

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

Minutes of Monday, May 11, 2009

Mayor Kris Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 8:11 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 Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jeff Kranig, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the designation of Trustee Michael Murray as Mayor Pro Tem, to serve in the event of Mayor Wasowicz being out of town or otherwise unable to serve.

MOTION: Trustee Kranig so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

The spring, village-wide garage sales are scheduled for this coming weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Vehicle tags are now on sale and must be displayed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, fees for the tags will double.

There will be a Memorial Service at the Justice Veterans Memorial on Oak Grove and Frontage Road at 9:00 am on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us as we honor our veterans.

We are seeking residents with artistic talent for an Art Show, scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lipinski Community Center. Painters, sculptors, quilters, jewelry makers or those who express themselves through art that would like to display their work are encouraged to call the clerk's office to sign up. There will be no charge to the exhibitors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-45 in the amount of \$26,271.23, posted for the period of 04/22/2009 – 05/05/2009, plus re-occurring

expenses of \$40,689.93, TIF #1 expenses of \$300.00 and MFT Expenses of \$8,181.81, for a total of \$75,442.97.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE TIF NO. 3 (79<sup>TH</sup> STREET/CORK AVENUE) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING THE TIF NO. 3 (79<sup>TH</sup> STREET/CORK AVENUE) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA OF SAID VILLAGE A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-09, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE TIF NO. 3 (79<sup>TH</sup> STREET/CORK AVENUE) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

MOTION: Trustee Murray Moves: To accept the resignation of Nicola Carter as a dispatcher for the Justice Police Department Communications Center, and to authorize the immediate hire of a radio dispatcher.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

Trustee Mike Murray introduced a brief presentation regarding a recent purchase by the Justice Police Department that will be displayed on the screen during his report.

Trustee Murray announced the official creation of the “Neighborhood Watch Program.” This initiative is a partnership between the Justice Police Department and our residents to prevent crime and increase our neighborhoods general safety. All residents are invited on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the evening, to participate in an informative, kick-off meeting to introduce the program.

The screen has been displaying our newest police vehicle. A PATV, 500cc, off-road vehicle that has been modified for street use with lights, signals and siren. Purchased with the use of drug seizure funds, the vehicle is intended for patrol in inaccessible areas, to enhance the public image of the police department and to increase contact with the public. The vehicle will be used for search operations and surveillance in problem areas. The vehicle will be in service from April to October.

On Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, dispatch service to the Roberts Park Fire Protection District commenced. This program will provide cost savings to both agencies. The initial transition has gone well. Our dispatchers handled 13 emergency calls in a five hour period. The Chief of RPPFD had nothing but praise for the level of service our dispatchers provided.

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm a Fest committee meeting will be held.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION** – not yet assigned.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – not yet assigned.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING** – not yet assigned.

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

Trustee Kranig spoke about the progress of the research being conducted for the Cork Ave. Drainage Project that is being submitted to Springfield, the Federal Government and the Southwest Conference of Mayors.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch collects water from Justice, Bedford Park, Bridgeview and Hickory Hills. Every rainfall or snow-melt, the Village of Justice suffers from the back up of drainage.

In the year 2000, a study was prepared at \$750,000.00. Today the cost is estimated at more than \$2.3 million dollars.

It is imperative that this project be done. We are doing everything possible to obtain the necessary funding to proceed.

Mike Murray, Jim Lurquin and Trustee Fairman lobbied our legislators, making a creditable case for funding. They spoke to Chris Rodogno, Mary Flowers, Mike Madigan, Louie Viverito and others.

Our requests were well received and we are hopeful that we will receive some funding for our most crucial projects.

We are finally seeing an increase in building permits. At the beginning of the year, we had only 12 permits in a month. This month, with 39 we doubled the number issued last month. Two of them were for new construction. Trustee Kranig stated that this is a sign of improvement of the economy. Sales inspections seem to be picking up as well.

Mayor Wasowicz consented to a request by Trustee Murray to revisit his report with one more item of business.

- MOTION:** Trustee Murray Moves: To approve Resolution 2009-07, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Fifth District Rapid Response Team within the Village of Justice. (A multi-jurisdictional SWAT Team).
- SECOND:** Trustee McGee
- VOTE:** Trustees Murray, Kranig, Fairman, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

President Wasowicz explained that we would have two police officers assigned to the program. One will be Deputy Chief Mike Kurschner who is uniquely qualified by the nature of his skills and another officer to be designated. Should we need SWAT trained response, we will have the resources we require.

Mayor Wasowicz complimented the Police Department for implementing the PATV. He stated that the public relations opportunity and the maneuverability of the vehicle make it a welcome addition to our equipment.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**  
Attorney Gadola sincerely congratulated the newly elected members of the board. She will have an update on legislation at the next regular meeting. .

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
There was no correspondence to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26th due to the observance of Memorial Day on Monday.

President Wasowicz added his personal invitation to our veterans and residents to join us at the Memorial Service at 9:00 am. On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

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

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** Complaints from Deer Woods and other matters before the committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses, in particular Phil Cab Co., amendments to code, or ordinances available for review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Any matters before the committee.

**Committee of the Whole: Possible Closed Session: To discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of one or more classes of employees.**

Committee assignments will be determined by the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ed Jurgel offered his assistance and the benefit of his experience to our new board member in any capacity that they might need.

Clerk Svoboda stated that she had been remiss in not adding her sincere congratulations to Trustee Fairman, Trustee Bartoszek and Trustee DePaola. She will look forward to working with them, one and all.

Mrs. Becky Alter asked if committees would be assigned by the next meeting and where can she obtain a list.

The committees will be set by the next meeting and she can get a list at the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Alter went on to say that the culverts are not draining properly on 85<sup>th</sup> Court and need to be addressed.

Several times she has contacted the Village regarding the blocking of natural drainage and building up of the adjacent properties around her yard. She needs help. We must look again with an eye to what can be done.

There are some improvements in the works that may have a positive impact on her situation.

Remember, culverts must be kept clean and clear of debris in order to work.

Mr. Ed Mescio commented about the problems at Roberts Road at the cross-street by Larry's Ideal. He stated that this was an unsafe intersection and needs to be addressed.

The south side never seems to be at issue regarding drainage concerns. We have to realize that the south side is very flat, and overland drainage is difficult.

Public Works will soon be responsible for individual zones within the Village for inspecting drainage and reporting and correcting maintenance issues. Each zone will have a specific Public Works employee assigned.

Craigors II is using the lot behind them for commercial purposes. Has the lot been rezoned and is that use acceptable. We will check.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked what type of communications equipment is on the PATV. The PATV has speakers in the helmet and a hands-free radio.

Do we have a developer interested in TIF 3?

Mayor Wasowicz stated that we have more than one interested developer. We have spoken to Walgreen's and Aldi and are awaiting proposals.

Mr. Joe Egas asked where we expect to use the PATV.

It will be used on all of our interior streets to improve public contact and where a squad car has difficulty responding.

Mr. Egas asked about the use of bicycles.

We had considered bicycles for police use but the required training is extensive and it was determined that the PATV is the vehicle of choice for the time being.

Treasurer Ed Rusch asked if TIF 2 and TIF 3 were to be made contiguous, could revenues then be shared.

It would require TIF treatment of a portion of Rosary Hill to create that contiguity and at this time, they do not seem interested in getting involved.

Mr. Tom Janes stated that he is very pleased with the amount of progress in the last two years and hope that it will continue with the addition of the new board members. He added, "You can't change 60 years in two or three."

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen Svoboda*  
Village Clerk/Collector