

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
CENTENNIAL DAY JUNIOR BOARD MEETING
SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER

Minutes of Monday, October 17, 2011
7:30 PM.

Junior Mayor Jennifer Lopez called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She respectfully requested that all cell phones be turned off for the duration of the meeting.

PLEDGE:

Jr. Mayor Lopez led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Junior Clerk Arieon McDonald called the roll. Present are Junior Mayor Jennifer Lopez; Junior Board Members: Aaron Morrison, Claudia Dudzik, Cheyanne Becker, Joey Roche, Emily Klimek and Julianna Villarreal. Junior Chief of Police Juwan Allen is present and Junior Attorney Peter Jasnak is also present.

(All Motions, Seconds and Votes are made on behalf of the Trustees that the Junior Board Members represent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Jr. Trustee Claudia Dudzik Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Aaron Morrison

VOTE: Jr. Trustees, Claudia Dudzik, Aaron Morrison, Cheyanne Becker and Julianna Villarreal, aye. Trustees Joey Roche and Emily Klimek voted no. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Junior Mayor Jennifer Lopez welcomed Dr. Jon Nebor, Superintendent of District 109 and Dr. Blair Nuccio, Assistant Superintendent, to the Centennial Celebration Junior Board Meeting. Mayor Lopez introduced Principal Porrey of Wilkins Jr. High School and District 109 Board Member, Ms. Jean Derting.

Jr. Mayor Lopez read a statement regarding the Centennial Events of this past weekend on behalf of Village President Kris Wasowicz:

Good Evening ladies and gentlemen, it is with a great sense of pride that I want to thank those that made the celebration of the Village of Justice's 100 Year Anniversary such a success.

Mrs. Karen Warner, our Parade Coordinator, did a spectacular job organizing the parade in honor of our Centennial. So many agencies came out to celebrate our birthday. There were hundreds of people in the parade. My most sincere thanks to Mrs. Warner and to all of those that helped her or who participated in the parade!

Trustee Sue Small has exhibited great leadership qualities. She and Co-Chairman, Trustee Rich Sparr encouraged and inspired many of our elected officials, friends and residents of the Village to organize several events to raise the money to provide a Centennial Party and Oktoberfest for all who were able to attend. Everyone had a great time.

Trustee Melanie Kuban has more than proved her value as a board member and village leader by her contributions of time and effort for the Centennial Celebration. From the time she was appointed, Trustee Kuban hit the ground running and has distinguished herself during all of the Centennial events.

Each and every elected official and member of the Centennial Committee are owed a debt of gratitude from our Village and from me. They are too numerous to name and I fear I might forget someone.

I am truly honored to be your Mayor during this historical time in the village's history. I wish for growth, prosperity and success for the Village of Justice in the next 100 years.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Aireon McDonald announced that the City-Wide reverse 911 system was used to notify the residents of the Village of Justice about the road closures for the Centennial Celebration Parade and Oktoberfest this past weekend. If you did not receive a message on your phone, you will need to sign up at the Village Hall to be put in the emergency notification system database. Just stop in or call the front office and give us your name, address and the phone number that you want to be contacted at in case of an emergency or for public service announcements.

If you haven't already signed up for ACHS transfers for your sewer and garbage bills, and you would like to avoid a trip to the village hall or mailing a check, we are always ready to help with the process. Just bring in a black check to be voided, and we will help to set up the automatic debit for you.

Clerk McDonald read a statement from Clerk Kathy Svoboda who offered her own personal thank-you to all those who made the Centennial Events possible. She states that it was truly a pleasure to be involved in the celebration of our

Village's 100 year birthday. She closed by offering her best hopes, sincerest prayers and greatest dreams for the next 100 years of the Village of Justice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Jr.Trustee Emily Klimek

MOTION: On behalf of Trustee Bartoszek, Jr. Trustee Klimek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-12, in the amount of \$18,563.09, posted for the period of 10/06/2011 – 10/12/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$ 473.29, MFT expenses of \$ 1.855.87 and TIF #3 expenses of \$ 270.00, for a total of \$21,162.25.

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Villarreal

VOTE: Jr. Trustees Dudzik, Morrison, Becker, Klimek and Villarreal voted yes. Jr. Trustee Roche voted no. Motion passed.

Jr. Trustee Klimek read a report from Trustee Kinga Bartoszek informing the board members that she is working with our Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski to provide a third-quarter financial report in order to create a reasonable financial projection for the end of the year.

Soon the 2012 Budget process will be starting. Many difficult decisions will need to be made in order to provide the services the village needs in 2012 and beyond. Trustee Bartoszek continues to work with our financial consultant to prepare the necessary reports and projections to facilitate the upcoming budget process.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Jr. Trustee Aaron Morrison

Jr. Trustee Morrison greeted the public and explained that he is here this evening representing the Trustee Symonds, Chairperson of Public Utilities. He announced that all seven welcome to Justice Signs, built by Mike Ohland of Ohland Signs, are completed and installed.

In an effort to alleviate standing water in the area between 71st and 72nd Street along Cork Ave., ditches are being cleaned and graded. Numerous complaints regarding weeds in detention ponds have been addressed by cutting of the weeds. Pothole patching continues as well as chipping, cutting of easements; weed removal and sewer line clean-outs.

Preparation for the Justice Centennial Parade was ongoing all last week.

MOTION: On behalf of Trustee Symonds, Jr. Trustee Morrison Moves: To approve A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FOURTH ADDENDUM TO A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SEIU LOCAL 73. (This motion stops a layoff of two, public works employees through November 30, 2011.)

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Dudzik

VOTE: Jr. Trustees Dudzik, Morrison, Becker, Roche, Klimek, and Villarreal, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Jr. Trustee Joey Roche

MOTION: On behalf of Trustee Kuban, Jr. Trustee Joey Roche Moves: To approve setting

the hours of 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm as the official Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village of Justice.

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Villarreal

Discussion:

Jr. Trustee Morrison asked why the hours designated were so early. Isn't curfew at 11:00 pm?

Jr. Mayor Lopez replied that it was due to safety concerns since it gets dark by 7:00 pm.

Jr. Trustee Morrison asked what the penalty is for breaking the rules.

Jr. Mayor Lopez stated that the fine is \$50.00.

Jr. Trustee Morrison added that if curfew is 11:00 pm trick-or-treating should not be limited to the hour of 7:00 pm. If it is ok to be out later why not allow trick-or-treating later?

Jr. Mayor Lopez replied that it is tradition, safety and the convenience of the residents that limit the hours.

Jr. Police Chief Juwan Allen added that the traditional hours have been observed for many years and were agreeable to all.

VOTE: Jr. Trustees Dudzik, Becker, Roche, Klimek, and Villarreal, yes. Jr. Trustee Morrison voted resoundingly, no. Motion passed.

MOTION: On behalf of Trustee Kuban, Jr. Trustee Joey Roche Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-35, A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO INDEMNIFY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR PHOTO ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT ATTACHED TO IDOT FACILITIES. (This Motion makes it clear that the Illinois Department of Transportation has no responsibility for red light cameras that might be installed at intersections in Justice that are State controlled.)

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Dudzik

VOTE: Jr. Trustees Dudzik, Morrison, Becker, Roche, Klimek, and Villarreal, yes. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: On behalf of Trustee Kuban, Jr. Trustee Joey Roche Moves: To approve hiring Ms. Kristy McNamara as a part-time, on call employee of the Justice Police Department radio-dispatch staff, with no benefits, at a rate of pay of \$14.00 per hour.

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Klimek

VOTE: Jr. Trustees Dudzik, Morrison, Becker, Roche, Klimek, and Villarreal, yes. All ayes. Motion passed.

Jr. Trustee Joey Roche asked Jr. Chief of Police Juwan Allen if he had anything to report this evening.

Jr. Police Chief Juwan Allen read a letter from the Italian/American Police Association offering heartfelt thanks to the Justice Police for participating in the annual Columbus Day Parade. Next year's parade will be held on August 8, 2012. They sincerely hope we will join them again.

The letter was signed by Lt. Phil Tennerelli of the Bedford Park Police and Jason LoCoco, Master Sgt. of the Illinois State Police.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION – Jr. Trustee Julianna Villarreal

Jr. Trustee Villarreal wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for coming out tonight.

On behalf of Trustee Small, she sincerely thanked everyone that participated in the Centennial Parade yesterday. Thanks to the Police and Public Works employees who worked diligently behind the scenes to insure that everything went smoothly.

Most especially, thanks to the committee members who spent many months preparing for the celebration.

The parade was a huge success bringing out at least 450 people to march in honor of our village's 100th Birthday. Mother Nature cooperated nicely ending the rain just in time.

The Oktoberfest at the Lipinski Center following the parade was a truly successful event. More than 250 people enjoyed the food, entertainment and festivities. There are so very many people to thank for all of their hard work it is not possible to list them all.

Sincere thanks to School District 109 for all of their help with the events. They were our partners in the parade and instrumental in putting together this Junior Board Meeting as well. A very special thanks to Trustee Ed Rusch who is a teacher at Wilkins Jr. High.

Thank you to Mr. Mike Ohland of Ohland Signs for all his work creating and building the new welcome signs. They are all installed and they look great.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Jr. Trustee Cheyanne Becker

Jr. Trustee Cheyanne Becker read a report explaining that all business licenses and changes to our village codes come through the Ordinances, Licenses and Public Printing Committee. Applications are submitted by a business that wants to operate in Justice. The application and the space where the business would like to operate are reviewed by the building department for compliance to our codes and ordinances. Then the application is reviewed by the village board before being voted on at a board meeting.

- MOTION:** On behalf of Trustee Ed Rusch, Jr. Trustee Cheyanne Becker Moves: To approve Ordinance 2011-16, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5-43 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE. (This change to the village code sets a maximum number of tattoo parlor or body-piercing establishments that can operate in future, in the Village of Justice.).
- SECOND:** Jr. Trustee Villarreal
- VOTE:** Jr. Trustees, Dudzik, Morrison, Becker, Roche, Klimek, and Villarreal, yes. All ayes. Motion passed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Jr. Trustee Claudia Dudzik

Jr. Trustee Claudia Dudzik reported that so far this year, 444 Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; Sewer; and Contractor Work Permits have been issued by the Building Department, resulting in income of \$62,989.

In addition, Truck Parking Permits; Sales Inspections; and Multi-Family Dwelling Licenses have generated \$113,662 in income.

Business licenses collected this year totaled \$58,414 and Miscellaneous Collections totaled \$35,099. The total funds collected by the Building Department during 2011 were \$270,164.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 7:00 pm before the Regular Board Meeting. The hearing will be twofold, to discuss the status of the Community Development Block Grant Project, CDBG 06-029, the Thomas Street Pond Reconstruction, and also to discuss the Village's intent to apply for a USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to remove 3 underground storage tanks from the property at the intersection of 86th Avenue and Archer Road.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jr. Attorney Peter Jasnak

Junior Attorney Peter Jasnak explained that the Village Attorney helps the village with a variety of different projects; by drafting ordinances that become the law in the village and by helping solve conflicts between the village and different people.

Drafting ordinances and resolutions is an important part of the job. These documents are the tools that the Mayor and Board of Trustees use that authorize the actions of the village and its employees and representatives.

I also prepare and review contracts that the village enters into to make sure that the village is protected.

Finally one of the most important parts of my job is to help the Mayor and Board of Trustees make plans for the future growth and development of the Village of Justice.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jr. Clerk Aireon McDonald read an announcement into the record:

The police department is happy to announce that they have received the 2011 Dunkin Donuts free coffee and donuts for life grant! Officers from the Justice Police Department consumed more coffee and donuts per capita than any other department in the upper Midwest portion of the country in the year 2010. Due to their loyalty to D & D and having hearty appetites, Dunkin Donuts has awarded these fine men in blue a lifetime of delectable treats!

On a less serious note, we would like to recognize Officer Brian Jones for his 60 years of service with the JPD. Officer Jones started his career in 1951 and was the last officer assigned to patrol duties on a horse. Officer Jones

transitioned to a motor vehicle assignment in 1955; however, he continued to carry a musket as a duty weapon until the 1960's. He is the only current officer who reads and writes both English and Latin. He has served his country in every world war and has competed in every Chicago Marathon since 1924. Officer Jones' son, Justice, was in fact the first Mayor of Justice and the two of them were close friends with Resurrection Mary and her brothers Harry and Barry. We would thank Officer Jones for his dedicated service for the past six decades and hope he can continue to serve our fine community for another week or two, God willing.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, October 27th @ 7pm in the Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, and an update on the third quarter financials. Proposed plans for the budget process and any other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Review of a draft ordinance re: cash for gold business regulations for discussion, the NIMEC Proposal, a business license application for G.T. Auto Repair at 8230 S. 86th Court 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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING A DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT FOR THE DCEO SIDEWALK GRANT PROJECT FUNDS.

Discussion regarding Situation with compressor at Lipinski Center, Contract changes for the Lipinski Center, 87th / 78th Ave. sign and the Employee Handbook

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Discussion regarding the Cook County Graffiti Team, parking and storage of construction trailers on a vacant lot on 87th Ave., the disposition of the stage/trailer and a timeline for negotiations of the Public Work Contract and decision regarding layoffs.

Discussion regarding the amendments to the agreement with JWSWC regarding the restoration of 87th Ave.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including possible discussion regarding the hiring of a property maintenance inspector.

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
Sale or acquisition of property

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Someone from the audience commented that it was a truly great performance by the junior officials.

Another resident stated that he hoped our Junior Officials consider aspiring to these very offices in the future.

Mr. Jim Pluta asked Jr. Mayor Lopez what she thought about the outcome of the debate over the trick-or-treat hours.

Mayor Lopez replied that she felt it was the best choice due to safety concerns. She then added, "After all, no one can see the costumes after dark anyway."

Ms. Kathy Welch from Senator Jacqueline Collin's Office thanked the Village for inviting Senator Collins and herself to participate tonight. She felt everyone did a great job. Ms. Roche wished the Village of Justice a very happy 100th Birthday!

On behalf of Senator Jacqueline Collins she presented a plaque honoring the Village of Justice on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Jr. Trustee Morrison so Moves.

SECOND: Jr. Trustee Roche

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk