

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

Minutes of Monday, June 22, 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, Jeff Kranig, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Attorney Tom Garrette is present.

**PLEDGE:**

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To move to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

MOTION: Trustee Murray so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:31 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jeff Kranig, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek, Phil DePaola and Attorney Tom Garrette

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the 06/08/09 Regular Board Meeting as submitted or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Robert S. Molaro and Associates to the position of Village Prosecutor effective June 15, 2009, initially until August 31, 2009, at a rate of \$1,200.00 per month.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2009-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE COLLECTOR.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2009-15, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE CLERK.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

#### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Summer Art Fair originally scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lipinski Center is cancelled for lack of participation by community artists. We will try again at a later date

Vehicle tags for the 2009-2010 year must be displayed by June 30, 2009.

We have scheduled extended hours in the front office in order to better accommodate our residents. On Friday, June 26, we will be open until 6:00 pm, on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and on Monday and Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Reminder: After hours, vehicle tags may be purchased in the Police Department.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-20 in the amount of \$18,427.89 posted for the period of 06/03/2009 – 06/16/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$41,878.69, and TIF #1 expenses of \$6,252.48, for a total of \$66,559.06.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-16, AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2008 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) SERIES 2008A AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) SERIES 2008B, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee John Fairman**

Trustee Fairman reported that Public Works has been asphaltting in various locations around town.

We hired four seasonal employees and they have been cutting and cleaning drainage ditches and detention ponds.

Work is finishing on the Amelia Court project of putting in a 6” French drain. Drainage manholes are being installed in various locations and chipping continues, as usual.

Some trees came down in a recent storm most notably at 76<sup>th</sup> and Blazer and the EMA was called out. This should have been a Public Works issue and the process will be corrected in future.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mary McGee**

Trustee McGee issued a Reminder: The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

She hopes many residents will attend.

### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kranig**

Trustee Kranig reported that plans for the Fest are coming along nicely. A meeting for the Fest was held last Wednesday, and opportunities to volunteer of your time are still available. Contact Mike Murray via e-mail or phone to volunteer.

We are still looking for volunteers, especially to monitor the grounds, perform clean up duties and for ticket sales.

Food vendor applications are out and one is already accepted. The crafter applications were mailed and we should be hearing from some of them, soon. If anyone is interested in signing up to see beer tickets, please contact Melanie Kuban.

Trustee Kranig stated that he has been experiencing some serious health problems. He has recently been hospitalized twice and due to heart problems,

complications of his diabetes, neuropathy, etc. Jeff's doctors and his family have implored him to resign from his position of trustee.

Regrettably, Jeff has decided to resign. This will be his last meeting.

Trustee Kranig offered his best wishes to the current Board of Trustees and continued, stating he was confident they would do a good job for the community.

He reminded everyone that he lost friends by supporting this current administration but his confidence in them has not wavered.

Jeff hopes that he has earned the confidence shown in him by the voters of the Village of Justice by his actions these last two years and promised that he will remain involved from behind the scenes as much as he can.

Mayor Wasowicz offered his heartfelt thanks to Trustee Kranig for his service to the village and asked him to please not say goodbye, as he has much to continue to offer to this administration and our community.

(The audience showed their support for Trustee Jeff Kranig with a sincere round of applause.)

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee DePaola**

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-17, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-5 VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED TRAFFIC OFFENSES; ARTICLE V SECTION 6-79 SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES; AND ARTICLE VI SECTION 6-94(C) SEAT BELTS; OF THE VILLAGE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray and Trustee Fairman heard a number of complaints regarding safety issues at a recent fire in the apartment complex.

Trustee Murray initiated the performance of inspections to investigate those complaints. Many of the problems are currently being addressed and re-inspections to confirm completion will occur.

Building permit fees are down due to the state of the economy.

We have employed a landscaper to perform outside maintenance on some of the vacant or foreclosed properties.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Tom Garrette added his best wishes to Trustee Kranig.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin asked about the Separation Agreement that was enacted. President Wasowicz replied that we are in the process of reorganizing the finance and administration departments and that reorganization required vacating the office of Village Collector, so a separation agreement was required.

Mrs. Gaskin asked what a Reorganization Committee is. President Wasowicz answered that it is a committee formed to evaluate and reorganize all of the departments of the Village. We will be looking for ways to improve and streamline the efficiency of our day-to-day operations.

Mrs. Gaskin then asked why the Schedule of Appointments was not attached to the agenda.

The schedule will be attached to the minutes.

Mr. Mike Maruszak commented that PACE has finished Phase III of the route re-designation plan. The 379 route will run at a 10 and 40 minute after the hour schedule. There were 19 bus routes changed. New schedules are forthcoming.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked about the appointment of Tom Garrette as Village Attorney, and will we save money?

Mayor Wasowicz stated that after reviewing many proposals for legal service, Zarzour & Garrette was chosen to be the Village Attorneys. We were not happy with our previous representation and yes, we should save money.

Mr. Rinkus asked what the cost of our legal services usually ran per year. Clerk Svoboda said around \$180,000.00.

Mr. Vincent Centano asked if the re-organization committee members were paid for their service on this committee.

They are not.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so MOVES

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:03 pm.

President Wasowicz reconvened the Meeting at 8:17 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jeff Kranig, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek, Phil DePaola and Attorney Tom Garrette.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Fairman

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk