

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JUNE
Minutes of Monday, June 27, 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 and Sue Small. 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 June 13, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz hereby appoints Melanie Kuban to the vacancy on the Village Board to serve until the next regular election in 2013

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Ms. Melanie Kuban to the Village Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Phil DePaola.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: Trustees Small and Rusch, nay; Trustees Sparr and Symonds, aye. Mayor Wasowicz voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Wasowicz appointed Janet Cervantes and Gerry Mendralla to the Special Events Committee.

Mayor Wasowicz appointed Marilyn Brock to the Police Pension Board

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint George Pastorino, and to re-appoint Tom Janes to the Police and Fire Commission, and Michael

Maruszak to the Ethics Commission, all until April 30, 2012 or to later dates as determined by Village Code.

Trustee Rusch requested that the Mayor separate the motions to consider individual appointments.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint George Pastorino to the Police and Fire Commission.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.
SECOND: Trustee Sparr
VOTE: Trustees Small and Rusch, nay; Trustees Sparr and Symonds, aye. Mayor Wasowicz voted aye. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint Tom Janes to the Police and Fire Commission.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint Michael Maruszak to the Ethics Commission.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint Jackie Kennedy to the Zoning & Planning Commission.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To appoint James Lurquin to the position of Deputy Building Commissioner.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint the current Building Department inspection staff, including Plumbing – Jim Barg, Electrical - Ron Moran, HVAC – Rich Struzik, Health – Sheila Hayes, EIFS – Clyde Abrams and Framing – Joe Kaput.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint as Village Engineer John Hoefflerle of Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint Ken White to the position of Deputy Director of Public Works.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint the EMA Director Martin Vilimek.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To reappoint Ethics Commission members, Matthew Gunia and Karen Warner.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Centennial Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 5 2011, at 7:00 pm due to the Fourth of July holiday, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Trustee Small for Trustee Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-26, in the amount of \$18,732.66, posted for the period of 06/09/2011 – 06/22/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$55,355.42 and MFT expenses of \$15,505.13, TIF #2 expenses of \$ 82.50, TIF #3 expenses of \$ 453.75, for a total of \$90,129.46.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

There are still numerous issues surrounding the Roberts Park Road Construction Project. Until the restoration and leveling of the tubes is complete, it is difficult to see if the drainage improvements are operating efficiently. We will see.

Road repairs, grass cutting and chipping with the addition of storm-damaged trees and bushes continues to be the focus in Public Works. Sand bags are ordered but are in great demand. We hope to receive them soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY – (chairperson to be determined)

Trustee Symonds read a letter accompanying a Certificate of Appreciation for Sgt. Mark Krummick from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. The Alliance is honoring Sgt. Krummick for his outstanding performance in the enforcement of DUI rules and regulations. Congratulations to Sgt. Krummick. The data received by IDOT from over 700 communities provided statistics that identified Sgt. Krummick as an outstanding performer in this area.

Trustee Symonds quoted a memo from Chief Bob Gedville commending the police department for their great effort in the recent Click-It-Or-Ticket program. We were the Second Place Winners this year and received an award of \$10,000.00 toward a new squad car. The past two years we came in first, winning a squad car each of the previous two years. Sincere Congratulations to Chief Gedville and the Justice Police Department for another great achievement.

Chief Gedville held a meeting to discuss red-light enforcement. Excellent information was provided by a company that provides more local discretion than is customary in the industry. Red-light Cameras are producing a 30-50% decrease in T-bone accidents. There are a few legal details to work out and we will then submit an application to IDOT. The system could be in place by early spring.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve and implement a reduction in staff as discussed in executive session on June 22, 2011.
SECOND: Trustee Symonds
VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the purchase of two computers for use by the Village Clerk and the Finance Department.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the execution of a communication to the Justice Park District by Mayor Wasowicz, Clerk Svoboda and the Board of Trustees regarding Centennial Events.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

Trustee Small explained that she and Trustee Sparr met with Joe Vallez, the Director of the Justice Park District, and he suggested a letter of support from the elected officials would validate the request by the Justice Centennial Committee to participate in a number of park district events.

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

Trustee Small reiterated the change of the date of the Centennial meeting to Tuesday, July 5th due to the July 4th holiday.

A reminder that vehicle tags must be purchased by June 30th to be timely was issued. Starting on July 1st penalties will be applied.

Trustee Small asked Jim Lurquin if there has been any communication from Dan McGee regarding the remaining village signs. There was not.

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To Approve Ordinance 2011-10, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Attorney Castellino explained that this legislation is required and mandates that all public works projects must comply with prevailing wage rates regardless of the cost of the public project.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of International Spirits & Liquors Inc. dba the International Trading Post at 8400 S. Roberts Road in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

Trustee Rusch explained that in spite of the corporate name, no alcohol will be sold by the business, it will be a trading post selling collectables and crafts and will include consignment sales.

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

Trustee Ed Rusch is spearheading the initiative to consider the sale of the cell tower leases that was being discussed under Trustee DePaola's tenure. Sealed bids for the purchases have been solicited for a July 6th opening and we hope to have a firm decision regarding the sale of any or all of the tower leases before the end of July.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve the filling of an administrative position in accordance with the terms discussed in an executive session on June 22, 2011.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr
Trustee Rusch commented that there had been heated debate regarding filling this position but the consensus was that we cannot sacrifice service to the residents in the name of fiscal responsibility. Phones are going unanswered and residents are showing up to the Public Works/Building Department to obtain permits or to request other services or discuss issues and are finding no one there.

VOTE: Trustees Small, Sparr and Rusch, aye. Trustee Symonds voted nay. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To solicit applications and authorize the selection and subsequent hire of a candidate with strong building trades' qualifications to fill the position of part-time, code enforcement/property maintenance inspector at a monthly stipend not to exceed \$400.00 per month.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch questioned the progress of the Lakota Group. Mayor Wasowicz replied that he would have an update at the next regular board meeting.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

A brief presentation by Hank Oszakiewski and Jim Lurquin regarding the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Commissioner's Workshops sponsored by the Southwest Council of Mayors on April 30, and May 14, 2011.

Opening of proposals submitted to the village by 4:00 pm on July 6, 2011, for purchase of the cell tower leases.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters pertaining to Public Utilities. Possible legislation to pay Geocon \$1,196.00 for work performed on the Roberts Road Street Reconstruction Project.

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 any applications received for the Property Maintenance/Ordinance Violation Inspector.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Any new business licenses including DWS Consulting, an internet consulting home occupation business, at 8425 S. 79th Ave. in Justice, and any ordinances or code amendments available for review. Review of proposals for the sale of the cell tower leases.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Matters before the committee including a Centennial update.

Executive Session: 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
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Janes thanked the Mayor and Village Board for the prompt action regarding his concerns about the drainage being constructed in

Roberts Park near his house. The very next day village officials and the engineer were at his house discussing his concerns.

Mr. Janes added that the street sweeper needs to be dispatched to 83rd Street. He knows half of the street belongs to Bridgeview, but the Justice-side needs sweeping badly.

Trustee Sparr commented that John Hoeffler Jr. was in Roberts Park immediately following the flood taking numerous pictures. He definitely took some pictures near the Warner home where the water was backing up rather than entering the drainage system.

Mr. Brian Bernadoni pointed out that there is a huge pothole on Willow Drive that needs to be repaired. Also there is a light down in front of 8729 Willow Drive that still has not been repaired.

We will make note of the problems and try to get them on the schedule. We often wait for Com Ed to have a few repairs in an area before they come in to perform the work.

Joe Egas read a statement asking that the Veterans' Memorial be returned to its' rightful place. He added that members of the Seniors Club will not participate in Centennial events until this is accomplished.

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin asked if the light at the Lipinski Pond was ever going to be replaced.

Trustee Small stated that an alternate contractor was authorized to do the replacement since the contractor who has an agreement with the village has not responded to requests to do the work.

Mrs. Gaskin then asked about the process for choosing an interim trustee to replace Trustee DePaola who resigned.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that three candidates submitted resumes. All were qualified, but Ms. Melanie Kuban is politically allied with him and has a great deal of knowledge and experience to bring to the board. She is his choice for the position. In 2013 the public will get their choice by election.

Mr. Perillo asked how many employees are in Public Works and are we getting 100% from those employees.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we have six workers and that on any given day, between furlough days, vacations and sick time we may have only four or five on the street. Day to day work like grass cutting and sewer back-ups leave only so many hours to perform street repairs. We do the best we can.

Mr. Perillo continued stating that there are pallets lying on the ground outside the Roberts Park Fire Protection District - Station One, in front of the sign. Hasn't anyone seen them and investigated?

We will check, now that it has been brought to our attention.

Mrs. Barbara Plachta commented that Hoefflerle/Butler has been our engineers for as long as she can remember. Don't they design anything that works?

It isn't the design but the failure of the County to improve the drainage on Roberts Road that is hampering our progress. We are working with Senator Landek to put pressure on the County to improve the Roberts Road storm sewer system. The problems are exacerbated by the gate at the Hickory Hills pond on 87th Street.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:28 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch and Sue Small. Attorney Michael Castellino is also present.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk