

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF MAY
Minutes of Monday, May 10, 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 26, 2010 as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Pastorino Moves: To approve the minutes of April 26, 2010 as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustees Murray, 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 Resolution 2010-07, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH URBAN STRATEGIES GROUP.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the engagement of Storino, Ramello & Durkin per the terms outlined in the engagement letter to serve as the attorneys for the Justice Firefighters Pension Fund.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

Mayor Wasowicz issued a Proclamation naming the Month of May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Justice.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded all that a Tax Appeal Seminar will be conducted by Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 pm

at the Justice Village Hall. This will be a next-level appeal with the Cook County Board of Review. Please bring your PIN or a property tax bill.

Clerk Svoboda read a letter from the US Flag Etiquette Advisory Service stating they will no longer be providing service to municipalities, townships etc. due to being unable to survive in this economic climate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-23 in the amount of \$42,165.43 posted for the period of 04/22/2010 – 05/06/2010, plus re-occurring expenses of \$73,577.67 and TIF #1 expenses of \$ 20.14, for a total of \$115,763.24.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To set the salary for the position of Property Maintenance Inspector at \$300.00 per month, effective immediately, and to ratify any previous action regarding appointment to this position.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the renewal of the employee medical insurance plan of the Village of Justice with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois as negotiated and final, effective May 1, 2010.

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 1st. 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 – Trustee Mary McGee

The Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 31, at 10:00 am at the Veteran's Memorial.

Trustee McGee is currently working with the Public Works Department to evaluate practices and procedures for optimum efficiency.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino

The Justice Police Department is participating in the “Click-it-or-Ticket program with about 500 local, county and statewide law enforcement departments. The program provides high visibility traffic enforcement for the use of safety belts. The program will run from May 14th to May 31st. There will be no warning tickets issued so please wear your seatbelts for your safety and compliance.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the relocation by the Justice Park District of the Veteran’s Memorial to the South end of Commissioner’s Park where a Memorial Garden will be created, and to allow the erection of an informational sign directing residents to the Justice Park District on the northeast corner of Oak Grove and Frontage Rd. subject to terms agreed upon or to be agreed upon between the Village and the Park District.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

Trustee Bartoszek reminded all that the annual Spring Clean-up Garage Sales are planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15 and 16. Free permits are still available at the Finance Office. Remember, 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.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee Phil DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the Business License of Rabbeh Ice Cream, 7547 Banks Street in Justice, to operate a mobile, ice-cream business, contingent upon proof of a valid vehicle tag for his truck.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve A RESOLUTION FOR PERMIT WORK PERFORMED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE ON STATE RIGHT OF WAYS.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To authorize the Village President to execute an Agreement between Covington Development of Justice and the Village of Justice regarding the construction of a berm to divert surface water at 73rd Street until the surface course is added to Covington Drive.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To turn over a complaint to the Ethics Commission filed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Justice.

Mayor Wasowicz called the Motion out of order since it was not properly posted on the agenda for consideration.

Trustee DePaola continued that surprise motions have been entertained before, citing the example of the Motion to appoint Rich Sparr.

Mayor Wasowicz reiterated that the Motion was out of order and would not be entertained.

Trustee Pastorino stated that Trustee DePaola had submitted the Motion for inclusion but it did not make the agenda. He felt it should be entertained.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he had something to add to the discussion regarding this Motion and would like to discuss the issue in committee before the action is appropriately entertained.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Michael Castellino had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no specific correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Town Hall Meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Canterbury Inn, especially for those residents that live south of the I294 toll way including the “lost 19”, Cork Highlands, Asbury Woods and the apartment complexes.

(Note: The location of the Town Hall Meeting has since been moved to the Justice Village Hall, all-purpose room.)

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively
Wednesday, May 19, 2010

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Matters before the committee including discussion regarding an intergovernmental agreement between the village and the park district to operate the Lipinski Community Center.

The plan of implementation to create a memorial garden to enhance the effect of honoring our veterans while allowing a place for reflection, and the subsequent erection of an informational sign to pinpoint the location of the park administration building.

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 including A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN SIGNATORIES ON THE CHILD ADVOCACY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT AT FIRST SECURE BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding the hiring of a part-time police officer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Discussion regarding matters not specific to a single committee. Possible Executive Session if required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Pat Borst asked when the street improvements in Roberts Park will commence.

Phase 1, the Roberts Park area, is tentatively scheduled for a June 22nd bid letting. It should take 30-60 days to award the bid, so construction may start as soon as early in the fall.

Should it get too late in the fall, we will delay to the spring.

Mrs. Borst continued stating she had been told by a friend that Chief Mobile Home Park will be closed in a year's time in order to be included in a TIF district.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we have been approached by the owner of the park to express interest in commercial development. The village would not participate in the closing of the park. Should the owner take the necessary steps to vacate the

park as an owner, on his own, we would be willing to discuss a commercial development.

Melanie Kuban stated that she saw Rabbeh Ice Cream selling ice cream treats already, without benefit of the license that was passed this evening. Trustee DePaola replied that his license was not valid until passage this evening. Mr. Lurquin will have conversation with the vendor.

Mr. Ed Rusch stated that he had disassembled a small swing set and broke up the the sacrete that held it in place, then distributed the debris into a couple of garbage cans, tidily, weighing well under 50 lbs. DisposAll did not pick it up. Trustee Bartoszek said she would check with the hauler, but it may be since it could be defined as construction debris, in spite of the weight it would be considered a bulk item. Regardless it would be picked up at the bulk item clean up event, scheduled for this week.

Mr. Rusch asked about the increase in health insurance rates for the employees of the village. How much less that the original 34% increase were we able to negotiate to with Blue Cross Blue Shield?

Trustee Bartoszek replied that this was a particularly difficult process this year. We reviewed twelve different Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and submitted a comprehensive application, complete with full employee medical data for coverage with another carrier. That quote came in higher than Blue Cross. Ultimately, we pushed to the limits of our requirements with our labor contracts and retained Blue Cross at an increase in premium of about 33%.

Mr. Rusch again asked if the village should have voted formally to allocate the funds that were disbursed to the library and the park from TIF #1.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the school districts were informed by letter, authorized by the village board, that the park and library districts would be sharing in the \$400,000.00 total, annual disbursements for the remaining years of the TIF, but since we would choose to capture the 2009 increment in 2010; overall, they would receive the same total funds by the close of TIF #1.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin renewed her complaint from a prior meeting regarding a Home Occupation license holder who habitually parks multiple business vehicles at a residential location on 86th Ave.

Both Trustee DePaola and Jim Lurquin have checked and as yet, have not caught the violator.

Mrs. Gaskin stated that they need to check later in the evening.

Mrs. Gaskin asked about the filling of the seat of Trustee Fairman. There was a different opinion regarding the appointment of a trustee to fill the vacancy quoted in the newspaper.

Attorney Castellino replied that the board was considering all its' options and would seek another interpretation from a governmental agency before making a

final decision. He invited all to read the statute. Indeed it does clearly state that since there is more than 28 months remaining in the term, the seat must be filled at the next regular election.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked if the Del Galdo Law Group charged the village for any correspondence with the Village Voice Party regarding the posting on their website of Mr. John Fairman's letter.

No, there was no charge to the village from the firm with regard to the posting of Mr. Fairman's letter.

Mr. Rinkus reported a stop sign knocked down at the corner of Garden Lane and Frontage Road.

Mr. Mike Maruszak asked if the double yellow line can be replaced at Heather Trail from Archer Road to Arbor Lane.

Mayor Wasowicz promised that we would look into replacing the painted lines.

For clarification, Trustee Pastorino stated that the "surprise" Motion by Trustee DePaola that was not entertained due to not being on the agenda was submitted for inclusion on the agenda via e-mail on Friday evening.

Trustee Pastorino continued, indicating that a complaint would be filed with the Ethics Commission tomorrow, since any citizen may file a complaint and the motion is not necessary to the process.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk