

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF MARCH
Minutes of Monday, March 28, 2011

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, Ed Rusch, Mary McGee, Kinga Bartoszek and Phil DePaola are present. Attorney Michael Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

PRESENTATION TO THE 2011-12 VEHICLE TAG CONTEST WINNERS:

Mayor Wasowicz welcomed Dr. Jon Nebor, Superintendent of School District 109 and Dr. Blair Nuccio, Asst. Superintendent.

Dr. Nebor introduced other honored guests from the school district, Mrs. Jean Derting, Vice President of the Indian Springs District #109 School Board, Mrs. Lea Wakefield, Principal of Brodnicki School, and teachers, Ms. Nancy Calkins, Ms. Mary Kay Weir, Ms. Heidi O'Hanely, and Ms. Amanda Pannaralla.

Trustee John Koslowski spoke briefly about the effort it takes from numerous people at the schools to facilitate the contest. There were 169 students who submitted their designs. Narrowing the field to three and then deciding among the three were very difficult tasks.

Trustee Koslowski, along with Mayor Wasowicz and President Orley Betcher of the Justice Chamber of Commerce, presented the Winners of the 2011- 2012 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest their awards.

The Winners are:

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| 1. Nesrian Atiq | First Place | \$100.00 US Savings Bond |
| 2. Danielle Franklin | Second Place | \$ 75.00 US Savings Bond |
| 3. Elcy Badua | Third Place | \$ 50.00 US Savings Bond |

In addition to the savings bonds, the winners each received a plaque provided by the Justice Chamber of Commerce.

A brief recess for cake and coffee in honor of the winners was observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2011 and the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2011, each as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

Trustee DePaola noted that on page 3, under Old Business, there was a Motion by Trustee Koslowski, when in fact the Motion was by Trustee DePaola, seconded by Trustee Koslowski.

Trustee McGee stated that on page 1, there is a Motion and a second both by her, when in fact the Motion was by Trustee Bartoszek, seconded by Trustee McGee.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve the minutes as corrected.

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski

Clerk Svoboda assured the board that the corrections would be made before the minutes are placed on file as a permanent record.

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mayor Kris Wasowicz

Village President Kris Wasowicz had no formal report.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda

Clerk Svoboda reminded all that Early Voting is being conducted in Hodgkins at 8990 Lyons Street, the temporary office of the Lyons Township Clerk.

Grace period registration and voting can be accomplished at Cook County Clerk’s offices until tomorrow.

Resident Bill Jessie is sponsoring the addition of a digital directory at the Middle East Conflict Wall in Marseilles. Mr. Jessie has taken on the project of fundraising to provide digital, electronic locating devices at the Middle East Conflict Wall in Versailles, IL. The project will require around \$18,000.00 and would provide computer kiosks to locate the names of loved ones on the wall by those that visit.

We received a thank you note for our expression of sympathy at the recent passing of former Trustee Adrian Borst, from his family. Adrian certainly will be missed by many.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he has visited the Middle East Conflict Wall in Marseilles. He added that it is a beautiful place right on the river and is one of the nicest memorials he has seen. It is well worth the drive.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT REPORTS:

FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Trustee Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves To approve payables posted for the period of 03/10/11 – 03/23/11, numbers 1-38 in the amount of \$43,908.34 plus recurring expenses of \$53,817.98, MFT expenses of \$1,658.08, TIF #2 expenses of \$1,023.75 for a total of \$100,408.15

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

Trustee Bartoszek added that the amount reflected on the agenda is incorrect. One of the amounts was inadvertently added twice. She corrected the total in her motion.

- MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To direct the Village Attorney to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Roberts Park Fire Protection District and the Village of Justice to apply annual payments for dispatch services as credits to the village to offset the debt due to the District for Fire Protection.
- SECOND: Trustee McGee
- VOTE: Trustees McGee, Bartoszek, DePaola, Koslowski and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

An Appropriation Ordinance Hearing and a Special Board Meeting to approve the appropriation will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm, respectively. All those interested are invited to attend.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee

Public Works is cleaning ditches and drainage easements in readiness for spring rains. They are cold-patching potholes and performing street sweeping. Once the asphalt plants open, they will make more permanent repairs.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee John Koslowski

- MOTION: Trustee Koslowski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation licenses of:
J D Woodworking, Inc. (Construction) 8815 W. 83rd Street
Cathedral Carpentry, (Construction) 7450 Banks Street
R. T. Transport, Inc. (Trucking) 9226 W. 76th Place
- SECOND: Trustee DePaola
- VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, DePaola, Koslowski, Rusch and McGee, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

- MOTION: Trustee Koslowski Moves: To approve the Business Licenses of:
Just Us Child Development Center – 8531 S. 88th Avenue
Matteson Liquor 2 – 8334-36 S. Roberts Road
Bot Bakery – 8400 S. Roberts Road (in Raw Creations, LLC location)
Business Licenses are contingent upon final inspections being completed and passed.
- SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek
- VOTE: Trustees DePaola, Koslowski, Rusch, McGee and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Koslowski remarked that his next motion passes legislation regarding solicitors, peddlers and transient merchants in the Village of Justice. After much discussion and considerable time spent on the subject, street-corner solicitation is eliminated on the advice of the Chief of Police, and for safety reasons. The requirements for permitting door to door solicitation in the village are tightened and new procedures are in place.

NO SOLICITING stickers are being ordered for distribution to those residents who do not want to be disturbed by solicitors.

MOTION: Trustee Koslowski Moves: To approve Ordinance 2011-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE X OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Trustee DePaola explained that the next ordinance authorizes the sale of a vehicle that is no longer needed. He further amends the legislation to include that any and all offers to purchase received by the Municipal Services Administrator shall be reviewed by the board of trustees before an offer is accepted.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Ordinance 2011-03, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, as orally amended.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 7:00 pm, here, in the village hall.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola

MOTION: Trustee DePaola Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-12, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR 8955 84TH PLACE.

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Trustee John Koslowski
There was no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Castellino had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz read a memo from him to the Board of Trustees regarding Unauthorized Labor Negotiations.

The memo is as follows:

As you know, we recently had a situation in which one of the trustees negotiated an agreement with the public works union after it was decided to lay off two employees. This was done without prior discussion of the issues and possible deal terms by the full Board, and without the involvement of the Village's legal and financial advisors. The union ended up filing a grievance and also threatened to file an unfair labor practices charge, which caused the Village to spend time and money on coming to settlement terms with the union. Also, the fact that the two employees were brought back after initially being laid off could affect negotiations with the police unions regarding economic concessions and possible layoffs.

In the future, if the Board decides to ask any labor union to meet and discuss personnel or economic matters, those meetings must be attended by the proper negotiating team for the Village. I want to remind everyone that no single elected official has the authority to negotiate agreements on his own, to bind the Village to any agreements, or to represent to anyone that he has the authority to do so. As a general rule, terms of agreements with any party must be discussed with the full Board and approved by the Board.

If anyone has questions about these issues, I would be happy to discuss them individually with any trustee or with the full Board at a scheduled meeting.

The letter is signed by Mayor Kris Wasowicz.

Mayor Wasowicz then read a letter from Mrs. Shirley Shilka indicating that she has found the patio doors left open at the Lipinski Center after use by the Park District on at least two occasions. She is concerned about the contents of the building being damaged or stolen and about vandalism. She also states that it is disconcerting to walk into a building that has been left unsecured. In future, she will call the police to secure the building if it is found to be left open.

Trustee Bartoszek is aware of the problem and policies to deal with the issue are already being explored.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Reporting Officers' Reports:

FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables and possible discussion regarding health insurance renewal quotes.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee McGee - Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities and specifically, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE ROBERTS PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee DePaola

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters regarding the Police Department or the safety and welfare of the community.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Koslowski
Any new business licenses ordinances or code amendments.

Executive Session: If necessary, a possible executive session to discuss:

- (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or classes of employees of the Village,
- (2) Collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives,
- (3) Potential or Pending litigation
- (4) Acquisition of property

Trustee Rusch commented that after hearing complaints at the last Town Hall Meeting, he drove by the abandoned house on 85th Court that is in need of demolition. He suggests we give top priority to insuring the house is torn down as expediently as possible. He sympathizes with residents that are putting up with a safety hazard and an eyesore.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wasowicz asked the public to please refrain from electioneering during the Public Comment period.

Mr. John Small asked that the letter from Mrs. Borst be read into the record at her request.

Clerk Svoboda read the letter:

Dear Mayor Wasowicz, Clerk Kathy Svoboda and Trustees,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you did for our family during the difficult time following the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Adrian. Your support meant the world to us. The police escort and lovely message on the village marquee was a very special gesture. Adrian loved serving and being a citizen of Justice. Your recognition of his service will be remembered for many years to come.

Respectfully Yours,
The Family of Adrian J. Borst

Mr. Ray Hodson asked why isn't there a training session for newly elected trustees so something as ridiculous as what happened with the union negotiation did not occur.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that there is indeed training offered by IML that many attended, and we had a seminar from our own attorney, as well.

Mr. Tom Janes thanked Trustee Koslowski for his prompt attention to the matter he brought up at the last meeting. The matter was resolved to Mr. Jane's satisfaction.

Mr. Janes then questioned Trustee McGee regarding an agreement with Bridgeview for the maintaining and cleaning of 83rd Street. One side of the street is cleaned by Bridgeview and the other side is a mess.

The matter will be addressed.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin asked again about a light pole that is still down at the Lipinski Pond.

Mr. Lurquin stated the pole came in while there was still snow on the ground; it will be installed soon.

Mr. Jeff Kranig spoke about a kick-off luncheon he sponsored last Saturday for the next Veterans' Day celebration. There are now eight towns that will participate. He is looking at Willowbrook Ballroom, the Lexington House or the Sabre Room since they hold an enormous event.

Mr. Kranig will be opening an office for Veterans Affairs in Burbank in the next few weeks. He is approaching many corporations in the area for sponsorship. Attorney Karl Ottosen has offered an attorney from his firm who holds the rank of Lt. Colonel to be the legal advisor.

Mayor Wasowicz added that he and Mayor Landek co-sponsored last years' event, and he was pleased to witness the award of the \$1,000.00 donation from the remaining funds, to the Bridgeview Am Vets to help provide scholarships to children of veterans.

Mr. Curt Schubert asked how to obtain a copy of the annual audit.

Clerk Svoboda answered that he would need to fill out a simple FOIA Form requesting the same and she will provide the 2009 Audit. The 2010 Audit is due to be completed by June 30th.

Mayor Wasowicz recognized Mrs. Hassan from the audience. She is running for Park District Commissioner in Justice.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk