

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF MAY

Minutes of Monday, May 23, 2011  
7:30 PM.

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: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Attorney Michael Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz expressed condolences and support for the people in Joplin, Missouri, in Alabama, in Cairo and as far south as Baton Rouge for their intense suffering from the terrible tornadoes. There but for the grace of God go us.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Gerry Mendralla as Webmaster for the Village of Justice at a monthly stipend of \$300.00 to be substantially paid for by the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commissioner's stipend being collected by the Village of Justice, on behalf of the Mayor's service in that position.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Small and Sparr, aye. Trustee Bartoszek voted nay, explaining that to date the village has not received any money from the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission for the Mayor's service on that board.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the commission board will meet on Thursday and he will arrange for the payment to the village at that time. There will be back-pay to remit. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Approve the Schedule of Proposed Committee Assignments and designate the standing committees as stated in the Schedule of Proposed Committee Assignments.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Bartoszek, Small, Symonds and Sparr, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

Mayor Wasowicz hereby appoints a Communications Committee designating Kathy Svoboda as Chairperson and Liz Deak and Gerry Mendralla as members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Sine Die Board Meeting and the May 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the minutes as corrected. The date reflected on both sets of minutes is May 14<sup>th</sup> when indeed the meetings were both held on May 9, 2011.

Clerk Svoboda will correct the dates accordingly.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Centennial Committee will meet on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm, and on the first and third Mondays of each month thereafter, in the all-purpose room of the Justice Village Hall. Everyone interested in volunteering their time and talents is welcome.

A Memorial Day Service will be conducted at the Veterans' Memorial in Commissioners Park at 9:00 am on Monday, May 30, 2011. Everyone is welcome.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE – TRUSTEE KINGA BARTOSZEK**

MOTION: To approve payables numbers 1-31 in the amount of \$36,803.23 posted for the period of 05/05/2011 –05/18/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$89,013.66 and MFT expenses of \$6,476.22, for a total of \$132,293.11.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek announced that we received thirteen Scholarship Applications from high school seniors who live in Justice. Copies of those applications were provided to each trustee to rank by number, and then turn in to Mr. Gabrys. The ranking will be tabulated to choose the winners. All identifying information has been removed to keep the ranking fair. We hope to present the scholarships to the winners at the next regular board meeting.

Trustee Rusch has informed Trustee Bartoszek that Wilkins Jr. High is seeking donations for the Eighth Grade Dance. Trustee Bartoszek suggested that we donate \$25.00 from the scholarship fund. It was agreed.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds**

Trustee Symonds reported that the Public Works Department continues to perform asphalt patching and grass cutting. The value of the old chipper was discussed in committee and it was determined that the insurance value is around \$7,000.00. No offer to purchase was received at this time.

There is some concrete work that needs to be performed. There are six separate jobs consisting of sidewalk, curb and bridge repair. We could bid the jobs separately, or combine as a group. In total, the work will be in excess of \$20,000.00.

Ken White will seek proposals separately and then we can reevaluate.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – (chairperson to be determined)**

Trustee Rick Symonds read a letter to the Chief of Police from Ms. Tammy Whalen of Summit. Ms. Whalen complimented Detectives Plotke and Malloy for their exemplary work apprehending a suspect. They went above and beyond by performing a stake-out, interviewing residents not less than four times, interviewing nearby neighbors, and ultimately apprehending a suspect.

As well as expressing gratitude to Detectives Plotke and Malloy, Ms. Whalen states she had previous good experiences with the Justice Police Department as a whole. Years ago, she interacted with a member of the Justice Police during a domestic disturbance and that experience literally changed her life for the better.

Ms. Whalen offered her sincere thanks to the Justice Police Department and especially, Detectives Plotke and Malloy.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small**

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve Resolution 2007-18, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE IDENTITY PROTECTION POLICY.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Bartoszek and Small, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.**

Trustee Rusch explained that he has one business up for approval this evening. The business will purchase gold for cash. They will evaluate and purchase gold by weight and offer cash to the seller at that determined value.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of Justice Cash for Gold, Inc. doing business at 8015 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street in Justice, having

passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Bartoszek, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch stated that as liaison for Ordinances, Licenses and Public Printing, he hopes to work with Department Heads and the Village Board to evaluate our ordinances and strengthen where needed and possibly relax some codes when necessary to create an improved village code that addresses the needs of the community, today. The input of residents is encouraged to identify where our code might be deficient or too stringent.

Grass cutting is a focus. Please feel free to contact Trustee Rusch in the event a neighboring property is being sorely neglected. We will take the necessary steps to get it maintained.

Trustee Rusch went on to thank Chief of Police Robert Gedville and Clerk Kathy Svoboda for attending the Career Day at Wilkins Jr. High School and sharing their chosen profession and their experiences with the students.

#### **BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr**

Trustee Rich Sparr reported that 95 Building Permits have been issued to date this year.

Municipal Services Administrator Jim Lurquin cannot keep up with the permits, inspections, grant maintenance and various other duties by himself. We need an administrative person in the Building and Public Works Departments for operations and clerical assistance.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To recreate the position of Administrative Assistant in the Building and Public Works Departments and approve the rehire of Mrs. Shirley Shilka, at terms to be determined by the village board.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

Trustee Rusch voiced his concern that terms for the rehire of Ms. Shirley Shilka should be determined before the rehire is approved by the board.

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Small and Sparr, aye. Trustee Bartoszek voted nay.

Trustee Bartoszek voiced her concerns that we are in fact signing a blank check for the rehire by not determining terms before approving.

Attorney Castellino suggested that the Motion be bifurcated to create one Motion to recreate the position of Administrative Assistant in the Building and Public Works Departments and then a second Motion to Table the hire of an Administrative Assistant in the Building and Public Works

Department until such time as terms for the position have been determined.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To reconsider his prior motion and to recreate the position of Administrative Assistant in the Building and Public Works Departments.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Small and Sparr, aye. Trustee Bartoszek voted nay. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To Table the issue of the hire of an Administrative Assistant in the Building and Public Works Department until such time as terms for the position have been determined.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino**

Attorney Castellino reported that the agreement for repayment of our debt with Roberts Park Fire Protection District is approved in substantial form but that the attorney for the district would like language inserted that would address the possibility of the Village of Justice no longer providing dispatch services to the district and that the debt not yet retired in that event, still being due and owing by the village to the district.

It was asked how much the Village is charging for the dispatch services. The cost to the District for the dispatch services is \$70,000.00 per year, but the Village pays to the District \$10,000.00 per year for Fire Inspections so the net to the Village is \$60,000.00 per year.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Wasowicz received a communication about the 2011 Welcome Home Parade. The event, to be held on June 13, 2011, commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Viet Nam Veterans Welcome Home Parade of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1986 in Chicago.

A number of Events are planned on that weekend from early Saturday morning through Sunday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wasowicz will offer a proclamation to be presented at the next regular board meeting. A schedule of events is available if anyone is interested.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Sparr announced that he will be meeting with the Director of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA on Friday at 9:00 am in order to discuss emergency shelters, procedures and supplies.

Jim Lurquin and Henry Oszakiewski will update the board with a presentation on recent CMAP Training at the next regular committee meeting.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek**

Review of posted payables and discussion regarding the results of the 2011 Scholarship awards.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities including review of A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE ROBERTS PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering in the amount of \$11,526.64).

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Any matters pertaining to Public Safety.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:**

A brief presentation regarding the CMAP training for Zoning & Planning Commissioners attended by Hank Oszakiewski and Jim Lurquin.

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including discussion regarding administrative assistance in the Bldg. and Public Works Departments and the performance of Property Maintenance and Ordinance Violation Inspections, (will require an executive session for appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of one or more employees or classes of employees).

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:**

Any new business licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review. Possible discussion regarding the sale of the cell tower leases and discussion regarding the use by a day care center at 8455 S. Roberts Road.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:**

Discussion regarding the Park District Intergovernmental Agreement and an update of the plans for the Centennial celebrations. Clarification of the duties and compensation of the Webmaster.

**Executive Session:** Possible discussion regarding filling of a vacancy on the Village Board and discussion regarding scheduled appointments.

- (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) Sale or Acquisition of property

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session was required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Pat Borst asked when the grass would be replaced in Roberts Park. Mayor Wasowicz replied that sod and other landscaping tasks should be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Tom Janes added his concerns regarding the completion of the project.

Ms. Bobby Boyd of Sunset Lakes Apartments complained about an incident of alleged rape in Building 25 of Sunset Lakes. She spoke at length about the incident, the lack of security in her building, and the ineffectual response of the management to her concerns. She added that the Justice Police were quick to respond but suggested that she should voice her concerns about the lack of security in Building 25 at a board meeting.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that he will discuss the incident with the police and the building department to see if there are any security requirements we can enforce. The Village has experienced difficult relations with the complex owner since we had an issue with school busses a year or more ago.

Discussion occurred regarding the need for knox boxes or some other method so that emergency personnel can enter those buildings at will, in the case of an emergency.

If there are Section 8 tenants, the Chicago Housing Authority might be contacted regarding that lack of security and/or inability for emergency personnel to gain access.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk