

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF JULY  
Minutes of Monday, July 25, 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, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Attorney Mike 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 July 11, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz hereby appoints Ms. Calene Zabinski to the position of Treasurer for the Village of Justice.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Ms. Calene Zabinski as Treasurer.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda is in receipt of a request to correct the minutes of June 27, 2011 with regard to public comments made by Mr. Joe Egas. Mr. Egas states that what he said was, *"I as a village resident and an official of the Justice Senior Club will not participate in any of the village's Centennial ceremonies. In addition, I will urge other residents to do the same as long as the Veterans' Monument remains at Commissioners Park, and not relocated to its proper and respectful location where it stood as a historical landmark for the Village of Justice for almost forty years."*

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the correction to the Public Comments section of the minutes of June 27, 2011 as requested by Mr. Joe Egas and presented by Clerk Kathy Svoboda.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:  
SECOND: Trustee Small  
VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Bartoszek, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.  
Clerk Svoboda will make the necessary corrections to the permanent record.

Clerk Kathy Svoboda talked about the Save the Dream Program that allows people who meet strict criteria to purchase back their homes from an agency that purchases the house for a lesser amount than the current mortgage and allows the foreclosed owner to re-purchase the home at a lesser price than what was owed and as a result, reduce the mortgage amount and payment.

Trustee Kuban added that the program is part of the 465 million dollar set aside by the government and can benefit under-employed and unemployed homeowners as well.

There are information sessions scheduled by the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America in Rosemont, on July 28 through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-39, in the amount of \$34,065.97, posted for the period of 07/07/2011 – 07/20/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$19,905.28, TIF #2 expenses of \$1,732.50, TIF #3 expenses of \$ 985.00, and MFT expenses of \$8,880.06 for a total of \$65,568.81.  
SECOND: Trustee Kuban  
VOTE: Trustee Kuban, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek stated that she has been in touch with our financial consultant Kelly Zabinski and expects to have the mid-year financial report available for review by next Wed. and discussion at the next regular committee meeting.

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

Trustee Symonds commented that there will be no action this evening to approve the resolution authorizing acceptance of the bid for work at the Thomas Street pond. The project will need to be re-bid since we only had one bidder.

Mayor Wasowicz added that if the project is re-bid, and we still have only one bidder, we will accept the original bid.

Jim Lurquin said that the requirement of more than one bid is a HUD rule.

Trustee Small asked if this worked within the required timeline to get the project completed. Jim Lurquin replied that the requirement to re-bid extends that deadline.

Public Works continues to work on picking up logs and chipping branches. A few restoration projects were completed for the Water Commission. A barricade was removed at the tollway wall at 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. Installation of culverts at three different addresses was completed. Work continues on two separate drainage projects at 86<sup>th</sup> Court and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

A problem occurred recently at the Roberts Park lift station. It turned out that the pumps were jammed with plastic bags. The pumps were freed up and are working, but in the next couple of years that lift-station will require replacing. The cost could be as much as \$300,000.00.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

Trustee Melanie Kuban read a letter to Chief Gedville from the Hickory Hills Police Chief, Alan T. Vodica, commending Deputy Chief McDermott, Sergeant Krummick, Corporal Dabros, and Officers Hurkes and DeBella who assisted the Hickory Hills Department recently with the apprehension of three armed robbery suspects. Chief Vodica sincerely thanked the Justice Police Department and extended his personal appreciation for the professional actions of these fine officers.

Trustee Kuban questioned the action noted on the agenda to entertain an ordinance amending Chapter 6 Article V, Section 6-81 regarding the immobilization of vehicles.

Trustee Symonds would like further discussion regarding this legislation.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To table action on the (Boot) ordinance.  
SECOND: Trustee Small  
VOTE: Trustee Bartoszek, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-21, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTAIN EMPLOYEE SEPARATION AGREEMENT.  
SECOND: Trustee Sparr  
VOTE: Trustee Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. Trustee Bartoszek voted nay. Motion passed.

Trustee Small explained that we will postpone action on changes to the authorized signers on the Village's bank accounts until the next meeting because we are reviewing the village code to identify the appropriate signers.

A letter was sent to Mr. Dan McGee of McGee's Woodworking regarding any remaining materials that might have been purchased for the reconstruction of the village signs. The request asked that Mr. McGee contact Trustee Small, Jim Lurquin or Mayor Wasowicz to discuss the disposition of any remaining materials or signs in his possession by tonight's meeting.

Mayor Wasowicz received a response today, via Fed Ex.

Substantially, Mr. McGee states that he had presented a proposal to Jim Gabrys for \$3200.00 to redesign and rebuild the signs. The invoice included no cost for labor from Mr. McGee; the labor was to be donated. He received only the \$1,600.00 for materials and those materials were used in the construction of the three signs. The signs were installed by Public Works and are in place for some months. Mr. McGee added that since it is the village's decision to end the original agreement he has no further responsibility with regard to the signs. He cordially added that if he can ever be of service to the village we should not hesitate to contact him.

Trustee Small will discuss the reconstruction of the additional entrance signs at a subsequent committee meeting.

There is a link on the Village website for upcoming Centennial Events. The first event is planned for Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Szarotka's and is a Homecoming Event to kick-off the Centennial festivities.

Both Resurrection and Bethania Cemeteries have graciously consented to let us prominently display Centennial Banners on their fences. Those banners are ordered and will be installed soon as they come in.

Trustee Bartoszek, Jim Pluta and Clerk Svoboda are working on the Historical perspective and met last Tues. with other members of the committee.

Trustee Bartoszek added her sincere thanks to Historical Committee Member Jean Symonds for the remarkable collection of scrapbooks she has assembled over the years. They are invaluable to the historical effort.

Mrs. Laverne Martinkus, another committee member who has contributed some priceless photos, may very well be the longest living resident in Justice.

Trustee Bartoszek is compiling a timeline of events from our incorporation to the present.

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

Trustee Ed Rusch outlined the chronicle of the proposals recently submitted for the purchase of one, two or all of our three cell tower leases. Trustee Rusch stated that over the last 30 years there have been likely sixty or more elected officials who have sat in these chairs. He believes

that regardless of any political affiliation those elected and appointed people have always had the best interests of the village at heart. As Trustee Rusch observed various boards at work, one common theme seemed to emerge, any surplus funds in the village budget are for spending not saving. Whether it was by design or by accident that is what has prevailed.

This current board needs to shed the old ways of thinking.

Decisions cannot be made on emotion.

Trustee Rusch compared the budget process to the building of a fence.

Never tear down what you have put up until you know why it was built in the first place.

To significantly alter our budget without sound reason and careful consideration can have devastating consequences.

Trustee Rusch likened the slow and steady progress he advocates to that of a turtle.

**MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: That the Village rejects all proposals submitted by Unison, Landmark Dividend and A.P. Wireless with respect to the assignment of the Village's cellular tower leases.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kuban

**VOTE:** Trustees Rusch, Bartoszek, Kuban, Small and Symonds, aye. Trustee Sparr nay. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch sincerely thanked the representatives of all three companies that submitted proposals for our cell tower leases. Everyone was professional and patient through the entire process. We could not help but fear how quickly those monies could have been absorbed into the village budget and we would have halted a necessary revenue source.

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

Trustee Sparr asked Jim Lurquin to fill us in on receipts collected by the Building Department to date, this year. Mr. Lurquin indicated that there have been 179 building permits and 79 work cards issued through June 30, 2011. The total funds collected by the Building Department are approximately \$177,000.00. This includes permits, inspections, work cards, multi-family inspections, sales inspections, cash donations and business license inspections

Resident complaints regarding the work being performed by the park district at Gotwell Park are coming in.

Specific concerns are the lack of a topographical survey and excavating plan reviewed by the village and the licensure of the contractor performing the work.

Jim Lurquin spoke to Park Director Joe Vallez and he will send the contractor to the Building Department to allow for review of the engineering of the plan and completion of the permit process. The

electrician installing an electric sign did come in and fill out a permit application.

Trustee Rusch cautioned that a timeframe should be set to accomplish the required permits and reviews. In the event that timeframe is not honored, work needs to stop.

Trustee Sparr says he will follow up with Joe Vallez to expedite the process.

Mayor Wasowicz asked if there were any other applicants for the Code Enforcement position.

Just one more, who was looking for a full-time position.

Trustee Sparr added that he was driving by a townhouse in foreclosure recently and noticed the door open. He called the police and they found that the unit had been completely stripped. Cabinets, doors, plumbing fixtures, stairway banisters, were all stripped from the townhouse. Please keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity around properties we know are vacant. If you see any activity, please call the police at once.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino**

Attorney Castellino had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Rusch stated that last meeting he was asked what type of work was done by DWS Consulting, a Home Occupation whose license was being approved. At that time Trustee Rusch did not know the exact nature of the consulting services provided by DWS Consulting.

He now knows it is an internet services provider. They perform software installation, trouble-shooting and other various technical assistance for computer operations, similar to the Geek Squad.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

**A Meeting of the PUBLIC UTILITIES Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. to include Trustee Symonds, Trustee Bartoszek, and Trustee Sparr**

Discussion regarding the setting of priorities for Public Works duties in the event the workforce is cut by two employees.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek**

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

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

Any new business licenses including Permanent Make-up by Rawan at 8432B S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., and any ordinances or code amendments available for review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: (Trustee Kuban)**

Any matters pertaining to Public Safety, including further discussion of the vehicle immobilization (boot) code amendment and discussion regarding the Safespeed proposal.

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

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding the proposed Employee Manual and a request for street closures for the Park District's Summerfest.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Matters before the Public Utilities 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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Karen Warner questioned the validity of Mr. McGee's description of the events surrounding the reconstruction of the village signs.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that since he has no personal knowledge of the events as they occurred at the time, all he can do is read Mr. McGee's letter verbatim and then move on to the business of the rebuilding the remaining signs.

Mr. Rich Berkowicz commented that the restoration of the parkways in Roberts Park has considerable problems. The dirt that was installed is full of clay, and the sod is full of weeds.

The Mayor replied that we will have to engage the contractor to contact the sod company to see what can be done. An application of weed killer may go a long way in rectifying the problem.

Jim Lurquin will contact the engineer to see if there is a practical or legal remedy for the weeds.

Mr. Tom Janes commented that he thought the dirt initially looked good but that weeds were growing before the sod was delivered.

Mrs. Brenda Egas asked if the agreement with the Justice Park District for the operation of the Lipinski Center was ever signed.

The last we heard, they were waiting for software to be installed in order for the district to be ready. Trustee Small will attend their meeting tomorrow night to check on the progress of the agreement. They are supposed to take over the operation on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our contact for scheduling will be Shirley Shilka in the Building Department.

Mr. Jeff Kranig updated everyone that the Veterans Celebration Committee is starting the plans for this year's dinner. Last year we entertained about 350 veterans and their wives at Toyota Park. This year we will add Bedford Park and Willow Springs with Bridgeview and Justice and may have as many as 500 guests. Corporate fundraising provided the funds to hold the event and we hope to be more successful this year. Volunteers are always welcome. The committee will meet at the Burbank office of Senator Steve Landek.

Mr. Joe Egas suggested that Mr. Kranig update the public with a link on the village's website.

Mr. Kurt Schubert expressed surprise that in this economy, just one bid came in for the Thomas Street Pond work.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that with prevailing wage requirements for public projects, the project is just too small for most contractors to perform. Many private contractors would love to bid but cannot.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To adjourn to executive session for the discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of one or more classes of employees.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:30 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 9:10 pm.

**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 Mike Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To take action to authorize an amendment to the agreement with SEIU dated 03/09/11, for layoff of two public works employees effective August 1, 2011, extending the effective date of the layoff until September 1, 2011.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn  
MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves.  
SECOND: Trustee Kuban  
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk