

Village of Justice
Zoning & Planning Commission
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
July 15, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman John Bruce.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken. Present at meeting were: Rich Berkowicz, Charlene Carter, Jim Brock, Chairman John Bruce, and Secretary, Shirley Shilka.

Bogdan Ogorek: excused

Jack Kennedy: excused

IN ATTENDANCE: Orley Betcher, Trustee Symonds, Trustee Oszakiewski, Trustee Kuban, Trustee Sparr, Ed Shilka, and Ray Hodson.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: June 17, 2013 meeting.

Chairman John Bruce entertains a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from the June , 2013 meeting.

MOTION: To accept Minutes from June 17, 2013 meeting

Rich Berkowicz: **SO MOVED**

SECOND: Charlene Carter

VOTE: All Ayes

John Bruce to Trustee Sparr: What is the status on Joe Davern's petition?

Trustee Sparr: This is still pending.

John Bruce to Trustee Oszakiewski: Do you have anything on the Village Planning and Economic Development?

Trustee Oszakiewski: We are working with Moraine Valley College. There is a meeting scheduled for this Friday, July 19th, at 1:30pm, in the Building Department, all those that are interested are invited. This meeting is being held with regards as to what Moraine College can do to help us.

They are having two (2) students put together a job description to help us with what-ever we need for planning.

Orley Betcher and I have taken a few Saturday's to visit Village businesses. This Saturday we went to Chet's Melody Lounge.

Orley Betcher: Chet's didn't seem to think there was anything the Village could do for them except for parking lot problems.

Trustee Oszakiewski: On that Saturday, Chet's Melody Lounge joined the Chamber of Commerce.

John Bruce: Is there something in the Village code that says business parking lots must be paved, due to a safety issue?

Orley Betcher: Unless he sells it to someone else he is grandfathered in.

Trustee Kuban: That depends on how the code was written, whether it goes with the property or with the owner.

Trustee Oszakiewski: I will check into this. We also talked about improvements he could make to the outside of this building.

John Bruce: Is there something that could be done since he is in the TIF.

Trustee Oszakiewski: We can check with the Mayor or Jim Lurquin.

Our next stop was at the Justice Tobacco Mart; it seemed open but the doors were locked.

Orley Betcher: I have talked to Bill Barnes, who owns the building; he said the Village will not let that business open.

Trustee Kuban: We passed his business license at a board meeting. There is actually a sign problem.

Orley Betcher: Bill Barnes said he spend \$60,000.00 on remodeling to the building in addition to electrical work on the sign.

John Bruce: Did he have a permit for the work that was done, or the electrical work on the sign?

Orley Betcher: That I do not know.

Rich Berkowicz: That sign hasn't worked in 20 years.

Orley Betcher: He is being told he has to lower the sign and it has been there since 1969.

John Bruce: It has not been used in 20 years and after a certain time the sign becomes useless. I would think it now falls under current ordinances once you pull a permit.

Trustee Oszakiewski: From the outside, the store and the building look good.

We were also going to go to the new bakery across the street, but that is not open yet.

We then went to Anna's Flowers she is closed until the end of June due to vacation.

This week we plan on going to another 5 businesses.

One week from Saturday is the Chamber of Commerce Rib Fest at the Lipinski Center.

John Bruce to Trustee Sparr: Is there anything that you have as far as changes to the comprehensive plan? Do you want me to keep it on the agenda's?

Trustee Sparr: We have to talk with the board to find out what direction they want the Zoning Board to take. At this time this is the Zoning Board and we should stay on zoning.

John Bruce: At this time the only other topic I have is; I am working on the roster which I have passed out, if you see any changes that need to be made please contact me with the information.

Ray Hodson: I was just at the Library Board meeting; one of the Covington neighbors stated that they have observed someone dumping dirt there. They called the police and it turns out it was the owner. Are they allowed to pile dirt there? The neighbors are also concerned that this might not be the owner.

John Bruce: I would advise calling the Building Department Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Shilka.

Chair entertains motion to **ADJOURN**: at 7:22 pm

Jim Brock: **SO MOVED**

SECOND: Rich Berkowicz

VOTE: All Ayes.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2013

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley, Shilka, Secretary

John W. Bruce

John W. Bruce, Chairman