

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF AUGUST  
Minutes of Monday, August 9, 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 July 26, 2010 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the minutes of July 26, 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**

President Wasowicz is in receipt of a letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution asking that he Proclaim September 17 - 23, 2010 as Constitution Week in the Village of Justice. The Proclamation is intended to celebrate the 203<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution  
Mayor Kris Wasowicz read the Proclamation into the record.

Today, a Preconstruction Meeting was held in order to prepare for and coordinate the Roberts Park Street-Reconstruction Project. The project is due to start within the next 10 days to 2 weeks.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Roberts Park Fire Protection District building on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm in order to inform the residents of what to expect during the Roberts Park Street-Reconstruction Project. All those interested are invited to attend.

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

Clerk Svoboda reported that she has received a communication from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) highlighting a program for those people who are current on their mortgage payments but are in a negative equity position due to the seriously depressed values in the real estate market. The program is complex and requires serious consideration by potential users. Anyone who wants more information, please let Clerk Svoboda know and she will provide a copy of the details. The window to participate is narrow.

President Wasowicz added that he received a thank you not from Lane Cpl. Robertson for his being honored at the last board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Trustee Bartoszek commented that after the ceremony honoring Lance Cpl. Robertson, she was contacted by Congressman Dan Lipinski's office and informed the Congressman officially honored Lance Cpl. Robertson at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional Session. Congressman Lipinski's statements to Congress will be a permanent part of the Congressional Record. The entire statement to Congress was provided to us and will be prominently displayed in our Veterans' Tribute case in the vestibule.

Trustee Bartoszek stated that a resolution is offered to accommodate the Park District Family Fest by closing Cork Ave. from 12:01 am on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August until midnight on that date. If there is no discussion or objection, Trustee Bartoszek will entertain the passage of the resolution. There was no objection.

**MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-14, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF CORK AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

**SECOND:** Trustee DePaola

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

An Auto Show is planned in conjunction with the Family Fest on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Information on the show and applications to participate are available in the Village Hall. Mr. Rich Sparr is coordinating the show and is here this evening should anyone have any questions.

Our last newsletter highlighted a date for the Park District's Family Fest that has since been changed to Saturday, August 28th, so please be aware.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

**MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables posted for the period of 7/22/2010 – 7/31/2010, numbers 1-46 in the amount of \$15,813.85, plus recurring expenses of \$52,306.55, TIF #1 expenses of \$49,127.43, and MFT expenses of 8,837.72, for a total of \$126,085.55.

**SECOND:** Trustee McGee

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

The 2009 Audited Financial Reports are now available and each board member will receive a copy.

The six-month review of the comparison of revenues and expenditures to the budget is being fine-tuned for the correctness of postings to specific line-items by

Trustee Bartoszek and will be provided before the next regular committee meeting.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee**

Grass cutting, chipping and culvert-cleaning continues to be performed by Public Works. Should anyone have any areas that are of concern, please let us know so we may attend to them.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino**

- MOTION:** Trustee Pastorino Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-16, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.
- SECOND:** Trustee DePaola
- VOTE:** Trustees DePaola, Pastorino, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Pastorino quoted a memo from Chief Gedville:

On Tuesday, August 3rd 2010, the Justice Police Department sponsored National Night Out at the Commissioners Park. This event was coordinated by members of the police department with assistance from the Justice Park District and the Roberts Park Fire Department. The annual event is designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

This year's event featured a train ride, face painting, clowns, a balloon sculptor, numerous inflatables, a petting zoo, pony rides, reptile show, caricature artist, canine demonstration, and a neighborhood barbecue. Best of all, everything was free of charge! The event was an overwhelming success and I was extremely happy with the level of attendance. Approximately 700-800 people were on hand for a fun-filled night and the weather cooperated. I hope everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable evening, I know I did! Thanks for attending and I look forward to bigger and better National Night Out in 2011.

Trustee Pastorino added his personal praise for the event and commented on the great level of cooperation shown between the participating agencies.

Officer Anthony DeBella participated in the Police and Children Together Camp (PACT) on August 2-6, 2010. The camp was sponsored by the Cook County Sheriff's Department and it took place at Katherine Legge memorial Lodge in Hinsdale. The program was developed to address the lack of positive role models and recreational activities for vulnerable youth, sometimes resulting in

involvement with delinquent friends, drugs or violence. The camps are designed to put youth and law enforcement personnel together in a cooperative setting that will strengthen bonds between youth and police, and to provide recreational activities that are fun, healthy and “community positive.” In addition, the camps strengthen the presence of the local police department in the community, sometimes providing a needed bridge between families and services.

Camp activities focus on resiliency factors that strengthen a sense of autonomy, feelings of personal efficacy, heightened self-esteem and a belief in the possibilities of the future. Community service projects reinforce caring and empathy for others. Team-building activities not only help the campers learn to work with others; leadership skills, cooperation, communication and other valuable skills are reinforced. A focus on fun is the common bond of all PACT Camp activities. Specific activities are left to the camp sites, and are dependent upon the facilities and recreational opportunities in the area.

This year, two (2) children from the community participated with Officer DeBella. This was the eleventh consecutive year that the Justice Police Department took part in this program.

- The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Village Board Room.

Trustee Pastorino added that we have finally accomplished compliance regarding the placement of dumpsters at the plaza affecting the rodent problem in Chief Mobile Home Park.

Sandy Harris, the owner of the plaza, has agreed to pave the alley to facilitate waste removal.

The rodent issue seems to be under control and we hope that steps to finally pet this issue to rest are coming together.

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

Trustee DePaola had no report.

**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:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Six month review of the revenues and expenditures in comparison to the 2010 budget, posted payables and any other matters before the committee.

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

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

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses, code amendments and/or ordinances available for review, including an ordinance amending code regarding Tattoo Parlors.

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

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** Discussion regarding matters not specific to a single committee and 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:**

**Mrs. Edwina Gaskin** asked if a fence was still required around a swimming pool. She stated that a pool exists at the first house on the west side of Oak Grove and has no fence.

**Mr. Ed Rusch** renewed his question asking from what line item on the budget the media- consultant will be paid.

Trustee Bartoszek replied that the expense was being paid from the Legal and Professional Fees line-item.

Mr. Rusch continued, asking why only the Mayor attended the recent Town Hall Meeting at Wilkins School and not any members of the board.

Trustee Bartoszek had a conflict in schedule, Trustee Pastorino had a conflict due to a medical appointment, and it was Trustee McGee's birthday; she had family plans. Village Clerk Svoboda was out-of-state on vacation.

Mr. Rusch then asked if the agenda for committee meetings could be a little more specific so that those interested would know what issues are being discussed in order to determine if they want to attend.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we would try to be more specific.

**Mr. Jim Rinkus** raised the issue of the Lacey Gaines investigation. He stated that on December 7, 2009, Ms. Gaines was murdered in Justice, and she was a mother, a daughter, and seems to have been forgotten about.

Is there anything that can be reported regarding the status of this investigation?

Deputy Chief Mike Kurschner stated that there was a lot of forensic evidence that is still being evaluated as well as cell-phone records. All leads are still being followed and the investigation is ongoing.

Mr. Rinkus suggested making use of the digital sign on Frontage Road to ask for any leads in the investigation.

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 McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk 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.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola MOVES: To adjourn.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk