

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF FEBRUARY
Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2014

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

PLEDGE:

Village President Krzysztof Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Vincent 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 Second Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All Ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz had no formal report this evening. He hopes everyone is staying warm.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda had no formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-25 in the amount of 11,084.34, recurring expenses of \$92,006.33 and MFT Expenses of \$9827.67, for a total of \$112,918.34.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To renew coverage with Mutual of Omaha for employee life insurance with no increase in premium and with a two-year rate guarantee.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Rusch commented that he is pleased with our financial picture. We have a surplus of more than \$200,000.00 from last year. There is \$221,000.00 remaining from the Alternative Revenue Bonds and \$230,000.00 set aside for projects including the replacement of our lift stations. This totals well over \$600,000.00.

Our financial consultant cautions that the ARB funds need to be expended as their purpose was for operating expenses.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

- MOTION:** Trustee Small Moves: To approve a fundraising donation of \$100.00 to the Argo HS District 217, Bands and Orchestra to help defer costs for the annual pancake breakfast
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds and Rusch, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Small Moves: To approve the purchase of a full-page color ad in the Rosary Hill Home, Spring Fundraiser Ad Book for a cost of \$150.00.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Oszakiewski, Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Kuban, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Small Moves: To approve a Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services for an updated postage machine at a cost of \$158.76 per mo. with the customary 60 mo. term.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Small reminded all that the Lyons Township; Greater Chicago Mobile Food Pantry distribution will be here at the Justice Village Hall, on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 3:00 pm. Volunteers to help with the distribution need to arrive at 2:00 pm. Please make anyone who is in need of assistance aware of the upcoming distribution.

Trustees Small and Oszakiewski attended the Cook County Hazard Mitigation Seminar given by Homeland Security recently, and were made aware of an additional 45 pages of paperwork requiring completion in order to be in compliance. Compliance is required for any assistance or recovery efforts that may become necessary to the village from FEMA. Jim Lurquin and Matt Zarebczan will be working on completing the required documentation.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

In the report from Director Joe Cekus and Deputy Director Ken White for the dates of January 27th to February 7th:

Considerable snow removal was accomplished on multiple occasions.

107 senior's driveways were plowed.

There were 76 requests by residents for additional plowing to access mailboxes.

Cold-patching of pot holes continued throughout town. A number of sewer repairs were performed.

The new pressure washer is here and training on its use is completed.

On Saturday, February 1st, 100 tons of salt was used and another 150 tons was received.

Currently, we are holding our heads above water with little left on our current contract to purchase. Winter can't end too soon.

The suspension went out on 5A and had to be repaired by Southwest Spring. The new engine, skirt and blades were replaced on the stand up mower.

The fuel pumps are working again, the motor was installed and the pumps were equipped with a separate breaker.

The flow meters were installed at the lift station and data is being collected.

Many street signs were down and were reported by the police department. They are being erected with temporary repairs until after the plowing season.

Trustee Sparr commented about the amazing transformation in the public works building. It has been cleaned and organized by season and inventories of all equipment are being created by serial no. and model no. Repair histories are being compiled.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

- MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a quote from ISI to provide security cameras and software for monitoring in the Justice Police dispatch center for the Public Works/ Building Department building and grounds at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- SECOND:** Trustee Oszakiewski
- VOTE:** Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Oszakiewski, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.
- MOTION:** Trustee Kuban Moves: To direct the Police and Fire Commission of the Village of Justice to convene and to fill the vacancy for one Police Sergeant from the current eligibility list.
- SECOND:** Trustee Sparr
- VOTE:** Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Kuban is in receipt of a letter of appreciation from the Chief of the Willow Springs Police Department, Richard J. Kearney, for assistance apprehending suspects in a burglary and recovering stolen property. Sgt. Fred Schuerg, Cpl. Mike McNamara and Officers Pete Lenos and Luke Wyatt distinguished themselves and the Justice Police Department with their fine work in setting up surveillance and conducting a felony stop that resulted in the apprehension of the three suspects.

Trustee Kuban added that as a result of our agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue we have been notified that there is \$18,000.00 being held for our benefit, from taxes and lottery winnings for a 30 day period in which protests can occur. We expect most of those dollars to be upheld and forwarded to us at the appropriate time. This is just the start of this recovery initiative.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

The opportunity to apply for the Economic Development Commissioners positions is still listed on the website. Trustee Oszakiewski asks that we continue seeking applications until Saturday, February 15th.

Discussions will continue on February 17th at 9:30 am with representatives of EXP and Gateway Development Partners, and again with the instructors from MVCC at 1:00 pm that same day. The instructors will be training our board members, Economic Development Commissioners and employees on the strategies, tools and processes of economic development.

Trustee Oszakiewski reminded Clerk Svoboda to post notice of those meetings.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Rich Sparr

Jim Lurquin reported that he attended a CDBG Workshop today. There are some changes to the program this year. The eligibility is limited to one grant for infrastructure up to \$400,000.00. We will be applying for the 83rd Street Project with the engineering costs as our match.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Vincent Cainkar
Attorney Vince Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

New storm sewers are to be constructed as part of a total street reconstruction by Cook County Highway Department on Roberts Road from 79th Street to 111th Street. This is excellent news

since we will be able to connect our storm drains from both sides of Roberts Road to the new drainage lines. This will replace a hodgepodge of various diameter pipes with a uniform diameter pipe and will alleviate much of the problems on Thomas St., Marion Drive and on Roberts Road.

Concern was expressed regarding the capacity of the 71st Street ditch to handle the new flow and volume from the improvements to Roberts Road.

The MWRD is looking at a second culvert at a cost of close to \$600,000.00 to allow for the added volume.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:00 pm

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables and other financial matters before the committee including continuing discussion regarding the progress of the sewer collection initiative.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including the purchase of equipment.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances and any new businesses including Justice Smoke Shop, Inc. 8027 W. 79th Street, AAA Freight, Inc. 8249 S. 86th Court, Automotive/Truck Repair – Tire sales, Pure Air Specialists, Inc., 8646 S. Roberts Road, Suite 107 – Construction (HVAC) Dispatch Office, Cuts N Glan, 8646 S. Roberts Road, Suite 111, Barber/Beauty Salon and Quick Trip Mini Mart, 8401 W. 79th Street, Grocery without meat / Tobacco – This is a purchase of an existing business, Zipee Mart. Also an Economic Development initiatives update will occur.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including discussion of the Village MFT budget changes to reflect the IDOT resolution changes.

Motion to adopt a revised resolution for MFT Maintenance for 2014 in the amount of \$428,946 instead of the initial amount of \$405,000.

Discussion of the \$141,000 MFT share of Common Cash (from previous years) (This amount was expensed on IDOT documents prior to 2008. The accompanying back-up for these expenses should come from the years prior to 2008 not from 2014.) Documentation must be prepared so that these funds can be placed into the General Fund. This will take some coordination with the Village Treasurer.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

Executive Session: To review Executive Session Minutes for possible release, or to continue to be held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Small asked about the ability of the 71st Street ditch to hold more water.

Trustee Sparr stated that a new culvert would allow more water to flow under the tracks and into the canal. Our biggest problem is getting enough flow under the tracks.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of one or more employees or classes of employee.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:58 pm.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:34 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk