

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF MAY
Minutes of Monday, May 24, 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: George Pastorino, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola. Trustee Michael Murray is attending electronically. 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 May 10, 2010 as submitted, or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes of May 10, 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

Mayor Wasowicz thanked the Justice Police Department for their commendable assistance with traffic control during the funeral procession of a family member today.

A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm at the Justice Village Hall especially for those residents that live south of the I294 toll way including Cork Highlands, the "lost 19", Asbury Woods and the apartment complexes. All those interested are invited to attend.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda had no report this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: To approve payables, numbers 1-40, posted for the period of 05/06/10 to 05/19/10 in the amount of \$97,413.96, plus recurring expenses of \$62,716.19, MFT expenses of \$3,083.02, and TIF 1 expenses of \$ 849.54, for a total of \$164,062.71.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee

Trustee McGee reported that Public Works has been out fine tuning some of the grass cuts around town. Some new reporting policies are being implemented to improve efficiency and accountability. Should anyone have any problem areas to report, please contact Public Works so that the area may be put on the schedule.

We are currently checking on the striping in the Arbors that was not replaced by the contractor when the final lift was performed on those streets.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino

- MOTION: Trustee Pastorino Moves: To authorize the hire of one, part-time police officer to bring the number of part-time officers to a total of three.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee
- VOTE: Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola, Murray and Pastorino, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

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

Trustee Pastorino congratulated the JPD for a job well done with recent traffic enforcement for trucks. This is a result of outstanding performance by Officer Anthony DeBella. More than \$30,000.00 in fines have been collected this year.

Trustee Pastorino quoted a letter from Chief Bob Gedville stating that on Wednesday May 12, 2010, Mayor Wasowicz and he attended a Special Banner Dedication Ceremony honoring law enforcement and fire-fighting personnel who have dedicated and given their lives in service, throughout Lyons Township. The ceremony, hosted by Mayor Robert Conrad of Countryside and Assessor Barbara Weyrick of Lyons Township was a moving one. Several Lyons Township community mayors, township officials and police or fire department chiefs and personnel were in attendance.

Another communication from Chief Gedville stated that since May of 2008, Technicraft Collision Repair has been providing exemplary service to the Village of Justice for towing and collision repair for the Justice Police Department. Necessary paperwork is completed in a timely manner and all of their staff members are courteous and responsive to the village's needs. Chief Gedville went on to state that all in all, he is extremely satisfied with the service being provided by Technicraft.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

- MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To give final authority of approval to the Communications Committee as it pertains to all print and electronic media posted on the Village website or printed in Village publications.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee

Mayor Wasowicz stated that before he asks for a roll-call, he wants the board to be aware that he will veto this motion by filing of the proper paperwork or following the appropriate procedure at the next board meeting.

The Communications Committee was appointed as an advisory committee by him until April 30, 2010 and Mayor Wasowicz stated that he has no intention of re-appointing this committee at this time.

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

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

At the next committee meeting Trustee Bartoszek will be reviewing 19 applications for scholarships. Trustee Bartoszek stated that she is very impressed with the caliber of the applicants preparing for careers in areas such as engineering, medicine and criminal justice, just to name a few. She will be providing copies of the applications to each board member with all personal information removed to impartially rank the applicants for awarding of the scholarships.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee Phil DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-06, AN ORDINANCE ABATING A TAX FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2002, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE FOR TAX LEVY YEAR 2009.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 2010-07, AN ORDINANCE ABATING A TAX FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2003A, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE FOR TAX LEVY YEAR 2009.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-08, AN ORDINANCE ABATING A TAX FOR TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008A, AND FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2008B, OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE FOR TAX LEVY YEAR 2009.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2010-09, An Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of the Office of Village Clerk for the Term of That Office Beginning in 2013.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

Trustee Murray asked when this was discussed in committee. Trustee DePaola said he brought it up briefly, at the last committee meeting. Mayor Wasowicz asked that the action on this legislation be tabled until it can be properly discussed in committee.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: *TO TABLE* action on the proposed Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of the Office of Village Clerk for the Term of That Office Beginning in 2013.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-09, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN SIGNATORIES ON THE CHILD ADVOCACY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT AT FIRST SECURE BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

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

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve an extension of time to perform work on the water-lines mandated by the Village of Justice Building Department at the Chief Mobile Home Park located at 8101 W. 80th Street in Justice for a period of one year.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Michael Castellino had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Svoboda is in receipt of a lovely thank you note from the Gioiosa Family for our expression of sympathy at their recent loss.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively.

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted payables, review of a proposal for codification and any other matters before the committee.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Any new business licenses, code amendments and/or ordinances available for review, to include legislation to set the salary of the clerk effective at the term starting in 2013.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding legislation to enforce a ban on excessive engine breaking noise.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Egas thanked the Mayor for taking the position of vetoing the action allowing the Communications Committee final approval regarding all printed and electronic media. Mr. Egas stated that it smacked of censorship and seemed to violate the most basic of freedoms, freedom of the press.

Mr. Egas continued, stating that the upcoming Memorial Service at the new location will be remembered not for the honoring of our veterans but for the way the village residents were shanghaied by this board regarding the relocation of the Veterans Memorial.

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked about inaccuracies in the article printed on the Village Blog stating that the blog article indicated that all questions regarding the moving of the memorial were answered at that meeting. Mr. Rinkus felt that was untrue. The literature that was passed out in the form of a fact sheet alleged that people did not attend previous memorial services on Memorial Day. Mr. Rinkus was at the last three services and in fact, filmed the last. A considerable number of people attended. Mr. Rinkus contended that since the Media Consultant was being paid with village funds he should print a retraction of any inaccurate statements that were published. He also complained that a few people were never recognized for questions.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the May 19th meeting was strictly informational and since the issue was about honoring veterans the veterans were given an opportunity

to be heard on the subject.

Mr. Ed Rusch asked from what line item on the budget was the payment to the media consultant being paid.

Ms. Bartoszek said she would have to check since she did not have that document available to refer to at the meeting.

Mr. Rusch expounded on the temperature of the board being careful monitoring of expenses and cuts across all departments, it seems to him that a media consultant is a duplication of services since he tends to comment on things that are addressed on the website or in the newsletter. Furthermore, of what interest is Mr. Hanania's ethnic background or military service to village residents?

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we became aware of a certain website frequented by anonymous commentators spewing racial and ethnic hate regarding our board members and our recently retained media writer. If Mr. Hanania felt some personal information was required to dispel hurtful and inaccurate info being circulated, so be it. Mr. Hanania is a publicist not just a media writer.

Will there be an adequate foundation constructed for the memorial and will the cement be properly cured for setting the stone?

The foundation was put in today and is 48" deep. The contractor assures us it will be more than adequate.

Mr. Joe Egas asked if we are confident that the relocation will be completed in time for the service.

Mayor Wasowicz indicated we are confident that it will be done in time.

Discussion occurred regarding the relationship between the village and the park district. Mayor Wasowicz spoke about the benefits of the two agencies working together to share ideas, resources and share expenses for the benefit of the residents.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Pastorino

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk