

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF SEPTEMBER  
Minutes of Monday, September 27, 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: 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2010 as submitted, or as corrected.

Trustee McGee commented that the second to her motion under the Public Utilities report for approval of a resolution is incorrect. She cannot have made the motion and seconded her own motion. Clerk Svoboda will check her notes and make a correction.

**MOTION:** Trustee McGee Moves: To approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 as corrected.

**SECOND:** Trustee DePaola

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

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

There was no report by Village President Kris Wasowicz..

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

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee George Pastorino**

Trustee Pastorino quoted a letter to Chief Gedville from the Chief of Police of the Village of Lemont. He sincerely thanked Chief Gedville for his participation in the 2010 Annual Police Cruise Night held in Lemont recently.

Trustee Pastorino read a letter to Mayor Kris Wasowicz authored by him. In the letter he stated that due to his wife, Pussanee's battle with breast cancer he has found it increasingly difficult to keep up with his responsibilities as a Trustee and being her advocate and care manager for his wife. Pussanee has undergone three surgeries already this year and has two more scheduled by the end of the year. Trustee Pastorino has decided to resign effective as of 9:00 pm this evening.

George continued that it has been an honor to serve with Mayor Kris Wasowicz, his fellow trustees and the village clerk. He hopes sometime in the future to have more time to devote to the village.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz commented that he is sorry to hear of his friend George's decision and will sincerely miss him on the board.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

Trustee Kinga Bartoszek thanked Trustee Pastorino for sharing his wisdom, his concern for the village and his passion for all of the residents these past months. Trustee Bartoszek continued that she will miss his council and she will miss his voice on the board.

She asked for an expression of thanks from those in attendance to Trustee Pastorino for his exemplary service.

**MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE'S ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND AUTHORIZED AGENT.

**SECOND:** Trustee McGee

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

**MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables posted for the period of 9/09/2010 – 9/24/2010, numbers 1-54 in the amount of \$55,613.80, plus recurring expenses of \$140,350.64, TIF #1 expenses of \$16,807.63, and MFT expenses of \$8,740.68, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 206.25 and CDBG expenses of \$ 411.00 for a total of \$222,130.00.

**SECOND:** Trustee McGee

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

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

There was no report.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee**

Trustee McGee reported that all chipping should be out at the curbside by October 26<sup>th</sup> for pick up this season. However, yard waste will continue to be picked up by DisposAll through November. Should you have any branches after the chipping season ends, please cut them small enough and put in yard-waste containers for pick-up by the yard-waste hauler.

The tracking system for requests and complaints has identified 11 complaints and 14 requests by residents in the last two weeks in Public Works. The two-day (48 hr.) turnaround is being successfully implemented.

Several compliments were received regarding service provided by Public Works employees. Mr. Mark Sullivan of 8300 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. complimented the actions of

public works employees who accepted suggestions he offered and quickly and efficiently implemented a solution to his problem.

John and Roseanne Spreadbury sent a letter commending Public Works for their actions by responding quickly and efficiently to a request for help with clean up and removal of a tree torn down in a storm.

Yet another letter was tendered by a resident at 7200 Blackstone thanking Ken White and his crew for the excellent job performed on the Blackstone ditch project.

Trustee McGee asked Jim Lurquin about the Roberts Road Street Reconstruction Project. She inquired if we knew when the first draw would be requested by the contractor.

Mr. Lurquin expects the request around October 2<sup>nd</sup> or shortly thereafter. The process is that the request goes to the Village Engineer for verification of the completed work, the paperwork then comes to him, the Municipal Services Administrator. If everything is found to be in order, a Resolution is prepared for passage by the Board to release the requested payment.

Trustee McGee continued, asking if Mr. Lurquin was in receipt of a letter from IDOT confirming that funds are available to be drawn upon, when the request comes in.

Jim stated that no such letter exists. He expected that invoices might be paid directly by IDOT after our approval process. Mr. Lurquin continued that the paperwork submitted to IDOT was misplaced by them, and he is in the process of resubmitting that paperwork with their knowledge and acceptance of any fault for the delay in the process. Initial payment to the contractor may be delayed by the paperwork snafu. IDOT is trying to expedite the process. Now it is suggested that we may expect a drop of 95% of the funds upon submittal of the first invoice.

Trustee Bartoszek stated that we cannot cover any payments until the grant money becomes available.

Mr. Lurquin assured Trustee Bartoszek that it should not become necessary.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he has spoken directly to Diane O'Keefe who stated that the funding should be available in time.

Trustee McGee then asked Attorney Castellino if he performed a review of the Grant Contract between the Village and IDOT.

Attorney Castellino stated that he was not a part of the review process. The Bids, Bid specs and the standard IDOT contracts were handled by the Village Engineer and the Municipal Services Administrator.

Trustee DePaola asked if we should not have waited for this project to commence until the funds were firmly in place.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that he has been assured that the funding will be in place in time for the first draw. He authorized the project to begin.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee John Koslowski**

Trustee Koslowski explained that our inspection and permit fees for the installation of sprinkler (irrigation) systems were inordinately high. An ordinance was prepared to lower those fees to reasonable and customary amounts.

**MOTION:** Trustee Koslowski Moves: Motion: To approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE (re: sprinkler permit fees and inspections).

**SECOND:** Trustee DePaola

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

Trustee Koslowski added his regret for the resignation of Trustee Pastorino from the Board, thanking him for his service. George was a thorough and caring trustee.

Trustee Koslowski stated that he has been questioned by several citizens about a rumored truck stop being planned in the village. He has no knowledge of any such development and would like to know how to respond to the questions. Mayor Wasowicz stated that conversations with a developer who may propose a green, state-of-the-art travel center have been ongoing. The opening of the toll way ramp(s) would be a required part of a development of this nature. Nothing is in stone and further developments regarding the potential use will be presented to the Board, if and when the project is officially proposed.

Mayor Wasowicz is asking the Southwest Conference of Mayors for a commitment in the form of a Resolution for the Cost of Engineering to be paid for toll way ramp improvements.

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

Trustee DePaola expressed his best wishes to Trustee Pastorino and Pussanee with their continuing fight of her cancer. He continued, stating that it has been his honor to serve with George on the Village Board, and he will be truly missed.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Castellino had no formal report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Wasowicz recognized Jeff Kranig, former trustee and Chairman off the Veteran’s Day Celebration being planned at Toyota Park.

Jeff announced that on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 9:00 pm at the Toyota Park Stadium Club, a Veterans Day Celebration Dinner, sponsored by

Mayor Steve Landek of Bridgeview and Mayor Kris Wasowicz of Justice in cooperation with Congressman Dan Lipinski, will be held. Dining, dancing, entertainment, and speakers will add to the festivities as veterans from Bridgeview and Justice are honored at the event.

Each attending veteran will be allowed to bring a guest. Space is limited, so if your community does not know of your status as a veteran, please contact Jeff Kranig at 924-6107, so you can be put on a list to receive an invitation.

Invitations will be mailed early in October to those veterans about whom we are aware.

Jim Lurquin informed us that a grant for upgrades to our traffic signalization has been awarded by IDOT.

Also, the grant for acquisition of the property at 7600 Blazer has been approved and we should have about \$30,000.00 of the grant in hand, shortly.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:  
Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

**Reporting Officer Reports:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables, a fourth quarter financial analysis and any other 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 and consideration of changing the process for applying the senior-citizen discounts.

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

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

**Executive Session:** If necessary, discussion regarding matters not specific to a single department 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. Barbara Plachta** asked about the recent article in the Chicago Tribune about Mike Madigan and the Village, and if anyone on the dais would like to comment regarding the article.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the article was about the Tribune trying to be critical of Speaker Michael Madigan.

From the Village's perspective, Mayor Wasowicz speaks to the Speaker frequently and we are very grateful for his interest in the Village. He is our

representative. We work with him on any number of issues. We are not involved with Michael Madigan in any inappropriate manner, whatsoever.

Mrs. Plachta then asked when TIF 1 would retire, and what was the \$16,000.00 expense approved by the board for TIF 1, as part of the posted payables. TIF 1 will expire on December 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The bill that was approved was for some field remediation work performed in the pond area and around the walking path.

**Mr. Jim Rinkus** asked if there was any movement regarding putting something on the digital sign regarding the Lacey Gaines investigation. Mayor Wasowicz replied that whoever will act as liaison to the Public Safety Department will evaluate the suggestion for potential action.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk