

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF JULY  
Minutes of Monday, July 11, 2011  
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, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Attorney Eric Stach 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 June 27, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEE:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee, Melanie Kuban. Trustee Kuban took her seat on the village board.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz read a communication from Jim Lurquin responding to his request for the implementation of a Steering Committee for Economic Development and to participate in the Justice 2030 Vision Plan being created by the Lakota Group.

Mayor Wasowicz and Mr. Lurquin proudly present the Village of Justice Steering Committee for Economic Development:

Kris Wasowicz, Village President, Committee Chairperson

James Lurquin, Municipal Services Administrator, Committee Liaison

John Bruce, Chairman, Zoning & Planning Commission

Brian Bernardoni, Public Member

Pete Saunders, CMAP – Senior Land Use Planner

The first meeting of the Lakota Group and the newly-created Steering Committee will be on July 18, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz spoke at length about the progress of the Lakota Group on the 2030 Vision Plan.

To date the area tours, base mapping and inventory and the data collection and field reconnaissance are substantially completed. A Project Website has been created and established at [www.thelakotagroup.com/justice](http://www.thelakotagroup.com/justice). Distribution of information and community updates will be posted regularly.

Some stakeholder interviews have occurred and now with the addition of the Steering Committee, a more comprehensive list of people to be contacted will be determined.

A Community Open House is being planned for the near future. A Land Use Analysis has begun and the Goodman Williams Group, market analysts for the Lakota Group, is collecting data to gain an understanding of Justice's demographics and market situation within the regional context.

Meetings with the Tollway and IDOT will help with the transportation and infrastructure assessment.

Now that the Steering Committee is in place, the Lakota Group is excited to move the process forward.

#### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no formal report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

**MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-25, in the amount of \$20,506.01, posted for the period of 06/22/2011 – 07/06/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$37,143.60 TIF #2 expenses of \$1,000.00, for a total of \$58,649.61.

**SECOND:** Trustee Small

**VOTE:** Trustee Symonds, Rusch, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. Trustee Kuban voted present. Motion passed.

##### **PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds**

Public Works continues to work on pot holes and street repairs. Cold patch, asphaltting, grass cutting and chipping as weather allows are the focus of the season. We were very fortunate compared to many of our neighboring communities; we had minimal damage from the most recent storm.

Trustee Symonds quoted a letter from a resident on 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. complimenting the public works crew on the great job they did on his driveway apron. He added that men were very polite and helpful.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2010-20, A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Certain Expenditures for the Roberts Park Road Construction Project

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustee Kuban voted present. Trustee Rusch, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. Trustee Bartoszek voted aye with the stipulation that the account be verified for the availability of grant funds to satisfy the obligation. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – (chairperson to be determined)**

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Ordinance 2011-11, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustee Rusch, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. Trustee Kuban voted present. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small**

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: Motion: Motion to delegate to Kathleen Svoboda certain administrative duties, independent of the duties and responsibilities of Village Clerk, in accordance with the terms discussed in executive session on July 6, 2011.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustee Bartoszek abstained due to her not being present during the discussion regarding this action. Trustee Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. Trustee Kuban voted present. Motion passed. Trustee Bartoszek asked if there is compensation attached to the additional duties being assigned to Kathy Svoboda. Trustee Small explained that we are anticipating the proposed change in Illinois law that will require those communities that have active TIF's to name a TIF Administrator. Since Clerk Svoboda has been performing some of the required duties for some time she is the obvious choice for this position. She will be taking on additional administrative duties as well. Trustee Small continued stating there is compensation attached to the additional duties.

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: Motion: To approve the Home Occupation License of DWS Consulting doing business at 8425 79<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: Motion: To approve the Business License of Chino's Pizzeria, doing business at 8356 – 58 Roberts Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Rusch commented that although we have lost businesses in these difficult economic times, we have a steady influx of new businesses taking over our vacant spaces. We should be thinking of possible incentives to attract more businesses to our community. TIF financing, sharing of anticipated revenues and other creative financing options can be explored to entice new businesses into our community.

Trustee Rusch is proceeding on the consideration of proposals for the purchase of the cell tower leases. Sealed bids were opened on July 6<sup>th</sup> and we plan to have a firm decision regarding the sale of any or all of the tower leases before the end of July. The offers all varied from around \$430,000.00 to \$500,000.00 giving the village 9 or 10 years of revenue up front. If we retain ownership we would stand to gain between 1.6 and 2.4 million dollars over the long term but would be gambling on the technology continuing for the length of the leases that have on average another 25 or so years to run.

We will discuss our options at the committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and should be prepared to make a final decision at the board meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr**

Trustee Sparr reported that all is proceeding well in the building department. Much of the backlog of paperwork is caught up with the return of the administrative assistant. Trustee Sparr will give a report of the revenues collected by the department, year to date, at the next regular meeting.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Eric Stach**

Attorney Stach had no report.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

**Representatives of Compass Holdings LLC will do a presentation regarding a potential Travel Center in TIF #3.**

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

Review of proposals for the sale of the cell tower leases.

Any new business licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review, in particular, possible discussion of an amendment to Section 6-81 of the Justice Municipal Code.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek**

Review of posted payables, possible review of the second quarter financial report and other matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities, in particular, review of a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON THE THOMAS STREET POND UNDER THE 06-029, CDBG IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Any matters pertaining to Public Safety.

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

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including an update of current permits issued and fees collected to date, this year and possible discussion regarding any applications received for the Property Maintenance/Ordinance Violation Inspector.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding implementation of the proposed Employee Manual and an executive session to discuss Appointment, Employment, compensation, etc.

**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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session was required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. John Marzano asked what the village receives in annual revenues from the cell towers.

Currently we receive about \$46,000.00 but there are escalation dates in each contract that increase the revenues by 10 or 20 % every 5 or so years.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin thanked the village board for seeing to the repair of the light pole at the Lipinski Center and having some of the pot holes fixed on 86<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The next meeting of the Centennial Committee is scheduled for July 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

The Centennial minutes and Calendar of Events is on the Centennial website. You can link to the site direct from the Village of Justice website. The kick off of events will be at the Park District Fest.

Karen Warner in handling the parade and can be contacted at [justicebirthdayparade@gmail.com](mailto:justicebirthdayparade@gmail.com).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk