

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF AUGUST  
Minutes of Monday, August 23, 2010

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

**PLEDGE:**

Mayor Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2010 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes of August 9, 2010 as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mayor Kris Wasowicz**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Mr. John Koslowski to fill the trustee seat vacated by the resignation of Trustee Michael Murray until the next regular municipal election.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

Clerk Kathy Svoboda administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed Trustee John Koslowski.

Trustee Koslowski joined the Justice Village Board and took his seat at the podium.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz administered the appointment of Dewayne Smolarz to the position of part-time patrol officer for the Village of Justice Police Department.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Kathy Svoboda**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that she is in receipt of complimentary tickets to the Rendezvous. "A River Thru History – Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous" will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve with public hours from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on Sat. and 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday.

Elected officials are encouraged to attend and lend their support to this worthwhile event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

- MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: Motion: To approve payables posted for the period of 8/01/2010 – 8/18/2010, numbers 1-25 in the amount of \$42,712.43, plus recurring expenses of \$43,339.12, TIF #1 expenses of \$2,035.34 for a total of \$88,086.89.
- SECOND:** Trustee McGee
- VOTE:** Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Pastorino and McGee, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

Trustee Kinga Bartoszek announced that the Fall Garage Sales are planned for October 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Free permits will be available in the Finance Office starting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Advertising by the village will be provided and a list of participants for shoppers will be available to pick up a day or two before the sales.

The clean-up weekend will include a complimentary bulk item pick-up by our refuse hauler, DisposAll, on our regular garbage pick-up day, during the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

A dumpster for electronic items will be staged at village hall.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee**

Trustee McGee reported that she attended a pre-construction meeting for the Roberts Park Street Re-construction Project at the RPPFD Station #1 building. The construction process was explored for the benefit of the residents and questions were answered in order to insure a smooth process for the project.

President Obama signed the Illinois Disaster Declaration that allows for FEMA to issue individual assistance for flood victims including those in our area. If anyone needs contact info or has questions about the program, please let us know.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino**

Trustee Pastorino quoted a report from Chief Bob Gedville: The police department is happy to announce that they have recently received fifteen (15) interoperable radios via the Cops Grant Program. These are Motorola APEX 7000 Radios, programmed with UHF and 700MHZ/800MHZ ranges. These frequencies cover most of the suburban area, City of Chicago and the interoperable channels throughout the country. These radios will allow officers to communicate with one another, seamlessly during catastrophic events. The overall value of this grant award is in excess of \$100,000.00.

The police department is also happy to announce that they have been awarded a Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant for FFY 2011 that runs from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. This grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety. These grants help local police departments maximize the effect of sustained, stepped-up, year-long traffic enforcement. To accomplish this, STEP focuses sharply on specific times of the year and also on specific times of the day when data shows

alcohol-involved and unbuckled fatalities are the highest. This grant will allow the department to deploy additional officers during these time periods, at no extra cost to the Village.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Justice Village Board Room.

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

- MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-15, A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF COMPENSATION DUE TO THE VILLAGE’S ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2010.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee
- VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Pastorino, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee DePaola poled each elected official to determine who will participate. All of the trustees, including newly installed trustee John Koslowski, agreed to suspend their own pay until December 31, 2010. Brief comments regarding the initiative were made by each individual trustee.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz and Clerk Kathleen Svoboda declined to participate. Participation by elected officials was strictly voluntary.

Trustee DePaola emphasized that the move was not politically motivated nor should any judgments be made about officials who could not or would not participate in the voluntary suspension of salaries.

- MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-17, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5-43 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE, regarding Tattoo Parlors.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee
- VOTE: Trustees Pastorino, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

- MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-16, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONVENING A JOINT REVIEW BOARD TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.
- SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek
- VOTE: Trustees Pastorino, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

- MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-18, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee McGee  
Trustee DePaola explained that although the village board operates as a Committee of the Whole for purposes of discussion of village business, we have not changed the committee structure to agree with common practices. This legislation allows for a trustee/ liaison to each department but negates the need for committee members. The board members all, will have input on decisions.

VOTE: Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola and Pastorino, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the business license of Bridgeview Bank Group to operate an ATM Machine at the Justice Administration Building, 7800 Archer Road in Justice.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Pastorino and McGee, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To table action on the Business License of the Justice Tattoo Parlor, 8405 S. Roberts Road, awaiting proof of a valid Certificate of Registration from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Pastorino, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. Trustee Koslowski abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee DePaola asked the attorney when it would be appropriate to assign Trustee Koslowski as a liaison to a specific department. Attorney Castellino replied that the assignment might be discussed at the next regular Committee of the Whole Meeting and assigned at the next board meeting.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola**

No report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Castellino had no formal report but is requesting an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:  
Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

**Reporting Officer Reports:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Possible report regarding the results of the audit, posted payables and any other matters before the committee.

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

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses, code amendments and/or ordinances available for review.

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Any matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Any matters before the committee.

**Executive Session:** If necessary, a possible executive session for (1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Village, (2) collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, (3) pending litigation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mr. John Small** questioned why the members of the board of trustees, who all have benefit of other employment, would put the village clerk on the spot regarding giving back of salary dollars when they are aware that her salary is her only source of personal income.

Trustee Bartoszek replied that the resolution is purely voluntary and allows for those who can participate to do so, while not requiring participation from anyone who cannot.

Trustee Bartoszek added that at the end of the day, each elected official is free to make his own decision. All elected positions in the village are now part-time. No one has been mandated to participate. She added that she does not hold it against anyone who chooses not to participate.

Mr. Small reiterated his contention that this action was designed to negatively reflect upon this clerk and this mayor. He added that the village has a \$12,000.00/yr expense for a media consultant that the village has not customarily had. Why wasn't eliminating that expense considered?

Trustee Bartoszek expounded on the necessity of improving the image of the village in order to attract development for long term financial sustainability. Promoting the village as a community to live in and to work in, is necessary to our economic growth and our financial health.

**Mr. Ed Rusch** asked about the legislation that allows for payment of expenses incurred by the trustees of up to \$200.00 per month.

Trustee DePaola explained that expenses submitted for reimbursement by

any elected official would have to be verified before any payment would be allowed.

To date, no trustee has applied for a reimbursement of any expenses.

**Mrs. Edwina Gaskin** asked if any action had been taken regarding the pool on Oak Grove without a fence.

Mr. Jim Lurquin stated that an official warning was issued requiring that the pool is removed by a specific date.

Mrs. Gaskin then asked since the village honored Lance Cpl. Anthony Robertson, was any recognition planned for Randy Murdock who has just returned from Iraq.

Trustee Bartoszek responded that plans were underway to honor Randy Murdock and another young man recently returned from overseas at a future date.

**Mr. Adrian Morales** asked what the requirement is that he must satisfy before The Justice Tattoo Parlor could be duly licensed.

He needs to obtain a Certificate of Registration issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Trustee DePaola added that once the Certificate is provided for review by the Building Department, he will get him on the agenda for the next meeting so his license can be approved.

**Mr. Jim Rinkus** complimented the Police Department for their success in Seeking out and obtaining grants

Mr. Rinkus asked Trustee DePaola if he planned to relinquish the salary he receives from the water commission.

Trustee DePaola said no, that is his full-time job.

Trustee George Pastorino commented that Mr. Small stood in front of the board earlier this evening and made statements regarding the personal financial condition of four of the seated trustees.

Trustee Pastorino continued, stating that he has experienced a catastrophic injury that left him limited use of his left hand and currently, he can work only two to three days per week. Mrs. Pastorino is fighting breast cancer and has undergone three, recent surgeries, successfully, but at great personal expense. Still, Trustee Pastorino believes that public service is not undertaken for the compensation but to benefit our community. He relinquishes his salary as an elected official, gladly.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of (1) *appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and (2) collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives.*

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:26 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: John Koslowski, George Pastorino, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola are present. Attorney Michael Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola MOVES: To Adjourn.  
SECOND: Trustee McGee  
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk