

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JUNE
Minutes of Monday, June 13, 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 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 May 23, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

An error in the record was noted by Trustee Symonds. Trustee Sparr is said to have made both the Motion and the Second on the first motion under the Building, Plats & Zoning report. Clerk Svoboda will check her notes and correct the second.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Mayor Wasowicz and Trustee Bartoszek stepped to the podium to award the 2011 Scholarships.

Trustee Bartoszek commented that in the past we have awarded four scholarships and this year the board has chosen to award five at \$500.00 each. There were fourteen applicants and it was a very difficult decision narrowing the field to five. Each and every applicant is well deserving of being honored.

Trustee Bartoszek sincerely congratulated the winners and wished the very best of luck to all.

The 2011 Scholarships recipients are:

Amanda Krch	Queen of Peace HS	Eastern IL University – Special Ed
Heer Dave	Argo HS	Univ. of IL – Civil Engineering
Daniel Buralli	Argo HS	IL Institute of Culinary Arts
Stephany Guerrero	Argo HS	U of I, Champaign - Journalism

Jacek Wesolowski Argo HS St. Xavier University. – Nursing

(A BRIEF RECESS FOR CAKE AND COFFEE IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS WAS OBSERVED AT 7:36 PM.)

Meeting Reconvened at 8:02 pm.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To ratify the appointment of the firm of Robert S.Molaro & Associates to perform the duties of Hearing Officer for the purpose of Municipal Ordinance Violations and Housing Court Violations, effective June 1, 2011.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT:

The Centennial Committee will meet on Monday, June 20, at 7:00 pm, and on the first and third Mondays of each month thereafter, in the all-purpose room of the Justice Village Hall. Everyone interested in volunteering their time and talents is welcome.

A reminder that the Cook County Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic will be at the Sterling Estates Community Building on June 21, 2011 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. More information regarding additional times and locations is available on flyers in the vestibule.

Aging Care Connections is offering a free prostate screening for men over 50 years old on Thursday, July 7, 2011 from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Aging Care Connections office at 111 W. Harris St. in LaGrange. Please call ahead and pre-register for the screening.

Clerk Svoboda is in receipt of a lovely thank-you note from the Family of Russell Dusek for our expression of sympathy at his recent passing. Mr. Dusek was Trustee Sparr’s father-in-law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-50, in the amount of \$58,642.49, posted for the period of 05/19/2011 –06/08/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$150,068.55 and MFT expenses of \$27,088.40, TIF #3 expenses of \$1,567.98, and TIF #4 expenses of \$17,947.14, for a total of \$255,314.56.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-19, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE ROBERTS PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (\$11,526.64 to Hoefflerle/Butler and \$210,109.44 to Central Blacktop).

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – (chairperson to be determined)

Trustee Rick Symonds read a Letter of Commendation to Officers Ryan Zima and Luke Wyatt for outstanding performance in the area of DUI arrests. The letter, signed by Michael Stout of IDOT, honored these fine officers for 75 DUI arrests each.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small stated she, Mayor Wasowicz and Trustee Rusch will meet with Justice Park District Director, Joe Vallez, tomorrow. The current Intergovernmental Agreement, not yet implemented, needs amending to address issues that are not reconciled in the current agreement. This is the second meeting to occur and Trustee Small hopes by the next regular board meeting to have worked out the details of the proposed amendments.

The Centennial Committee continues to meet and is still seeking volunteers. The Agendas and minutes are posted on the Village website through a link.

At Polish Fest, featured at Toyota Park this weekend, the committee will be selling inexpensive items to raise public awareness of our upcoming Centennial.

The website is back up and being updated regularly. If you have anything that needs to be added, contact Clerk Svoboda or Trustee Small. Requests will be forwarded to the webmaster for appropriate updates.

Computers in use by Office Manager Jim Gabrys and Clerk Svoboda are sorely in need of replacing. We are in the process of obtaining proposals for the replacement of the pc's.

Trustee Small is in touch with Mr. Dan McGee regarding the entrance signs that are not yet replaced. She informed Jim Lurquin he will be hearing from Mr. McGee soon in regard to the signs.

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

Trustee Rusch commented that he is pleased to see how quickly our vacant storefronts are being filled by new businesses. This is a good economic indicator.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of The Mustard Dog - A fast food restaurant at 8025 W. 79th Street in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances. Previously this was the location of House of Burrito.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION Trustee Rusch Moves: Motion: To approve the Home Occupation License of Cervantes Transport, Inc. - A trucking business at 7559 S. Banks Street in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of IT'S A 'PAWS'-ITIVE THING, LLC (Dog Obedience Training) doing business at 7859 S. Cronin in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances. This is the old Beacon Printing location.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of **First Step** Holdings, LLC, that is owned by Sundeep Oberoi. They have purchased what is formerly known as Justice Med-Surg Center at 9050 W. 81st Street. The building has received a thorough inspection during the sales inspection process and permits have been obtained to do maintenance and repairs on the building. This is an ongoing, medical/surgical practice and is ready for license approval under the new ownership

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

Trustee Rusch stated that he expects the next newsletter to be out in the fall, probably with the September billing.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Rich Sparr reported that he met recently with EMA Director Marty Vilimek to review our emergency plan and shelters. We may need

to contact Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church to see if they will consent to be a short-term shelter. The Sterling Estates clubhouse may also be a possibility since we often serve as shelter for Sterling Estates residents in the event of a severe storm warning.

We are hoping to confirm the date of August 27th for a Car Show and are contacting Mr. Joe Vallez with regard to that date.

Trustee Sparr asked Attorney Castellino about a closing date for 76th and Blazer and how we may proceed.

Attorney Castellino replied that a tentative closing is scheduled for Friday and once the closing occurs we can start soliciting demo quotes. Also we can file for exempt status on the property.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino had no further report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz commented that in 2009 we were granted 1.6 million in funding to perform a drainage project that would seriously impact the problems around 75th and Cork and beyond. That appropriated funding has still not been released.

Petition signatures had been forwarded to our elected representative in hope of getting the funding released. To date, we have not been successful.

Now Mayor Wasowicz has contacted our new Representative Mike Zalewski in hope of furthering this initiative. Mayor Wasowicz gave Representative Zalewski a tour of our village in hope of obtaining his support in the release of the drainage project appropriation. Rep. Zalewski would like to meet with residents at a breakfast on July 21st.

Mayor Wasowicz has initiated a form to encourage all residents to contact our State and Federal Representatives to honor their promises and release our funding. Please participate in the contacting of these people who hold the purse-strings that would alleviate much of our flood problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities including the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY: (Trustee Symonds)

Any matters pertaining to Public Safety.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including discussion regarding administrative assistance in the Bldg. and Public Works Departments and the performance of Property Maintenance and Ordinance Violation Inspections (will require an executive session).

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Any new business licenses, ordinances (Prevailing Wage) or code amendments available for review. Possible discussion regarding the sale of the cell tower leases.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

- Discussion about computers for office/staff.
- Centennial Update
- Letter for Park District for participation in Fest
- Executive Session
 - Personnel Additions / Subtractions

Executive Session: Possible discussion regarding scheduled appointments and the filling of a vacancy on the village board.

- (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. Tom Janes questioned the common practice of allowing home occupations for trucking companies. He added that although these home-

based businesses are intended for dispatch and administrative functions, only we have way too many trucks over 16,000 lbs. using village streets.

Mr. Janes continued, stating he would suggest there be no further payouts to Central Blacktop until the drainage system in Roberts Park is working properly.

Mr. Janes stated that the flow should be toward 84th Street and is flowing backward in some areas.

The engineer is evaluating the drainage system but much of our problems are caused by the flooding on Roberts Road which does not allow any of our water to enter the County system.

There is no intention to take any property from her lot. The stakes are placed beyond the lot-lines and can be removed. There is no funding in the grant available for fencing.

Mrs. Rene Myslinski questioned the taking of part of her property based on survey stakes placed at the 7600 Blazer property that the village is acquiring. Mrs. Myslinski feels a cyclone fence between her lot and the village property is indicated. She is tired of having the concrete swale behind her house full of stagnant water and full of debris. It needs to be repaired or maintained.

Mr. Myslinski admonished Mayor Wasowicz to see that the concrete swale behind his house needs to be maintained.

Mr. Myslinnski is concerned about children playing in a tot lot adjacent to his house where he has a couple of larger dogs. They are properly licensed in the village but he is concerned about children putting their hands inside his fence.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that containing his animals is his responsibility, and since he has a fence it should not be a problem. Children who play in a tot lot tend to be young, and well supervised.

Mr. Chris Smith voiced his and his neighbors' resistance to the erection of any type of pavilion on the 76th and Blazer property. The residents in that area do not want any structure that would attract congregating or even vandalism.

Mrs. Sandra Grima commented that she is left without parking options since the street improvements in Roberts Park. Her neighbor was allowed to extend a driveway to a 20' width to extend parking. She needs somewhere to park.

Mayor Wasowicz will stop by to view the problem and he will try to help facilitate a solution.

Mrs. Nowak of 8543 79th Court said that two drains need to be replaced at the front of her property. We will take a look and get the drains replaced if necessary.

Trustee Bartoszek agrees that payment should not be released until some solutions to the various problems have been resolved.
Jim Lurquin reassured us that there is still about \$800,000.00 owed on the project so we have ample leverage.

Mrs. Karen Warner is appalled that she has a ditch excavated around her lot. She is experiencing standing water and has lost numerous trees. She has never had a ditch and is the highest point in the area. Something must be done.

Mr. Janes added that with Roberts Road pushing back through the pipes the high end of the drainage project is obviously becoming an overflow.

Trustee Bartoszek thought that all of the drainage had been addressed in the first phase of the project.
Mr. Lurquin said no, that although the drainage was constructed in the first phase, restoration must occur and then final adjustment of the inlets will be performed.

Trustee Sparr added that representatives from Hoeffler/Butler were out during and following the storms taking numerous pictures of the problem areas.

Complaints regarding the graffiti in Gotwell Park and the irresponsible driving occurring down the adjacent streets were communicated.

Mayor Wasowicz identified Park Commissioner Dan McGee so that residents might talk to him about the issue of the graffiti.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk

