

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF NOVEMBER
Minutes of Monday, November 28, 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. Trustee Melanie Kuban is in Arizona for the Thanksgiving holiday. Attorney Mike 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 Special Board Meeting of November 1, 2011 and the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Mr. Edward Shilka to the position of Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Justice Building Department until April 30, 2012, with a monthly stipend of \$400.00 per mo.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

Trustee Rusch asked if the concerns of the board had been addressed with Mr. Shilka and if the appointment to start, was until April 30, 2012. Mayor Wasowicz replied that yes, he has spoken to Mr. Shilka regarding any concerns raised by board members, and the appointment is indeed until April 30, 2012.

VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Small and Sparr, aye. Trustees Bartoszek and Symonds abstained. Mayor Wasowicz voted aye. Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda mentioned the recent passing of Mr. Patrick Vilimek, a friend, EMA member and one-time vendor of the village. We offer our most sincere sympathy to his family.

We are in receipt of a thank you card from Mr. Frank Stolar expressing his thanks to Mayor Wasowicz and all of the committee members for the Veterans Day Celebration Dinner. He had a great time and was very impressed with the event.

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that a Tax Appeal Seminar to appeal the assessed valuation of your property to the Cook County Board of Review is scheduled on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick, her staff and representatives from Cook County will be in attendance to assist with the process.

A thank you was received from Indian Springs School District 109 thanking the Village for the 100th Anniversary banner presented to the district by the village. The card was signed by many of our friends at the district.

Mr. Ed Figura, community leader, Zoning and Planning Commissioner, and long-time resident of the village is losing his fight with cancer. We ask that you add him to your prayers. He has certainly had a positive influence on the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

- MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves To approve payables numbers 1-36, in the amount of \$35,200.55, posted for the period of 11/10/2011 – 11/22/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$48,979.21, MFT expenses of \$8,507.81, TIF #3 expenses of \$165.00, and grant expenses of \$4,800.00 for a grand total of \$97,652.57.
- SECOND:** Trustee Small
- VOTE:** Trustee Rusch, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek and Ms. Kelly Zabinski, continue to prepare for the budget meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 am until around 2:00 pm. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Department heads will be presenting their requirements for 2012 so a tentative budget can be created as a starting point, to be revised accordingly at a later date.

On December 12th at the next regular board meeting, we will be honoring a young woman, Christine Santiago, who has served in both Afghanistan and in Iraq. It is a particular pleasure to be honoring a young woman who has served our country with distinction in the US Military.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

- MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves To approve Resolution 2011-37, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIFTH ADDENDUM TO A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SEIU LOCAL 73.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustee Bartoszek, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Sparr for Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Sparr read a letter from Chief Frank Alonzo of Indian Head Park identifying the professionalism and dedication to duty of Investigators Bob Plotke and Joe Malloy in the quest to resolve the crime of murder and burglary that shocked their community.

Chief Alonzo observed the actions throughout this call of all of the members of the Major Crimes Task Force. Investigators Malloy and Plotke conducted themselves in a manner beyond Chief Alonzo’s expectations and exhibited a fine reflection of the Justice Police Department. He personally thanked Robert Plotke and Joseph Malloy and the entire Justice Police Department. Without these fine officer’s help, the crime would not have come to such an expeditious conclusion. Certificate of Commendation were provided by Indian Head Park to both of the officers.

Trustee Sparr added the thanks of the village and himself to that of Chief Alonzo and stated it was his honor to know and work with these fine gentlemen as well.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of an ad in the amount of \$50.00 in the St. Lawrence/Queen of Peace Band Boosters ad book and a donation of \$100.00 to the Special Olympics that serve handicapped adults and children in our community.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

Trustee Sue Small informed all that the village offices will be closed in honor of the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays on Friday and Monday of both Christmas and New Year’s weeks.

The annual Christmas Basket drive is underway. If you know someone who is in need please let us know or send them in to fill out an application. Bins to collect non-perishable food items are in the local schools and in the vestibule of the village hall. The distribution date will be on December 17th. We are also collecting new, unopened toys to be distributed on that day as well. Classes from Wilkin’s Jr. High will be gathering donated toys and will be wrapping and tagging those toys on Friday, December 16th. Monetary donations are welcomed.

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

Trustee Rusch commented that the kids at Wilkins are very excited about the toy drive. It is great to see children pitching in and becoming so involved in a charitable endeavor.

Trustee Rusch continues to work with Chief Gedville on a final draft of the “Cash for Gold” legislation.

He is also working on preparing revisions to the village code to update an outdated code. He will be working with all department heads early in the New Year to complete this project for passage and codification, hopefully by the end of the first quarter.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr recognized the dedication of Jim Lurquin for spending much of this last weekend putting together the tedious paperwork necessary to apply for a Brownfields Grant.

Trustee Sparr commented that Reservist Christina Santiago was honored at the recent Veterans Celebration Dinner and it was refreshing to see the huge amount of respect shown for Ms. Santiago by the veterans in attendance from wars from the Second World War on.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino mentioned that he has received a list of five potential arbitrators for the MAP 60 Collective Bargaining Agreement arbitration. He will keep the board informed when an arbitrator has been agreed upon and potential dates for arbitration are offered.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz announced that the 87th Ave. Project is complete. The new water-line has been installed and the street reconstructed. The reconstruction will now commence and should be finished soon.

Mayor Wasowicz met with Dr. Jon Nebor, Superintendent, and Asst. Superintendent, Blair Nuccio of School District 109 to discuss their plans to create an annual Resurrection Run a 5K run to attract professional as well as amateur runners to our community on an annual basis. They asked for our assistance to engage the cemetery in such a proposal. It would attract considerable positive attention to the community. Mayor Wasowicz spoke to Mr. Roman Sobielski of Catholic Cemeteries and he is interested in discussing such a proposal

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 7:00 pm.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, and an update regarding plans for continuing the budget process, finalizing of plans for honoring veteran, Christina Santiago on December 12th and any other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Final review of a draft ordinance re: cash for gold business regulations, and any other licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Continued review of the proposed handbook and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Renee' Myslinski asked about the plans for the property at 7600 Blazer. She is the next door neighbor and has expressed concern regarding a fence between her property and the village's due to her dogs, and the lack of maintenance to and the effectiveness of the concrete bottomed swale entering a drainage easement at the rear of her property.

Mayor Wasowicz assured her that the drainage and maintenance concerns she expressed will be addressed. We cannot, however, erect a privacy fence in a flood way.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk