellaneous detention ponds are being cleaned and pot-holes filled, as necessary.

He is evaluating the cost benefit of a commercial snow-blower for maintaining public sidewalks and narrow senior-driveways for the upcoming, winter season.

The approval of the Capital Bill promises us about 4.2 million for projects. 1.6 million dollars of those funds is for the construction of the Cork Ave. drainage line to the 71st Street Ditch. The funding is not through appropriations yet, so as soon as that occurs, we will schedule those projects that are ready to proceed.

The summer help is concentrating on the cutting of detention ponds and drainage easements.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mary McGee

Trustee McGee read a report from Chief Bob Gedville: The Justice Police Department is pleased to announce that they will be participating in the 2009 National Night Out. This will take place on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 from 6pm to 9pm at the Lipinski Center. National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The

goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

This year's event features a disc jockey, face painting, clowns, balloon sculptor, numerous inflatables, petting zoo, caricature artist, and a neighborhood barbecue. Best of all, everything is free of charge! Bring your entire family for an evening of fun and enjoyment with your fellow neighbors. See you there!

As you are all well aware of, our agency participated in the Third Annual Seat Belt Incentive Program for productivity from May 1- May 31, 2009. This program was administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety (DTS). The goal of the program is to save lives and prevent severe injuries on Illinois highways and achieve a higher percentage of safety belt compliance through aggressive safety belt enforcement. This is a statewide program and hundreds of agencies participated.

DTS awarded equipment grants to agencies based on the number of citations issued, on a department per capita basis. The top award was a \$24,500 grant, for the purchase of a new patrol car. Additionally, there were 3 awards of \$10,000, 6 awards of \$5,000, 9 awards of \$2,600, 9 awards of \$2,000 and 15 awards of \$1,000.

I am happy to announce that the Justice Police Department was selected as the overall winner in the State of Illinois. Our department will soon receive the \$24,500 grant for the purchase of a new patrol car.

Deputy Chief Kraig McDermott of the Justice Police Department administered the program locally and the entire patrol division participated. I would like to thank each officer for their dedication and hard work, you all should be proud of what was accomplished!

I would also like to thank the members of our Communications Center. They had the task of entering each violation into the computer database, which at times was overwhelming. Thanks again, I am proud to lead such a great group of professionals!

Trustee McGee requested that Clerk Svoboda send the minutes for approval at the same time as the agenda for the next board meeting in order for the board to have ample time for review.

Clerk Svoboda said that in future, she would send the minutes along with the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION

Trustee Pastorino thanked Mayor Wasowicz and his fellow board members for the confidence they have shown in him by confirming his appointment to the Justice Village Board.

He added a special thanks to Mike Murray for standing in for Trustee Kranig and handling the business of the Administration Building & Recreation Committee until he was appointed.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-19, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-145 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE DEPUTY CLERK.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola, Murray, Pastorino and Fairman, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2009-08, a Resolution on The Spending of Economic Renewal Grants in the Village of Justice, pending final review and possible changes by the attorney.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Murray, Pastorino, Fairman and McGee, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee DePaola stated that he is in receipt of correspondence from Public Services Administrator Jim Lurquin stating that our Health Inspector, Sheila Hayes may have a solution to the issue of Sammy's Ice Cream being able to open at the Why Not location without installing an ADA washroom, but still being in compliance with the codes and ordinances of the village.

Trustee DePaola will further investigate the proposal and discuss his findings at the next, regular committee meeting.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Mike Murray

There are still openings in the schedule to sell tickets at the Fest. Contact Mike or Gerry Mendralla to volunteer.

Trustee Murray again thanked Gerry Mendralla for all of his hard work in preparation for the 2009 Ethnic Fest.

Trustee Murray stated that in the Building Department permits and collections are well under what was anticipated, due to the sluggish economy.

In future, business licenses will be issued through the Building Department. From the application process to the inspections, collection of fees and issuance, the procedure will be administrated by that department. Forms and instructions will be on the web.

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Resolution 2009-09, a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Bid to Stabilize the Interior Wall and Slab at the Lipinski Community Pavilion.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Murray, Pastorino, Fairman, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Tom Garrette had no report.

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, August 5, 2009**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, a mid-year review of the financial position of the village and a review of proposals for refuse, recyclables and yard waste pick-up.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses, code amendments or ordinances available for review, in particular, the licensing of the fast food restaurant previously known as Why Not Hot Dogs Co. and a Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse capital expenditures from the proceeds of future TIF #3 debt issues.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters before the committee including the potential appointment of a Fire Pension Board and an **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5ILCS 120/2(c) (1)).

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Any matters before the committee including an **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5ILCS 120/2(c) (1)).

BUILDING PLATS & ZONING: Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Brenda Egas announced that the Justice Senior's Club will meet tomorrow in the All Purpose Room at 12:30 pm. She went on to invite anyone over 55 years old to join the club. A flyer is available with contact numbers and info.

Mr. Ed Rusch asked what the cost of the repairs to the Lipinski center would be. Mayor Wasowicz replied that the bid was for around \$137,000.00, but the cost would be \$12,900.00 less, for a one-color floor.

Mr. Rusch expressed concern that the bid was so much less than the repairs had been expected to cost.

Trustee Murray commented that he had heard from five or six vendors regarding the bid but only one bid was ultimately submitted.

However, Trustee Murray was most impressed by this particular vendor's grasp of the problem and suggestions for repair.

As a former treasurer, Mr. Rusch suggested that the board consider directing departments to take advantage of the back-to-school sales on common office supplies as pricing is so good, this time of year.

Mr. Joe Egas stated that he was confused about the amount of funding we will receive from the stimulus package. He has heard 7 million, 5.6 million and now, 4.2 million. How much is it?

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the amounts in the Capital Bill that are still subject to the passage of the Appropriations Bill are as follows:

\$90,500.00 for sidewalks

\$130,000.00 from Build Illinois DCEO for parks improvements

\$ 1.6 million for the Cork Ave. Drainage Project (DCEO in cooperation with the MWRD to include ditch improvements)

\$2,632,000 for reconstruction of streets in Roberts Park (from the efforts of Representative Mary Flowers)

\$850,000.00 for 85th Ave. from 79th to the toll way and 86th Ave. from Archer to 71st. (through the efforts of Congressman Dan Lipinski)

Mr. Egas asked about the position of Chief of Staff. Have we had one before and is the position paid?

Mayor Wasowicz stated that with the volume of initiatives we have in process we needed someone to spearhead, coordinate and to lighten the load of the trustees. The Chief of Staff Position is to research and advise the mayor and the board and the position is not paid.

Mr. Egas reminded Trustee McGee that she had not announced the next, Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Trustee McGee replied that the next meeting is scheduled for August 27th, 2009 at 7:00 pm, here at the Village Hall.

Mr. Jerry Carter informed the public that an \$800,000.00 award of stimulus funding had been reflected as having been awarded to the Village of Justice, when in fact, the award was to the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission. This might have confused the numbers being quoted from the original Capital Bill.

Mrs. Cookie Gaskin asked if we are required to contribute any matching funds for the funding awards proposed by the Capital Bill.

No matching funds are required.

Mrs. Cookie Gaskin asked who the deputy clerk is and would tonight's action decrease her pay.

Judith Field is currently the deputy clerk, and yes, her pay will be decreased.

Mrs. Gaskin continued, asking what the resolution on the spending of economic renewal grants was for.

Mr. Marty Williams, a representative of the United Steelworkers of America, stated that the resolution confirms the village's intent to buy American made goods and to use American organized labor when at all possible.

Mrs. Gaskin stated that lights are out around the curve of the path at the Lipinski Center.

The outages will be repaired.

Ms. Cheryl Schwartz said that some of the finials on the decorative lights on Oak Grove and on Cork Ave. are missing, resulting in water getting into the lights. We will determine which lights are missing the finials and get them replaced.

Mr. Jim Rinkus reminded the board that there is a broken and dangerous bench at the park adjacent to the park district building, and the Com Ed pole on Oak Grove across from the basketball courts is still leaning, precariously.

Regarding the Com Ed pole, it is on the list to be replaced. We have been assured that it poses no risk to the public. The bench is an issue for the park district.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Fairman so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk