

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JULY
Minutes of Monday, July 26, 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:

Acting Deputy Clerk Jim Gabrys called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: George Pastorino, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola are present. Trustee Murray is not present. Clerk Kathy Svoboda is on vacation. Attorney Michael Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz introduced Lance Corporal Anthony Robertson and thanked him sincerely for his exemplary service to our country and to our community.

Trustee Kinga Bartoszek invited the rest of the board members to join the Mayor and her to honor Lance Cpl. Robertson. She spoke about his bravery and how we came to know about his service and his subsequent injury. Lance Cpl. Robertson grew up in Justice, but now resides in Willow Springs with his wife Sherri and their young daughter.

On behalf of the Village of Justice, Congressman Dan Lipinski presented a plaque to Lance Corporal Anthony Robertson. A Resolution honoring the Lance Cpl. was presented from Cook County Commissioner Joan-Patricia Murphy.

Trustee Bartoszek donated and dedicated a plaque to be displayed in the lobby of the Village Hall identifying and memorializing our honored veterans from the Village of Justice.

(A recess for refreshments in honor of our guest, Lance Cpl. Anthony Robertson and his family was observed.)

Meeting Reconvened.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Trustee McGee indicated that the minutes reflect that she voted on a Motion under Finance and Insurance but she was indeed absent.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes of July 12, 2010 as corrected. .

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mayor Kris Wasowicz

On Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm a Town Hall Meeting will be held at the George T. Wilkins School, 8001 S. 82nd Ave. in the Library. The meeting is especially intended for those residents who live south of 79th Street and east of Cork (88th) Ave., but all those interested are invited to attend.

Mayor Wasowicz announced 8/6 to 8/15 an Illinois State Revenue Sales Tax Holiday will be observed resulting in savings of up to 5% off school supplies and school clothing statewide.

Mayor Wasowicz appointed Janet Cervantes and Melanie Kuban to the Board of Trustees of the Justice Firefighters’ Pension Fund. There was no motion or vote taken.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT: Acting Deputy Clerk Jim Gabrys

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

Trustee Bartoszek placed on the record that Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy has sponsored a Resolution before the Cook County Board honoring Lance Cpl. Anthony Robertson.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-12, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE AND THE JUSTICE PARK DISTRICT.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables posted for the period of 7/05/2010 – 7/21/2010, numbers 1-18 in the amount of \$37,361.82, plus recurring expenses of \$38,820.41, TIF #1 expenses of \$1,145.12 and TIF #2 expenses of \$1,485.00, for a total of \$78,812.35.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee

Trustee McGee reported on the recent flood on July 24th stating that 7.5 inches of rain fell in approximately 3 hours. Public Works responded Saturday morning approximately 6:30 AM performing street closings and

distributing sand bags. Public Works employees also assisted residents with their concerns and cleared pond blockages and cleared culverts.

Mr. Kevin Joyce of the Cook County EMA/Department of Homeland Security spoke about the County's role in the recent floods. He noted that the floods were declared a State Disaster in Cook County. Information being compiled for the Governor to submit to FEMA is being collected. Local government and individual reimbursement may become possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Kevin Joyce of the Cook County EMA/Department of Homeland Security presented a Certificate of Accreditation to the Bridgeview/Justice EMA and the Village of Justice. A plaque was presented for the EOP plan that was completed by the Justice/Bridgeview EMA for the Village of Justice.

Trustee Pastorino also discussed the issues with dumpsters in the rear of Sandy Harris' building at 79th & Roberts Road. No new rats have been reported by the residents in Chiefs Mobile Home Park. Trustee Pastorino thanked Jim Lurquin for his work on this project.

Trustee Pastorino commented that he is receiving numerous questions about the most recent vacancy on the Village Board.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that he had not planned on addressing this issue this evening, but in fact, he is in receipt of a letter of resignation dated July 15, 2010, duly notarized, by Trustee Michael Murray.

Mayor Wasowicz read the resignation letter into the record stating that plans to replace Trustee Murray are already in process.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee Phil DePaola

Trustee DePaola mentioned that he discussed in committee a request from Nassar Jabar of 8107 Marion Drive 3W, for a license to sell soda pop and water at street corners.

Trustee DePaola is recommending denial of this request for a license.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To deny the request for a business license by Naser A. Jaber, 8107 Marion Drive 3W, to operate a business selling goods on public streets.

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010- 13, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE CLERK FOR THE TERM OF THAT OFFICE BEGINNING IN 2013.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010- 14, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOR THE TERM OF THAT OFFICE BEGINNING IN 2011

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010- 15, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOR THE TERM OF THAT OFFICE BEGINNING IN 2013.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2010- 13, *A Resolution Initiating the Submission of a Public Question to Support Regional Actions to Attain Long-term Pension Sustainability.*

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

Mayor Wasowicz explained that this resolution is sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors and will allow a question to be placed on the ballot regarding sustaining public pensions.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola

No report.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

No report

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 4, 2010**

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: 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.

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. 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:

Jim Rinkus: Would you clarify the \$56,000 salary being paid for duties taken away from the Village Clerk? Weren't the duties performed by Clerk Kathy Svoboda taken away and reassigned to the Office Manager?
Trustee DePaola stated this has already been hashed over and the Village Clerk is an elected position and is part-time.

Pamela Goffin: The Village Clerk had a split position. (The Village) has no business hiring someone to take over the job duties of the Clerk that was elected by the people.

Mayor Wasowicz explained that the Clerk is an elected position and the Collector's job was not an elected position, but was in fact, appointed. Pam Goffin replied that the Clerk's salary was reduced and another salary was created for another at the expense of the residents. Mayor Wasowicz replied that the administration changed. Ms. Goffin continued asking why hire someone with a greater salary to perform the same duties. The Mayor replied that the clerk's duties are statutory duties and FOI officer was added. The front office work duties were transferred to the Human Resources/Office Manager and the Finance Department. What remained was a part-time clerk's position.

Joe Egas: Why the \$56,000 salary? The Mayor answered that this salary was obtained from the amounts that were left after the reorganization cuts (7 persons) were made. A statement from the floor was made that \$56,000 is excessive salary for this position.

Darlene Kibort: Directed her statement to Trustee Pastorino - Why was her personal business with the Police Department made public? Why was her name in an article in the DesPlaines Valley News? Mrs. Kibort demanded a public apology from Chief Gedville and Trustee Pastorino.

Sherri Radwanski: Stated that she was told that the towing contract was to be distributed evenly. District Auto received letters from Trustee Pastorino stating they would not be considered. Ms. Radwanski asked how a trustee can deny a contract without the consent of the Board.

John Small: Asked why we are paying \$12,000 for a media consultant. Mayor Wasowicz responded, to deal with misinformation being spread in the community. Mr. Small retorted by asking if this was for political purposes.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved and seconded - no vote.

Jeff Kranig: Made a report on the Veterans Dinner planned for November 13th at the Oremus Center in Bridgeview. He stated that both Bridgeview and Justice Veterans will be invited to come and that Justice Vets should register with Trustee Bartoszek.

Mayor Wasowicz: Added that during the Flood of July 24th & 25th, he was in and around the Village between 1:00 and 5:00 AM on Saturday. The 71st Street Ditch overflowed. At 6:30 am. Public Works, Police, and ESDA were mobilized and headquartered at Village Hall. He also stated that the Village is collecting petition signatures concerning the \$1.6 million flood control project in order to have the legislature fund the Capital Bill where this project was passed in 2009. We have already collected 250 signatures and need more. Legislative names and phone numbers will be made available so that residents can contact their legislators asking for the funding already approved but not released. The MWRD might redo the 71st Street Ditch but this requires matching funds from the Village.

A discussion was held concerning the Covington Pond - Residents want a berm around the entire pond – one resident stated that the only reason they did not get water is because her husband re graded their property in the flood zone. What about the dirt pile, can't it be used to create a berm? This is being evaluated by the Village Engineer. What can be done about old grass and weeds from the pond that floated onto residential properties and when will it be cleaned up?

Residents want grass to be left longer and cut more often in the ponds, and the cut grass removed so that it would not block drains or float onto their yards. Mary McGee stated that this is why she was working on getting a grass cutting schedule in Public Works. The Mayor stated that if you have any complaints make sure that they are directed to him and he would follow up on them.

A question was posed by a resident about the number of sandbags we had. Someone said 2,000 someone else said 1,500. A woman stated that she had contacted Ken White for sandbags and she was told that he was in the field passing out sandbags. 15 minutes later he ran out. A second question was asked regarding if we have the ability to close the Hickory Hills Pond slue gates. The resident was told that we do not because of a court order issued in the past regarding the gates.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.
MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Pastorino
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk