

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF JANUARY  
Minutes of Monday, January 14, 2013

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 is in CA visiting family this week. Acting Deputy Clerk Margaret Garbacz called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek, Sue Small, Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds who is attending electronically, and Ed Rusch. Attorney Vince Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

**PRESENTATION:**

Trustee Sue Small introduced Special Events Coordinator Janet Cervantes and asked her to recap the annual Christmas Basket Program. Janet explained that approximately \$8,000.00 was raised to fund the initiative. Considerable planning, shopping, gathering and sorting were done to provide ample food for a total of 82 needy families. A separate toy drive also provided at least two toys each for 137 children.

Our schools, in particular the Student Council members at Wilkins that collected additional toys and wrapped and sorted all of our toys, the library, the Bridgeview/Justice EMA, our local businesses, vendors, elected officials, in particular Trustee Melanie Kuban and all of our volunteers gave of their money, time and talent to make this year's Christmas Basket Program the best ever.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz recognized Janet Cervantes for being the driving force behind the total Christmas Basket Program initiative. Janet's positive energy and superior organizational skills are responsible for the success of the program. Mayor Wasowicz presented Janet with a Plaque commemorating her service to the community and a small gift in gratitude and recognition of her outstanding performance.

Janet added that Brodnicki School students provided Christmas cards for the families. Many of the recipients are senior citizens who may not receive many Christmas greetings, but the Brodnicki School children made sure that personal greetings were included with the baskets.

Trustee Rusch commented on the sense of competition to be the best contributors generated at Wilkins School by a donation thermometer in the cafeteria. The kids

had fun and competed to be the best contributors watching their progress being displayed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of December 19, 2012 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Village President Kris Wasowicz announced that we are finally in receipt of a final contract from IDOT for the Frontage Road Reconstruction Project. Engineering and Soil Borings will commence immediately. Weather permitting the project is underway.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Acting Deputy Clerk Margaret Garbacz had no formal report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

Trustee Bartoszek wished to all a Happy New Year.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-30, in the amount of \$22,552.35, recurring expenses of \$88,821.50, MFT expenses of \$2,725.57, TIF #2 expenses of \$1,567.50 and TIF #4 expenses of \$1,652.51 for a total of \$117,319.43

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Bartoszek announced that the first planning session of the 2013 Budget will be held this coming Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon. All are invited to attend. If anyone requires a copy of the preliminary budget, it may be obtained in the Finance Office.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds**

Trustee Bartoszek read a report for Trustee Symonds from Public Works Director Ken White. From December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup> minor repairs to squad cars including repair of flat tires and general maintenance occurred, Repairs to public works vehicles, various resident requests were satisfied; cold patching, sewer back-ups and inspections of sewers and sewer repairs were completed.

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

Trustee Small informed all that due to the Budget Meeting the Village Hall office will be closed this coming Saturday in order that the Finance Office staff can be included in the process.

Trustee Small commented that there have been problems with the e-mail system for officials and employees. We are converting to a hosted system in the first weeks of February to insure messages are appropriately received. If you left a message and did not receive a reply, do not hesitate to use the cell numbers listed in the contacts.

The Park District is authorized to use the all-purpose room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for their various programs.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

**MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve the purchase and placement of No Parking signs on 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. designating 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 73<sup>rd</sup> Place to Archer Ave. as “No Parking from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm on school days”.

**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Kuban is in receipt of letters of commendation and thanks regarding the actions of Detective Plotke, Corporal Zima and Sergeant Schuerg. Trustee Kuban has Certificates of Recognition for these fine officers memorializing their actions.

Acting Chief McDermott has initiated monthly training for the police department personnel. The initial session will be on Arrest, Search and Seizure procedures concentrating on any recent changes in the law. Physical Fitness tests will also be implemented.

Trustee Kuban explained the reason for the erection of the no parking signs along 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. Parents are parking along both sides of the street making it particularly difficult to either turn left from 75<sup>th</sup> Street or to come from Archer and go North on 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hopefully, this will rectify the problems.

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

Trustee Rusch asked that Atty. Cainkar explain to the board the Schedule of Payments from TIF #4 that are proposed on the agenda this evening.

Attorney Vince Cainkar explained that the proposed payments are distribution from funds from the closed TIF #1 that were subsequently transferred to the adjacent TIF #4.

The distributions are in the form of Capital Grants to those taxing bodies operating within the Village of Justice. The amounts of each of the grants were determined by the various taxing districts’ individual tax rates.

Trustee Rusch reminded the board members that this distribution is also in lieu of one more payment from an IGA that was promised but not extended, when TIF #1 was extended by one year to collect the final year’s increment.

**MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payments from TIF #4, from the 2010 and 2011 increment per the Schedule of Distributions as prepared by Atty. Vince Cainkar.  
**SECOND:** Trustee Sparr  
**VOTE:** Trustee Rusch, Kuban, Small, Symonds and Sparr, aye. Trustee Bartoszek abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch provided an exhibit to the board displaying how the sewer bills accrue and how interest is applied. He asks that we look at the rate of accrual for a possible negotiating position for collections. Discussion will continue regarding the Sewer Arrears Collection Initiative as the next regular committee meeting.

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

Trustee Sparr announced that discussions are occurring between the Building Department and Mike Mandakas, the owner of the driving range, who is considering the addition of a Pro Shop on site.

The Frontage Road Reconstruction Project is finally approved for Engineering. Due to this being a Federal Grant Project, the wheels move more slowly.

Sales inspections are up 30% since 2010; a good indicator of an upturn in the village's economic health.

For 2012 there were 738 permits total including work cards. Again, an increase over the last few years.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Michael Cainkar  
Attorney Vince Cainkar had no formal report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
There was none of note.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Trustee Symonds asked if we made contact with the business owner who failed to pay this year's license fee and still owes a portion of last year's fee as well.

Jim Lurquin stated he has stopped by to see him in person, but has not caught up with him yet. A letter has been sent.

Trustee Small reminded all that the next Township Food Distribution will occur on February 21<sup>st</sup> here at the Justice Administration Building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek**

Review of posted payables, to present next iteration of the 2013 Budget and any other matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Any matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban**

Any matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Any matters before the committee.

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

Review of any new businesses or home occupation licenses, specifically Sandy's Sandwiches at 8350 S. Roberts Road; discussions may continue regarding the sewer bill collections initiative.

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

Any matters before the committee.

**Executive Session, if necessary**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda,*  
Village Clerk