

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF APRIL  
Minutes of Monday, April 26, 2010

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, George Pastorino, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Attorney Michael Castellino is also present.

**PLEDGE:**

Mayor Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 12, 2010 as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes of April 12, 2010 as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

On Thursday, April 22, Mayor Wasowicz traveled to Springfield to meet with our representatives. Mayor Wasowicz met with Senator Sandoval, Senator Michael Bond, Senator Louis Viverito and Speaker Michael Madigan. His focus was to speak about the Capital Bill and appropriations that were approved but have not yet been released. Assurances from these esteemed leaders were offered, promising that they will look into releasing funds for our flood project, in particular, that has been in the works for almost thirteen years. The Speaker and Senators assured Mayor Wasowicz that they will make this funding a priority. Mayor Wasowicz also met with the head of the Transportation Committee and with representatives of the EPA who pledged to visit Justice to review the 86<sup>th</sup> and Archer, Brownfield Project site for additional funding to clean up the old Anthony Oil property.

Mayor Wasowicz was confident that we will soon see some movement on these necessary initiatives.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2010-06, A Resolution of Assurance Regarding the Conduct of Village Officials and Employees.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

President Wasowicz read the Resolution of Assurance into the record.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Schedule of Board Committee Appointments as proposed on the Appointment Schedule (attached) effective immediately.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves:  
SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek  
VOTE: Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola and Pastorino, aye. Trustee Murray, nay.  
Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint George Pastorino as Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the event of Mayor Wasowicz's absence, effective immediately, and until April 30, 2011.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves:  
SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek  
VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Murray, Pastorino and McGee, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Garrett Reidy, Esq. to the position of Municipal Ordinance Violation Hearing Officer until April 30, 2011.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves:  
SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek  
VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Pastorino, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. Trustee Murray, abstained. Motion passed.

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

The Justice Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a First Annual Flower and Vegetable Garden Contest. All are eligible. Condos, apartments and homes are all included since the garden may be in the ground or in containers. Applications to enter are available at the Justice Library or the Village Hall. Judging will be on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> an Acceptance Facility Review was conducted at the Village by a Supervisor of the Midwest Region of the US Passport Agency.

Our facility was found to be in overall compliance as set forth in the Passport Agent's Reference Guide.

Our agents, specifically, Kasia Krzysiak, Margaret Garbacz and Clerk Svoboda were "knowledgeable in application acceptance procedures and displayed impressive knowledge regarding the requirements for both adult and minor applicants".

A few constructive suggestions were made regarding tracking of applications submitted to a lock-box and Hand Carry Procedures for some new requirements.

Township Supervisor Russ Hartigan is sponsoring a tour of the new, Countryside Senior Apartments constructed in cooperation with Lyons Township. The tour will be on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 9:00 am. Please let Clerk Svoboda know if you plan to attend so she can RSVP.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Bartoszek**

- MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-38 in the amount of \$34,809.31 posted for the period of 04/08/2010 – 04/21/2010, plus re-occurring expenses of \$4,352.88, TIF #1 expenses of \$ 702.38, TIF 2 expenses of \$ 288.75 and MFT expenses of \$30,668.99 for a total of \$72,775.81.
- SECOND:** Trustee Pastorino
- VOTE:** Trustees Murray, Pastorino, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek announced that the Spring Clean-up Garage Sales are planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15 and 16. Free permits will be available at the Finance Office on May 1<sup>st</sup>. During the week following the sales, DisposAll Waste will provide a week of additional pick-ups for disposal of some bulk items. Each residence will be allowed two bulk items at **their regular garbage pick-up day** not to exceed 50 lbs. per item. Furniture, mattresses, construction debris in a container or general household items will be eligible for pick up. An electronics disposal container will be staged at Village Hall for the weekend as well.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee McGee**

- MOTION:** To approve the Proposed E.M.A. Budget for the Village of Justice in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 this year, of the \$5,000.00 already appropriated for this purpose.
- SECOND:** Trustee Pastorino
- VOTE:** Trustees Pastorino, McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee McGee stated that she has received numerous compliments from residents for the visible patrolling by our police of our parks.

The Memorial Day Service honoring our Veterans will be on Memorial Day at 10:00 am at the Veterans' Memorial.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Pastorino**

- MOTION:** Trustee Pastorino Moves: To direct the Village Attorney to provide the Mayor will all relevant information pertaining to the Garry Shehie investigation in a format that can be immediately turned over to the Ethics Commission for a full investigation.
- SECOND:** Trustee Bartoszek
- VOTE:** Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola and Pastorino, aye. Trustee Murray abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino Moves: To replace Mike Murray with Kinga Bartoszek as a member of the Centennial Committee.  
SECOND: Bartoszek  
VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Pastorino and McGee, aye. Trustee Murray abstained. Motion passed.

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To tentatively approve the Business License of TCP Chicago Golf Driving Range, doing business at 8500 W. 79th Street, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances contingent upon successful completion of all inspections.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the Business License of Ghassah Freihat, 8137 W. Marion Drive, 3E in Justice, to operate a mobile ice-cream business.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To tentatively approve the Business License of Rami Abu-Elhawa, 8039 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Place 2W in Justice, to operate a mobile ice-cream business contingent upon the name and phone number being appropriately displayed on the truck.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

VOTE: Trustees Pastorino, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. Trustee Murray, nay. Motion passed.

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

Trustee Michael Murray spoke about his alleged misconduct. Trustee Murray stated that he did indeed approach Chief Gedville to inquire about the incident that resulted in his censure, but he did not ask for any consideration or exert any pressure to assist the person involved with the alleged violation. Trustee Murray's inquiry was no more than an attempt to ascertain the circumstances of the arrest. Trustee Murray then stated that if that was a crime he is sorry, but he knows it is not. He disagrees with the censure and he intends to remain on the Board to which he was elected.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Michael Castellino had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no specific correspondence to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

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

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses, 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 including sound-dampening improvements to the Lipinski Community Center and the possible purchase of a generator.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** Any matters before the committee including a request by IDOT for consideration of a Resolution.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** Discussion regarding matters not specific to a single committee including the proposal for legal representation to the Firefighters Pension Fund. Possible Executive Session if required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. John Small asked what the purpose of the Reorganization Committee is. Wasowicz replied that this action was the will of the board. Trustee McGee added that this was a decision by the board. No other trustee chose to comment on this action.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked why the letter from Trustee Fairman regarding his resignation and his part in the actions that resulted in the censure was not read into the record as requested.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that due to many inconsistencies in statements in the letter, it was decided not to quote it in the record.

Mr. Rinkus then asked if legal expenses were incurred by the village for our attorneys' law firm's time and efforts writing a letter to the Village Voice Party insisting that Mr. Fairman's letter be removed from their website. Mayor Wasowicz stated that those were not his actions being represented but those of the law firm.

Mr. Rinkus continued, commenting that it seems that Mike Murray is being railroaded, in particular, since there are people on the board that are soon to be

related to a business that appears on the payables.

Trustee George Pastorino said that it is not anyone's intention to railroad Trustee Murray. It was determined that he violated the public trust. A resolution was Authored by all of the trustees including a request for his resignation. The resulting decision to remove Trustee Murray from all committees was unanimous among the remaining board members and is a direct result of his violation of the public trust.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin commented that it is difficult to hear the business being transacted since the board is no longer wearing the microphones. Mayor Wasowicz replied that it might be prudent to sit closer to the front in order to hear. The microphones are in disrepair and we are looking into upgrading the sound system when funds become available.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk