

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

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: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. 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 December 12, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz had no formal report.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda reminded all that a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Representatives from the Lakota Group will be on hand to discuss ideas for our future growth and update the community on the 2030 Vision Plan. Everyone is welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-46, in the amount of \$112,543.87, posted for the period of 12/08/2011 – 01/05/12, re-occurring expenses of 115,297.12, MFT expenses of \$3,507.30, TIF #2 expenses of \$2,412.00 and TIF #3 expenses of \$ 327.50, for a total of \$234,087.79.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds quoted a report from Ken White for this last month. Winter has begun. The plows were out on December 29th and on January 2nd salting the streets. All of our equipment is working and we have taken delivery of salt. We are well prepared for the start of the season. Maintenance on squad cars was performed and we had to sublet work on the JCB Tractor for an electrical problem.

Cleaning and rodding of sewers was required three times in the last weeks which are not an unusual occurrence. We are working on replacing many signs that are faded or in poor condition. An inventory is being prepared to create a list of signs that need to be ordered.

Street sweeping and cold-patching continued when the weather allowed.

- MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2012-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE ROBERTS PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Ongoing construction engineering by Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering in the amount of \$5,189.85).
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustee Rusch, Kuban, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban had no formal report this evening.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small mentioned that a meeting of the Centennial Committee is planned for Monday, January 16th at 7:00 pm to determine how the committee might proceed now that the Centennial-year has concluded. More information will be sent via e-mail.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

Trustee Rusch explained that the next piece of legislation will increase the rates of the vehicle stickers across the board by \$10.00, except for the senior tags which will increase by \$5.00 to a cost of \$10.00 per senior tag. As a benefit to the seniors, they will be allowed more than one senior tag if they have more than one vehicle registered to them.

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2012-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE (Increasing vehicle tag prices).
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- Trustee Symonds questioned what second division vehicles are. Deputy Chief Kurschner explained that second division vehicles were predominantly trucks, more specifically semis and box trucks.
- VOTE: Trustee Kuban voted yes. Trustee Bartoszek stated that she did some research among the surrounding communities and found that our vehicle tag prices were

well above the market. Therefore she votes no. Trustee Small commented that she is voting yes to the increase since rates and fees are going up everywhere, tolls, tags etc. We are in a deficit budget position and vehicle tag rates in the village have remained the same for many years. Trustee Sparr voted yes. Trustee Symonds voted yes. Trustee Rusch noted a point of order. Once a vote is called for, there should be no further discussion allowed. Comments and qualifications of a vote should not be entertained under any circumstances once a vote is called for. Trustee Rusch voted yes. Five ayes, one nay, motion passed.

Trustee Rusch explained that the next piece of legislation, the Precious Gems Ordinance focuses on cash for gold businesses and addresses the safety of the business proprietor or employee and deals with the concerns of the police department. The legislation put no undue provisions on the business but simply requires a photograph to be taken. The other requirement is that employees as well as the owner shall apply for a broker's license. We want to insure that the person selling items to the establishment owns those items and did not obtain them unlawfully.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: Motion: To approve Ordinance 2012-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 3 AND 13 OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PRECIOUS GEMS BROKERS (Cash for Gold Legislation).

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Rusch noted that he expected to pass a business license this evening but cannot, since it was inadvertently omitted on the Agenda.

Trustee Rusch commented that after conversation with the Mayor and board members it was determined that a Chief of Staff is neither in place or necessary to the operation of the village. Rather that leave the position vacant and on the books the next piece of legislation will discontinue that office.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: Motion: To approve Ordinance 2012-03 AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Rusch informed all that we will be hosting an informational meeting regarding the village having the authority to solicit for bids for electrical energy to benefit not only the village, but commercial businesses and all residents. The referendum we will run at the Primary Election on March 20th will ask the voters for permission to join with other communities to seek a lower rate for kilowatts

that will benefit us all. We are tentatively planning an informational session for our residents on Saturday, January 21st. There is an interesting article in the municipal publication we receive monthly, the Municipal Review, regarding municipal aggregation. Anyone would still have the option to opt out if they so choose.

Trustee Rusch mentioned that we are looking at the option of turning over our billing of sewer service to the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission. We have a substantial aging on our sewer accounts and have no ability to turn off service for non-payment. The water commission has that ability since they also bill water service that can be shut off for non-payment. Their collection rate is about 93%. We will be investigating the possibility of combining the water and sewer bills.

Attorney Vince Cainkar outlined some options for raising funds to perform major street reconstruction in our community. They are a Special Bond Referendum, Special Service Area or Special Assessment. The board will be investigating options to accomplish major reconstruction of our streets over the upcoming months.

Trustee Rusch asked if we were receiving any income from the clothing donation receptacles that had promised a rebate of \$.02 per pound of clothing donated. Jim Lurquin stated that that it depends on the agreement that is in place with the business owner at the location of the receptacle. In some cases the rebate may be going to the business owner.

Trustee Rusch also spoke about a truly heartwarming letter he received from an eighth grade student regarding our food basket program and how she wished she had more to give. He was personally touched by the letter and it shows how such a program can bring out the best in us all.

Mayor Wasowicz added that the JWSWC will be discussing our proposal regarding the combining of the Water and Sewer billing at their next board meeting. The most opportune time for this initiative would have been when we turned over the Wesley Fields water billing to the commission. There are some legal questions that need to be explored.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr asked Jim Lurquin to update the board on the progress at 7600 Blazer.

The play-lot has been installed as well as the fill, edging and timbers. Mulching or another material will be spread around the equipment in the spring. Possibly a split-rail fence will be installed in the spring as well.

Trustee Sparr asked for an update regarding the fence repairs at the 8750 W. 82nd Place property. Property Maintenance Inspector Ed Shilka is talking to the owner to get the repairs accomplished.

Lastly, Trustee Sparr sincerely thanked Janet Cervantes and her helpers for all their hard work on the Christmas Basket and Toy Drive. Janet did an outstanding job. Everything went smoothly and the amount of toys collected was remarkable. Thank you, Janet for a job well done!
The audience and the village board expressed their appreciation with applause.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Wasowicz commented that the Sidewalk Project is complete until spring when final restoration and landscaping will occur.

We will be looking at the balance of the Roberts Park Road Reconstruction funds to do some resurfacing west of Roberts Road in the spring. We will have to see how far the remaining funds will go.

If all of us in Justice would consider some of the alternative funding options our streets could be done quickly and well. We will be talking about it in the future.

Trustee Bartoszek asked about the problems around the ditch and swale by the new play-lot. Have we addressed securing and cleaning the drainage ditch and concrete swale for safety and efficiency?

We are planning to engage the engineer in recommending the best solutions to be performed.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, and an update regarding plans for continuing the budget process and any other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Review of any new licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Final review of the proposed handbook and any other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning.

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:

Ray Hodson asked if the Asbury Woods condo-complex could be kept apprised of the plans for municipal aggregation of the electric rates. We will keep them informed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk