

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF MAY
Minutes of Monday, May 29, 2012
7:30 PM.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

Mayor Kris Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Rich Sparr. Trustee Sue Small is absent this evening with prior notice. Attorney Mike Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2012 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves: To approve the minutes with corrections. The wrong schedule of committee meetings was inserted. Clerk Svoboda will revise. Trustee Bartoszek questioned a vote of three ayes and three nays, including Mayor Wasowicz. If three trustees of five voted aye, why was the Mayor allowed to vote, causing a tie, and the motion to fail?

In the event of an expenditure of funds a clear majority of the corporate authority is required, in other words, four of six.

Trustee Symonds stated that the next vote was three to two so the mayor has to vote as well to pass the motion. Trustee Symonds recalls that he did.

Clerk Svoboda will make the corrections and forward to the board as revised.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz sincerely thanked Joe Vallez and members of the Park District as well as all those that participated in and attended the Memorial Day Services held at the newly renovated Veterans Memorial. It was a touching and very successful service. The weather cooperated and we hope that attendance will continue to increase with the beautiful additions to the monument and the spacious venue for our service.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

On Tuesday, June 12th, Assessor Barbara Weyrick and representatives of the Cook County Assessor's office will be on hand to conduct a Property Tax

Appeal Seminar. Come out and be assisted with the process of appealing your taxes.

A meeting is planned at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, in the Community Room on Friday, June 1st from 9:30 until noon, to hear about current initiatives on behalf of older citizens. Sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors and presented by Age Options, a number of agencies and senior citizens' providers will be represented.

The Mosquito Abatement District warned of their finding of West Nile Virus in areas of Cook and DuPage Counties. The unusually mild winter and warm spring have started the cycle of West Nile Virus sooner than anticipated. The District is prepared to mitigate with aggressive treatment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Rusch for Trustee Bartoszek

- MOTION:** Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-35 in the amount of \$43,297.70, recurring expenses of \$139,904.71 and MFT expenses of \$6,548.02, TIF #2 expenses of \$185.00, and TIF #3 expenses of \$300.00, for a total of \$190,235.43.
- SECOND:** Trustee Small
- VOTE:** Trustee Kuban, Bartoszek, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Bartoszek asked if the life and dental proposals that were presented by Mesirow had been finalized.

Clerk Kathy Svoboda stated that the life insurance with Mutual of Omaha was already in place with a more that 30% saving from our prior carrier.

The dental however was still being evaluated. Mesirow is preparing a side by side comparison of the two plans for review by the employees who purchase the coverage.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds reported that Public Works has been working on a street repair project on 85th Ave. from 80th to 81st at a cost of about \$30,000.00 in asphalt.

They did a great job.

Grass cutting, chipping, and installation of the speed bumps in front of the park district were performed. Cleaning and checking of sewers and drainage easements and sign replacements have also been completed. The Village-wide Garage Sales signs were installed and maintenance of squad cars and repairs of public works equipment was completed. Street sweeping is ongoing.

- MOTION:** Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve a quote from John's Pro Tree Service to remove two trees from village property, one on village property on 84th Place and the other on village right-of-way on 86th Ave., at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, contingent upon proof of a valid contractor's license.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban Seconded for discussion.

Trustee Kuban asked if the contractor is licensed to work in the village. Building Inspector Ed Shilka offered that his contractor's license is currently expired, but will be renewed if he is approved to do the work.

Trustee Symonds explained that many communities contract a service to take down trees when necessary. Ken White has negotiated a contract to remove any dangerous trees in Justice for a period of one year with John's Pro Tree Service for \$6,000.00.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To Amend the original Motion to allow Ken White to negotiate and sign a contract to remove and or trim trees that are creating hazardous conditions on village property for a period of one full year at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Small, Symonds, Rusch, and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion to amend the original Motion is passed.

Trustee Kuban asked how much was spent in 2011 for such work.

Trustee Symonds stated that he was not aware of any expenditure for removal of hazardous trees last year, but upon consultation with our attorney, once we are aware of a hazardous condition it creates a liability for the village and that is why so many communities enter into such contracts.

Trustee Kuban reminded Trustee Symonds that this expense was not budgeted for. It would come out of the Public Works budget. Trustee Symonds added that this would create a change in policy.

A vote was called on the Amended Motion:

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Rusch and Symonds, aye. Trustee Small, Kuban and Mayor Wasowicz, nay. Motion failed.

A vote on the original Motion was called.

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

Trustee Symonds stated that he was not sure if a Motion is needed to purchase a lawn mower for the Administration Building. The prices gathered by Ken White range from about \$1,000.00 to \$2,100.00. Mayor Wasowicz suggested that the action be tabled until an appropriate piece of equipment is chosen. Action on this item is tabled.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: Motion: To approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER REGARDING ACCESS TO THE COMPTROLLER'S LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

Trustee Kuban explained that this limited the age of a debt to be collected and also set a minimum debt of \$10.00 to be eligible for collection.

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

A Meeting of the Historical branch of the Centennial Committee will be held on Monday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the all-purpose room for those who are interested in how that committee might proceed.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rusch

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of We Care Recycling doing the business of providing recycling containers for books and clothing in various locations throughout the Village, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Motion: To approve A Motion : To approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PCS SITE AGREEMENT WITH STC TWO LLC FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8741 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Symonds for Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve the convening of the Zoning and Planning Commission on a monthly basis for the purpose of discussion of zoning and planning issues.

SECOND: Trustee Rusch

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

Discussion occurred about whether it was necessary to review the action of subdividing the lot at Classic Truck and Trailer Repair on 82nd Place, in order for the village to obtain ownership of a detention pond and drainage easement. It was determined that it was not necessary.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Joe Cainkar

There was no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, review of two options for employee funded dental insurance and other financial matters.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including discussion of revising the duties and compensation of a full-time village clerk to include the duties of village collector, an update regarding the plans to re-create the village website and a presentation regarding the proposed Special Service Areas for the purpose of evaluating the scope and cost of street reconstruction.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Discussion regarding legislation updating code with regard to part-time police officers, and other matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Hank Oszakiewski and Jim Lurquin will update the board on a seminar they attended recently, regarding the role of elected and appointed officials in economic development and other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the 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) Potential or Pending litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Rene Myslinski has her new survey and will be discussing the installation of a fence with the Building Department later this week.

Mrs. Shirley Wagner commented that Direct TV told her much of the problems with her service were due to the cell towers in the area.

Complaints were issued regarding the condition and lack of an on-site attendant at the Marathon Station on 79th.

The no-attendant policy is not illegal, but Jim Lurquin will be calling on the owner for building and landscape maintenance this coming week.

Mrs. Shirley Wagner asked if the Special Service Areas were likely to be implemented, and at what level would the streets be improved.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that the residents would need to be on board since they have the ability, collectively to stop a Special Service Area.

The engineer and the attorney will be working on tightening the estimates of cost to the residents for each area, and the level of improvement. No matter what, concrete shoulders or better, to insure the improvement would last the twenty or more years are proposed.

Public Hearings are necessary to the process and will allow residents an opportunity to discuss the proposed improvements and voice their opinions on the initiative to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

There will be a period of 100 days for the voters and homeowners to stop the initiative with 51% of the owners and 51% of the electors.

Mrs. Patty Baines asked if she could see the map with the proposed areas.

Trustee Sue Small will show her after the meeting and will make copies available to those interested.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk