

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF APRIL
Minutes of Monday, April 9, 2012
7:30 PM.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Trustee Rusch is absent this evening. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2012 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz had no formal report this evening.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

We have scheduled two, Public Hearings to review the plans for Municipal Aggregation of electric supply rates for the Village of Justice. The first hearing is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00 am. The second hearing will be on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm.

The annual Vehicle Sticker Design Contest Winners will be honored at a presentation on Monday, April 23rd, 2012, before the regular board meeting. All those interested are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-22 in the amount of \$7,628.47, recurring expenses of \$2,244.90 and MFT expenses of \$ 411.44, for a total of \$10,303.31.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustee Symonds, Kuban, Bartoszek, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the compensation schedule for all non-bargaining unit employees and department heads as determined at the budget meetings and confirmed by the Appropriation Ordinance

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOTE: Trustee Kuban, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: Motion: To authorize the preparation of the appropriate paperwork by Hoeffler/Butler Engineering for submittal to the Southwest Conference of Mayors for application for funding the Phase One Engineering of the Frontage Road Reconstruction Project, a designated FAU Route.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustee Kuban, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To authorize the hire of two, part-time seasonal grass-cutters, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour, to work approximately 20 hours per week during the spring and summer seasons.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOTE: Trustee Bartoszek, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred at the last committee meeting regarding the pavement assessment update recently completed by Hoeffler/Butler Engineering. As we are all aware, the majority of the streets are in considerable disrepair. Since no State funding is available, we are working on an option to take on the cost of the repairs ourselves.

All of the Public Works vehicles have been converted from winter to summer duty. Chipping is underway, and grass-cutting has begun for the year. Restoration of water-main break-sites in ongoing. We are cold-patching but are looking forward to the asphalt plants opening for more permanent repairs. Sewer-rodging and clean outs have occurred. Maintenance of squad cars in ongoing and considerable work was performed at the tot-lot at Figura Grove.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban had no formal report this evening.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

We have been asked by Lyons Township to participate in a mobile food pantry program with four other Lyons Township communities.

Special Events Coordinator, Janet Cervantes researched the benefits and the requirements of the program and recommends that participation is a good idea for our residents in need of assistance.

- MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve participation by the Village of Justice in the multi-jurisdictional, GCFD Mobile Food Pantry Program.
- SECOND: Trustee Symonds
- VOTE: Trustee Small, Sparr, Symonds, Kuban and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- We will host the food pantry here in September and will be publicizing the opportunity for assistance.

On Monday, April 30th at 7:00 pm in the all-purpose room, there will be a meeting of the Centennial Committee to tie up some loose ends and discuss how to proceed.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Bartoszek for Trustee Rusch

- MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the Business License of Consumer Advantage Inc. doing business at 8646 S. Roberts Road, Unit #108, in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND: Trustee Small
- VOTE: Trustee Sparr, Symonds, Kuban, Bartoszek and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve NIMEC (Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative) as the consultants for the Village of Justice Municipal Electric Aggregation Program and authorize the village attorney to review and negotiate the terms of the agreement.
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustee Symonds, Kuban, Bartoszek, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr stated that the new Manager of Sterling Estates was at the last committee meeting requesting that he, on behalf of the manufactured home park, be allowed to erect some advertising signs on the south side of Frontage Road for the spring and summer. He assured us it would be a professional job and that his maintenance people would be willing to maintain the grass from the first sign to the entrance to Sterling Estates.

- MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve the request by Sterling Estates Manufactured Home Community to erect eight (8) signs of approximately 2 ½' X 2 ½' along the south side of Frontage Road, advertising the amenities of Sterling Estates, and to approve the cutting and maintaining by Sterling Estates of the grassy area from

the first sign, westerly, to the entrance to the community, for a period not to exceed 6 mos.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustee Symonds, Kuban, Bartoszek, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Sparr reminded the board members that NIMS compliance is imperative. Any of us that have not completed the classes must go online and complete them as soon as possible. Should there be a disaster and we have not complied, we could lose federal disaster funds for our community. The deadline for completion is May 15th.

Everyone agreed that those of us who have not already complied will do so.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Vince Cainkar

Attorney Vince Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Review of any new licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review and a possible update regarding the proposed lease extension for the cell tower at the Public Works yard.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters that may come before the committee including the process of hiring the part-time, seasonal grass-cutters, and discussion regarding the possible removal of a tree in the Cork Highlands area.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, review of renewal quotes for life and dental insurance and possible review of the year- end financial data other financial matters.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Possible discussion regarding the Towing Contract and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding designating geographic areas of the village to be considered for Special Service Areas for the purpose of potential street reconstruction.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Discussion regarding instituting regular meetings of the Zoning and Planning Commission and other matters before the committee.

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 COMMENTS:

Mr. John Koslowski asked about the dramatic increase in water rates implemented by the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission.

Mayor Wasowicz informed Mr. Koslowski that he is only one of three commissioners. He stated that the increase is 30% of the per-gallon amount, 25% for the increase from Chicago for the cost of the water, and an additional 5% to put in a fund for repair and rebuilding of infrastructure. In addition, the amount of gallons allowed to obtain a minimum bill was decreased to 6,000 gallons from 8,000.gallons.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded Mr. Koslowski that the bill is bi-monthly, so the increase in dollars reflects two months of water service.

Within the last year the Water Commission has decreased its staff by about half, has gone from six vehicles on the roads to four and has greatly increased security with the addition of cameras to insure a safe water supply. New schedules to exercise B-Boxes and hydrants are in place and the bonds for the Wesley Fields replacement are still being paid for.

An increase in fund balances now, may allow the Commission not to raise rates again next year when the next increase in the cost of water occurs.

Many of the water lines in both Justice and Willow Springs are around 40 years old. Infrastructure must be replaced and maintained. If Mr. Koslowski has any ideas to offer, the Water Commission Board Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am.

Mr. Koslowski stated that at 9:30 on a Thursday morning most people are working and cannot attend.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that it is seldom that anyone attends but if the need arises to accommodate the public, the meeting time will gladly be changed.

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked if the dates for the Spring Garage Sales had been set.

Yes, the dates are May 18, 19 and 20. We are coordinating with DisposAll for large item pick ups at the curb and for a dumpster at village hall.

Mrs. Rene Myslinski asked if a meeting at her property could be scheduled to discuss the location of a fence she will need to erect between her house and the tot-lot. There seems to be a discrepancy in the surveys.

Jim Lurquin will contact her to assist with the evaluation of the surveys and placement of her fence.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to closed session at 7:52 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:12 pm

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Trustee Rusch is absent this evening. Attorney Joseph Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk