

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF FEBRUARY  
Minutes of Monday, February 14, 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 and Phil DePaola are present. Trustee Kinga Bartoszek is absent. Attorney Michael 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 Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mayor Kris Wasowicz**

Village President Kris Wasowicz asked Clerk Kathy Svoboda to serve as Chairperson of the Newsletter Committee. He stated that it was his goal to provide at least three issues of the newsletter this year, in spite of budgetary constraints. We will be working to obtain enough advertising to cover the cost of those newsletters. Other member will be added to the committee at a later date.

Mayor Wasowicz then read a letter of commendation from Congressman Dan Lipinski to Mr. Jeff Kranig and Mr. Rich Struzik for the outstanding work they did on the Veterans Day Celebration of 2010 at Toyota Park. The Congressman spoke at length about the success of the event, the passion of Mr. Kranig and Mr. Struzik and how truly deserving our veterans are of the honors bestowed upon them at the event.

President Wasowicz then read a lengthy letter of resignation from EMA Director/Coordinator Marty Vilimek citing numerous occasions of miscommunication and lack of communication between the Village and himself. Director Vilimek provided the history of the Bridgeview/Justice EMA and how the program has evolved. Marty expounded on the services he has continued to provide. He explained that he doesn't feel needed any longer by the Village of Justice and he no longer feels that he can, in good conscience, continue to be accountable for the Village's emergency management due to a lack of communication and cooperation.

Trustee DePaola suggested sitting down with Director Vilimek to try to rectify his concerns before the effective date of his resignation in order to continue the arrangement we hope to preserve.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded the board that we have a seated trustee with no area of oversight and that this kind of problem might have been avoided had the responsibilities be better allocated.

Mayor Wasowicz cordially welcomed three boy scouts in the audience tonight, Vincent Longhi, Brian Smarz and Andy Zwiejak.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2011- 02, A Resolution In Support of Environmental Site Remediation of Contamination Located in the Village of DePue and Surrounding Areas.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Koslowski

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

**VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda**

Clerk Svoboda stated that she is in receipt of a thank you note from Jeanette Gabrys for the expression of good wishes during her recent hospital stay and recovery.

**AREAS OF OVERSIGHT REPORTS:**

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Trustee McGee for Trustee Bartoszek**

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve payables posted for the period of 01/06/11 – 01/19/11, numbers 1-32 in the amount of \$17,334.41 plus recurring expenses of \$83,911.77, TIF #2 expenses of \$5,000.00, and MFT expenses of \$13,979.62 for a total of \$120,225.80.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Mary McGee**

MOTION: Trustee McGee Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-03, A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Certain Expenditures for the Roberts Road Street Reconstruction Project.

SECOND: Trustee DePaola

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

Public Works has been busy with snow and ice control. They performed extremely well. Sewer maintenance, sign maintenance and cold-patching are occurring, as well.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING –Trustee John Koslowski**

MOTION: Trustee Koslowski Moves: Motion: To approve the Home Occupation Licenses of: CZK Trucking, Inc. (Trucking- single truck) 7502 S. Cork Avenue

Jim's Electric, Inc. 7742 S. Oak Grove  
Popeye Transportation Co. (Transportation) 7307 Oak Grove  
Dora Construction Corp. (Construction Company) 7515 S. Banks  
A.P.S. Gas Turbine, Inc. (Industrial parts) 8026 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Place  
M.A.K. Freight, Inc. (Freight Brokerage) 8830 "E" Concord Lane  
Pawwrotrans Corp. (Transportation), 8214 Daniel Drive  
LMB Transport, Inc. (Trucking), 8500 S. 79<sup>th</sup> Court  
Wally's Transport Express, Inc. (Transportation), 7808 Amelia Court, # 3A  
Zalinski, Inc. (Construction), 8836 Amelia Court, #2A  
EFM Transportation, Inc. (Trucking), 7800 S. Cronin  
George Thomas Painting & Decorating, Inc. (Construction) 8011 Fawn Trail  
Grand Entertainment, Inc. (Entertainment Broker), 8105 W. 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Highlander Masonry, Inc. (Construction) 7919 Linden Drive  
LUX Woodworking, Corp. Construction), 7808 Amelia Court, Apt. 3  
Millennium Home Design, Inc. (Construction), 8132 "C" Concord Lane  
MJJ Transport, Inc. (Trucking), 7228 Arbor Lane  
PMJ Construction, Inc. 8818 S. 83<sup>rd</sup> Place  
RIE Construction (Construction), 8959 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Street

All of the above are within the corporate limits of Justice, and are in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Trustee DePaola indicated that he had contacted Director Vilimek for an emergency meeting with all department heads anticipating the big snow, recently. He will arrange a meeting with Director Marty Vilimek to discuss his concerns and his resignation at his earliest convenience.

Phil expressed his best wishes to Jim Lurquin who is in the hospital today.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Phil DePaola**

The Zarecki Subdivision will be ready for action at the next regular meeting.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Trustee John Koslowski**

There was no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Castellino had no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Rusch commented that he had conversation with the Village Attorney, Mike Castellino regarding the awarding of a contract for services from the Lakota Group without seeking competitive bids.

Attorney Castellino told Trustee Rusch that because the contract was for service not goods, that the bid process was not required. Trustee Rusch is not convinced.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To direct the attorney to prepare an opinion citing State Statute to the effect that no bid was required to engage the Economic Development consultant.

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Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Rusch continued stating that six or so weeks ago, he asked the board who authorized the removal of the Village of Justice welcome signs, and where they are, currently.

Trustee Rusch asked again, where are the signs, and who it was that authorized their removal.

Trustee DePaola replied that he recalls the signs being discussed at a committee meeting and that they were removed for repair. Mayor Wasowicz has no recollection of any such discussion.

Trustee Rusch then asked for clarification regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the Park District. He was told by Trustee Bartoszek that the agreement was never implemented.

Was the agreement ever signed by the Park District?

Justice Park District Commissioner Dan McGee replied from the audience that the Park District never executed that agreement. So, in fact, an agreement does not exist.

Trustee Rusch questioned an expense for landscaping at the Lipinski Center for \$15,625.00 to Major Landscaping, which was requested by the Park District and paid for with TIF #1 funds.

Commissioner Dan McGee stated that Joe Vallez of the Justice Park District requested and received consent from Mayor Wasowicz to contract the work while the agreement was being negotiated, but indeed the Park District never executed the agreement.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the charges by Major Landscaping that were never verified by the village. And in fact, the goal posts were cut down in readiness for the park districts use, and without clear consent of the village.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To ratify the reduction in Village of Justice staff.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOTE: Trustees McGee, DePaola, Koslowski, aye. Trustee Rusch and Mayor Wasowicz, nay. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

**Reporting Officers' Reports:**

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Bartoszek**

Posted payables, discussion regarding extending health care benefits for Judy Field and Ernie Spatola and the 2011 Budget.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee DePaola**

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including possible discussion regarding the Zoning and Planning Commissions' recommendations for the Zarecki subdivision.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Any matters regarding the Police Department or the safety and welfare of the community.

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

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Koslowski**

Any new business licenses or ordinances, code amendments, and specifically the discussion of a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Justice and The Lakota Group, discussion regarding the amending of village code regarding peddlers, solicitors and street corner solicitation within the Village.

**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) Acquisition of property

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Gerry Mendralla asked where indeed the missing welcome signs are; someone has to know.

Trustees DePaola and Trustee McGee stated that they do not know where the signs are, they will have to consult Trustee Bartoszek.

Mr. Mendralla then asked if the park district has the right to sublet the Lipinski Community Center.

Trustee DePaola stated that the center was not sublet by the park district.

Trustee Koslowski stated that the center was leased by a political party and that Jim Gabrys is in receipt of the check.

It was determined that there was no application for use filed with the village by the political party and no deposit was collected by the village prior to the event. The event was paid for after it was held.

Ms. Melanie Kuban also asked about the lack of protocol regarding an application and deposit and payment in advance.

The date was allegedly blocked by the park district in order to hold a political function for senior citizens but by invitation only.

The question was raised asking what the criteria were to be invited. No one explained the criteria. Many seniors said they were excluded.

Mr. Ed Shilka asked if indeed another resident had been asked to reschedule his event at the Lipinski Center so the political function could be held, even without the proper protocol.

A refund for that date was processed.

Mr. Rich Sparr asked who dropped the ball to make Marty Vilimek feel the need to resign.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that since there are two trustees that oversee two areas of oversight each, maybe the work load is more than can be handled.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee DePaola so MOVES.

SECOND: Trustee McGee

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk