

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF MARCH
Minutes of Monday, April 25, 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. Attorney Michael Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will April 11, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mayor Kris Wasowicz

Village President Kris Wasowicz read into the record a Proclamation naming the Week of May 1, 2011 to May 7, 2011 as Municipals Clerk's Week in the Village of Justice.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Approve a RESOLUTION OPPOSING REDUCTION OF STATE COLLECTED REVENUES DUE MUNICIPALITIES.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-15.

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski

Trustee McGee stated that this resolution was not reviewed in committee as is customary, and that she is not comfortable voting on it without any discussion.

VOTE: Trustees Rusch and Koslowski, aye. Trustees, McGee, Bartoszek and DePaola, voted nay. Motion failed.

President Wasowicz read the Resolution, explaining that he was encouraged to approve the resolution expediently in order to forward it to our State representatives. It says plainly that we oppose any reduction in State Income Tax paid to municipalities.

Trustee DePaola said that our attorney has advised us that we cannot act on business that has not been reviewed in committee.

Attorney Castellino corrected the statement by Trustee DePaola indicating that the board cannot act on something that is not on the agenda. Review in committee is not a requirement.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that Center Point in cooperation with Governors State University is offering a free, entrepreneurial workshop to all veterans, on May 18, 2011. Seminars and individual counseling will be available. See Clerk Svoboda for more information.

Clerk Svoboda issued a reminder that on Wednesday May 4th at Applebee’s in Hodgkins the Dine to Donate Day for the Middle East Conflict Wall initiative will be conducted. 15% of each bill will be donated, if a flyer is provided to the server. Have a meal out and provide much needed funding for the digital equipment at the Memorial Wall. Also, a Pig Roast fundraiser at Fat Daddy’s is being held on March 30th. See the flyer in the vestibule.

Senator Jacqueline Collins has a tuition-waiver scholarship to an Illinois State school available for graduating seniors within her district. More details are available.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT REPORTS:

FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Trustee Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables posted for the period of 04/06/11 – 04/15/11, numbers 1-31, in the amount of \$15,700.53 plus recurring expenses of \$51,628.28, MFT Expenses of \$10,193.07, TIF #2 Expenses of \$ 175.00, for a total of \$77,696.88.

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski
Trustee Rusch questioned the scope of work for a bill from ISI for consulting work and marketing design.
Trustee Bartoszek replied that the main focus of the work was to provide a high quality, high resolution EPS format seal suitable for mass producing to be included on the village tag.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee

There was no report.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee John Koslowski

MOTION: To approve the Business License of the Barber Unit, doing business at 8403 S. Roberts Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

Trustee Koslowski read a letter into the record offering sincere gratitude to George and Sebastian Jachymiak of Technicraft Auto body from the Village of Justice.

George and Sebastian sponsored the recent auto show, provided the turkeys for the annual Holiday Baskets Program, assisting with beautification efforts by

donating the landscaping around the village entrance signs, just to name a few of their efforts on our behalf..

We are impressed by and grateful for their commitment to the village, their generosity and their enthusiasm.

The letter was signed by the Mayor and Trustees.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee DePaola

Trustee DePaola is pleased to report that the dilapidated house at 8035 S. 85th Court has indeed been demolished. The debris is being disposed of as we speak and all that is left to tear down is the garage and dispose of it as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Trustee John Koslowski

At the most recent committee meeting Trustee Koslowski read an update from the Lakota Group regarding the progress of the Vision Plan.

The Lakota Group has been pulling together workable base maps to be utilized in field work; they have conducted two tours of the area and have worked with two focus groups so far. Additional people were then being invited to a focus group that was conducted on Friday, April 22nd; another will be conducted tomorrow on the 26th.

Trustee Koslowski added that these are the initial focus groups and Lakota will be inviting any and all interested residents to participate at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Castellino reported that proposed revisions to the IGA were discussed with the RPPFD attorney. He hopes to have a draft IGA to review at the next available committee meeting and for subsequent passage at the following board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch stated that he understood that a meeting was scheduled with the Justice Park District to conclude the execution of the IGA. Trustee Rusch asked that the meeting be postponed until the newly-elected trustees are seated so they might participate in discussion regarding the terms of the IGA. Trustee Rusch cited several areas of concern in the current document.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Wednesday, May 04, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Reporting Officers' Reports:

FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables and discussion regarding the 2011 Scholarships.
Review of the remuneration paid to and violations issued by the code enforcement officer.

Discussion of an employee manual.

Discussion of Intergovernmental Agreement with Roberts Park Fire Protection Dist., and the sale of a Police Department vehicle (a 2005 Crown Vic), per the Chief's request.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee McGee - Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Any matters pertaining to Public Safety.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee DePaola

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Koslowski

Any new business licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review.

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) Sale or Acquisition of property

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Barbara Knap of Autumn Lane in Chief Mobile Home Park stated that last summer they experienced terrible problems with rats. Now Dunkin Donuts is becoming very lax in maintaining their obligation to keep the dumpsters firmly closed, not to allow garbage to be scattered on the ground and to keep the grease trap lid firmly closed.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that enforcement of the established rules must be maintained. We need to go out and take a look and send a letter as well.

Mr. Lurquin will respond to the concerns.

Trustee Bartoszek asked if these are violations of code, and if so, why they were not issued a code enforcement violation by the code enforcement officer.

Apparently, the code enforcement officer was not aware of the issues.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin questioned the huge cuts on 73rd Place and 86th Ave. She continued saying the holes now are enormous and need to be filled. They are safety hazards.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the stone in the cuts needs to settle for a few weeks and that if the holes are holding water they need to dry out before they can be filled with asphalt.

Mr. Joe Egas asked what the status is of updating the website.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the issue of the website will be addressed soon.

Mrs. Brenda Egas asked how the participants of the focus groups were chosen.

Trustee Koslowski replied that he chose people based on a list of perspectives he received from the Lakota Group. Owners of businesses, owners of apartment complexes or strip malls, representatives from the cemetery and a few residents from each area of the community were included.

Mrs. Karen Warner asked what the ramifications are of not passing the resolution opposing the reduction in State Income Tax.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the resolution is pretty self-explanatory. He cannot understand the reluctance to approve it. The only ramification is that we cannot forward the resolution to our legislators to let them know of our strong opposition to a reduction in the municipal share of income taxes.

Trustee McGee stated she did not see such a rush that it could not be delayed until the next meeting when the board will have had the time to review it properly.

Mr. Dan McGee asked if not passing the resolution will result in any loss of funding.

No, the resolution simply communicates our opposition to a reduction in funding but does not have any direct impact on the issue.

The resolution will be brought up again at the next regular board meeting.

Trustee Bartoszek requested that a complete report of all code enforcement records, citations and warnings, and a detailed report of payroll distributed to the code enforcement officer be made available to the board for the next regular committee meeting.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk