

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER
Minutes of Monday, September 14, 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, and Phil DePaola. Trustee Kinga Bartoszek is absent this evening. Attorney Tom Garrette is present.

PLEDGE:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve an amendment of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 08/10/09 to include public comments that were inadvertently omitted.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 08/24/09 as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz established a Proclamation in support of the 2010 Census.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Proclamation as proposed.

MOTION: Trustee Murray

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the designation of a Fire Pension Board for the Justice Firemen's Pension.

MOTION: Trustee McGee

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda had no formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee McGee for Trustee Bartoszek

- MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-76 in the amount of \$46,698.37 posted for the period of 08/20/2009 – 09/09/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$14,173.75 and TIF #1 expenses of \$87,837.51 and MFT expenses of \$18,409.66 for a total of \$167,120.29.
- SECOND: Trustee Fairman
- VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Murray, Pastorino, Fairman and McGee, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee John Fairman

Trustee Fairman commended the Public Works employees who recently exhibited good common sense and initiative painting all the sign poles that were showing signs of wear.

Public Works continues to fill potholes where necessary.

A project is being completed on 76th Place installing additional culverts, grading and seeding to alleviate flooding at that location.

The summer help continues to cut grass in public areas.

Trustee Fairman reported that he used his compensation as a trustee to sponsor a recent block party in the Asbury Woods Subdivision. He intends to use the total of his compensation for benefit to the community.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mary McGee

Trustee McGee read a report from Chief Bob Gedville:

Justice Police Department Board Meeting Report 08/24/09

As many of you are aware, the Justice Police Department has teamed up with the Children’s Hospital of Illinois and their program “**Be a Buckle Buddy**”. This program features a website and a statewide toll-free hotline that allow concerned individuals to anonymously report unrestrained or improperly restrained child passengers in motor vehicles. This evening, we have disseminated Buckle Buddy pamphlets to each of you, in an effort to promote the program to the entire community. Please utilize this effort to better protect the children traveling in the community.

In an effort to improve radio communications for first responders throughout Cook County, the Cook County Homeland Security Urban Area Working Group (UAWG), is providing a voice radio communications system that will enable immediate communications between all first responders in Cook County, should there be a man made or natural disaster. The Justice Police Department will soon be receiving two (2) portable interoperable radio units and base station. The portable radios will be deployed in the field and tuned to the interoperability call channel at all times, to be used in the event of a mass disaster. The goal of this project is to establish an affordable, easy-to-use radio system that will ensure every municipality in Cook County can establish and maintain voice communication with other jurisdictions during an emergency situation.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, August 27th @ 7pm in the Village Board Room. This month's meeting will feature members from our Communications Center.

Respectfully,
Robert Gedville
Chief of Police

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION

- MOTION:** Trustee Pastorino Moves: To approve Resolution 2009-11, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 CONCERNING THE LIPINSKI CENTER FLOOR STABILIZATION PROJECT.
- SECOND:** Trustee McGee
Trustee Pastorino explained that this resolution as proposed amends Resolution 2009-09, approving a change in the original proposal for work to be performed.
- VOTE:** Trustees Murray, Pastorino, Fairman, McGee and DePaola, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

Work continues on the Lipinski Center Floor Stabilization Project and everything is going well.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee DePaola

- MOTION:** Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the Business License of Las Marias Taqueria doing business at 8420 S. 88th Ave. in the Village of Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND:** Trustee Murray
- VOTE:** Trustees Pastorino, Fairman, McGee, DePaola and Murray, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Rockin S Quarter Horses doing business at 8300 S. 82nd Ct. in the Village of Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND:** Trustee McGee
- VOTE:** Trustees Fairman, McGee, DePaola, Murray and Pastorino, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.
Trustee DePaola explained that Rockin S sells riding supplies.

Action to approve the amendment to Village Code regarding loitering is tabled. A number of the trustees could not open the attachment necessary to review the legislation.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Mike Murray

The Building Department has issued 54 permits for general remodeling projects. There were eight sales inspections in August compared to nine in the same month last year, so an improvement in the market seems apparent.

The Village Hall all-purpose room will be the site of a Pre-foreclosure Seminar at 7:00 pm on September 30, 2009. A local realtor and a mortgage company will provide information and advice on loan modifications, short sales and reverse mortgages. .

A fire occurred at Sunset Lakes building 21 last Saturday night. The cause of the fire is being investigated and inspections continue in the complex in order to insure the safety of the residents.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Village Attorney Tom Garrette reported that a hearing regarding the temporary restraining order and permanent injunction to allow school busses on Sunset Lakes' property will come up on Wednesday.

Questions regarding the outcome should be directed to the school districts, their respective boards or their attorneys.

Attorney Garrette stressed that the Village in no way endorses the upcoming mortgage/foreclosure seminar. We have only provided the venue.

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, September 23, 2009**

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

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses, code amendments or ordinances available for review, in particular, a Fire-Pit Ordinance and an Ordinance amending village code with regard to loitering.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Any matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Any matters before the committee.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5ILCS 120/2(c) (1).

Any other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cookie Gaskin commented that the Assessor's website is projecting tax bills will not be mailed until Oct. 1st with a due date of November 15th. Will the Village be able to financially weather the delay?

President Wasowicz stated that we are already reviewing our various options and are confident we will be fine.

Mrs. Brenda Egas asked if the Fire Pension Board was being newly established and for what purpose.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that new rules for Fire Pension Boards require that we re-establish a Fire Pension Board, even though we have only one pensioner. That pensioner has agreed to sit on the board. The full board will be named at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Mike Perillo congratulated the Police Department on an outstanding event, the National Night Out. He was truly impressed with the level of entertainment for the community. Mr. Perillo commented that it was difficult to identify the members of the police department. He hopes the annual event will continue and suggests that a way to easily identify the officers be implemented.

Mr. Perillo stated that the Ethnic Fest was well planned and well laid out. He had a good time as did all who attended. He asked if the Fest was intended just to entertain or to make a profit for the village.

Mayor Wasowicz answered that the Ethnic Fest is to entertain the residents and create an informal opportunity to meet our neighbors and our officials. We are happy to break even.

Mr. Perillo continued by asking if anyone knew Pat Boyle of Cook County Highway Commission. He spoke to Mr. Boyle regarding the intersection of 83rd Street and Roberts Road (by Larry's Ideal Auto) and Mr. Boyle did not recall having spoken to our officials regarding the problems at the intersection.

Roberts Road is a County Road and controlled by the Cook County Highway Authority. We get very little cooperation regarding our complaints.

Do we receive any revenue to repair state or county routes?

No we do not.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is an independent authority and schedules projects by their own priorities.

Is the new garbage contract saving money?

No, initially the contract was awarded to the vendor proposing the least increase in rate, but the next closest proposal included a 5 % per year increase and a fuel surcharge. DisposAll, our new service provider, is saving us more than 2% per year in increases and has waived the fuel surcharge.

Has the Board investigated the Crime Free Housing Act?

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the act was regulated by State Statute. Landlords can be required to evict tenants that are involved in crimes.

Chief Gedville stated that we get good cooperation from the apartment complexes. If identified, owners do evict tenants that are involved in crimes. It is a little more difficult in the smaller rental properties where there are six or so units.

Is it true that Technicraft, our towing provider, is being sued for fraud by charging excessive fees?

Attorney Tom Garrette stated that this is not our issue. It would be a civil issue and a lawsuit would include allegations that would need to be proved in a court of law. Anyone can be sued.

No chasing of accidents occurs in our village.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk