

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF NOVEMBER
Minutes of Monday, November 9, 2009

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

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Mike Murray, George Pastorino, John Fairman, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Attorney Michael Del Galdo is present.

PLEDGE:

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

President Wasowicz asked that a moment of silence be observed in respect for the twelve soldiers who were killed at Fort Hood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 10/26/09, as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

There will be no action this evening with regard to the appointment of a Director of Public Works.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Bartoszek

MOTION: Motion: To approve payables numbers 1-31 in the amount of \$49,938.78 posted for the period of 10/22/2009 – 11/04/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$40,584.96 and TIF #1 expenses of \$76.77, for a total of \$90,600.51.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

Trustee Bartoszek commented that the Fall Clean-up weekend was moderately successful with a full dumpster at the Village Hall and a partially filled dumpster at Public Works.

We received some helpful suggestions from some of our residents and due to that feedback; we have some excellent ideas to modify the program in future.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee John Fairman

Trustee Fairman reported that Public Works is busy readying our equipment for winter. Salt spreaders and plows are being maintained and checked for optimal performance.

We have been performing the last of the chipping required to finish the season. Cleaning of our streets and general maintenance before our first snowfall continues.

Shooting of grades for the installation of new culverts is underway.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mary McGee

Trustee McGee read a report from Chief Robert Gedville:

The Justice Police Department is pleased to announce that they have received the U.S. Department of Justice, Local Law Enforcement Officer Safety Equipment Grant. The Department received \$7,355.00 in funding for the purchase of three (3) Dell Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). The MDT’s are laptops that are installed in the squad cars and they are utilized for reporting, Secretary of State inquiries, and criminal history checks.

During the month of November, the Police Department will be participating in the IDOT Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign. The goal of the Click It or Ticket Campaign is not to give out tickets, but rather to influence people to buckle up and prevent injuries and fatalities. A simple, free, cost-effective means to prevent injury and fatalities to you and your family is making sure everyone buckles up, every trip, every time. It is imperative that effective steps be taken to encourage people to buckle up and buckle up their children. The Click It or Ticket Campaign plays a critical role in the effort to keep people safe on our roads and highways. Justice is a proud proponent of saving lives by encouraging motorists to buckle up!

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, November 19th @ 7pm in the Village Board Room.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION

Trustee Pastorino announced that it is once again time for our annual Christmas Baskets Program. The distribution is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th at the village hall. Volunteers are needed for sorting and delivery of these welcome gifts of turkeys, vegetables, can goods, packaged goods and more. Contact Gerry Mendralla or Janet Cervantes to volunteer.

Collection barrels will be out on the Monday after Thanksgiving, so start sorting through you cabinets for items you are willing to donate.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2009-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE AND TO ESTABLISH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee DePaola explained that J&M Auto at 8243 W. 86th Court has passed all inspections and is in compliance with all codes and ordinances but was omitted from the agenda this evening. Phil has arranged for the business to open. The license will be passed at the next regular board meeting.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray commented that Mayor Wasowicz, Trustee Fairman, Trustee DePaola and he attended a Legislative Breakfast at Moraine Valley Community College recently.

The forum was presented by two Senators from the State of Illinois, a State Representative and a Cook County Commissioner.

Questions regarding the funding of the Capital Bill were posed. The legislature is attempting to fund the bill with bonds so the much needed dollars can be released.

The Building Department has issued 42 building permits, 4 home inspections, 18 code enforcement citations and has performed 36 business inspections this past month.

The Comprehensive Plan currently in place for the Village does not include a small area of land, on 87th Street, east of Roberts Road. This area was unintentionally omitted from the plan in 2005. Since we are anticipating a request for a sign in that area, it became evident that the area needed to be addressed for future planning purposes.

MOTION: Trustee Murray moves: To direct the Zoning & Planning Commission to convene to review the Comprehensive Plan specifically to address those areas that were unintentionally omitted.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

Trustee DePaola commented that one of the reasons the funding of the Capital Bill is moving so slowly is that the bond ratings keep dropping due to the number of towns that are choosing to opt out of the proposed Video Gaming program being implemented in order to provide funding for those bonds.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Michael Del Galdo had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz commented that Chief of Staff Carter had conversation with Comcast regarding the taping and broadcasting of our board meetings. COS Jerry Carter explained that Comcast indicated start-up of such a program would cost in the neighborhood of \$18,000 to \$25,000.00, plus the purchase of equipment and an employee to operate and maintain such equipment. A FCC License would also be required. Oak Lawn recently spent over \$100,000.00 to provide cable access to their meetings.

Attorney Del Galdo added that another community he serves is up to \$150,000.00 in cost for the program. They are required to have content and a producer. At this time their programming is still not launched.

Trustee DePaola commented that we might look for grants for such a program.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, workers compensation and liability insurance quotes for renewal, and other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses available for review, the process and procedure for obtaining a business license, code amendments and/or ordinances available for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Any matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Matters before the committee.

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

Friday, November 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: A comprehensive review to reorganize the Business License procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Ed Rusch asked when the Budget Workshop would be held. Trustee Bartoszek replied that it is scheduled for 9:00 am. Saturday, November 21, 2009.

Mr. Ed Rusch asked how soon the Code Enforcement legislation passed by ordinance this evening would be effective.

Attorney Del Galdo replied as soon as the Clerk publishes the ordinance, probably tomorrow morning.

Mr. Rusch then asked if TIF #1 is going to be extended.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that TIF #1 will retire on December 1, 2010, after the increment for the 2009 tax-year is collected and in order to complete all repairs on the Lipinski Community Center.

Mr. Rusch continued, suggesting that a list of all necessary expenditures and projects be created for the TIF #1 revenues.

Mr. Rusch suggested to Trustee Bartoszek that she ask for a recap of the recycling being collected in the village in order to determine what indeed the value to the recycler is.

Trustee Bartoszek promptly recapped the make-up of the collections in September for trash, yard waste and recycling. She indicated that the recycling rate for September was almost 28%, which is comparable to other communities.

Mr. Ed Rusch continued, asking the status of Red Light enforcement in the village.

He stated that after conversations with a number of friends in law enforcement and government it appears that these programs are revenue producing and do not promote safety.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that he tends to agree. We have no immediate plans to implement red light enforcement.

Mr. Joe McCann from 7201 Oak Grove Ave. commented that he got a call from a neighbor the other day, informing him that Public Works was tearing up the culvert across his driveway with no prior notice.

Notice via a letter from Public Works should have been provided ahead of time. We will look into the oversight and we offer our apologies.

Mr. McCann has concrete installed under his culvert as it passes under his driveway. Will that concrete be replaced?

Not usually, but the tube should be sound, and the concrete creates additional work in case of any future adjustments to the grade. We will look at the specific situation and let Mr. McCann know the disposition of that concrete.

Some additional conversation regarding the Oak Grove culvert project ensued between Mr. McCann and Trustee DePaola who is our former Public Works Director.

Mrs. Cookie Gaskin asked if the Clean-up Weekend was such a success, how long someone is allowed to leave a large item in laying front of their home. She stated that a neighbor has had a big-screen TV out for some time.

Trustee Bartoszek suggested she call Jim Gabrys to report the situation and we will advise the resident that it must be removed and explain the process for having the TV picked up.

Mrs. Gaskin then asked about the final accounting of the 2009 Ethnic Fest. Trustee Murray replied that the total cost to the village was about \$3,900.00. Mayor Wasowicz added that we had not collected a few donations that were promised.

Mr. Joe Egas reported that there is use by motorized vehicles occurring on the Lipinski Pond path, all the time. Chief Gedville stated that the Police must be notified in order for us to enforce the restriction of no motorized vehicles. Often, by the time the police get there they are gone. A license plate number would be of great help. We could then contact the perpetrators.

Mr. Jim Rinkus thanked COS Jerry Carter for his research on the televising of board meetings.

Mr. Rinkus then asked who the Code Enforcement Officer would be, and if it would be a newly hired position.

Fire Inspector Ernie Spatola will provide code enforcement in addition to his fire inspection duties.

Mr. John Small asked Trustee McGee why she voted yes for the appointment of the Village Attorney, Michael Del Galdo.

Trustee McGee replied that his was an inappropriately directed question, since the attorney is a position appointed by the mayor.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee DePaola
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk