

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF FEBRUARY
Minutes of Monday, February 11, 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 called the roll. Present are Village President Kris Wasowicz; Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Kinga Bartoszek and Sue Small. Attorney Mike Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

Mayor Wasowicz announced that the presentation planned for this evening will occur a little later in the meeting because the award recipient is taking a test at Moraine Valley Community College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz announced his appointment of Lt. Kraig McDermott to the position of Chief of Police to the Justice Police Department.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the appointment of Lt. Kraig McDermott to Chief of the Justice Police Department.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

President Wasowicz introduced Mr. Mike Marchinski a member of the Bridgeview Lions Club and a resident of the Village of Justice. Mr. Marchinski expressed his desire to encourage the development of a Justice Chapter of the Lions Club. There used to be a Justice chapter but membership waned. He is hoping that with encouragement and support from the village board that another chapter might be started in our community. The club is responsible for many

charitable works. They collect toys for needy children at Christmastime and recently, the Bridgeview chapter honored Mr. Jeff Kranig, one of our Justice residents, by bestowing upon him a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with Veterans.

We would be honored to help Mr. Marchinski with his efforts to establish a Justice Chapter of the Lions Club.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that Cook County Assessor Joseph Barrios has extended the deadline for applying for the Senior Exemption on our Cook County Property Tax bills. The Senior Exemption must now be renewed annually, and many of the applications from seniors who received the exemption last year were not returned. The deadline is extended to February 20th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

Trustee Kinga Bartoszek congratulated Chief of Police Kraig McDermott and extended her confidence that he will do a fine job.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-19, in the amount of \$8,080.67, recurring expenses of \$82,979.36, MFT expenses of \$368.07, TIF #4 expenses of \$ 167.38, for a total of \$91,595.48.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Bartoszek commented that Kelly Zabinski is finalizing the budget and Appropriation for review at the next regular committee meeting. We will publish a hearing date and approve at a subsequent board meeting in March.

Trustee Rusch sincerely thanked Trustee Bartoszek, Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski and the finance department staff for all of their efforts during the budget and appropriation process.

During this process, and due to the bi-monthly reports from the finance staff and the clerk, we are aware that we have more than \$500,000.00 in Illinois Funds with another \$100,000.00 plus in Bridgeview Bank for a total of more than \$600,000.00 in our accounts, with our payables history at 30 days. We are healthier financially than we have been in as long as Trustee Rusch can recall.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds is in receipt of a report from Deputy Director Ken White. Ken reports that from January 28th through February 4th minor repairs to squad cars and repairs to public works vehicles were performed. Cold patching of potholes and numerous sewer back-ups and sewer repairs were completed. Resident requests were addressed. Salting of the streets was performed when necessary as well as a number of JULIE mark-ups.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution # 2013-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2013 COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Jim Lurquin explained that grant application was being made for two projects totaling just under \$400,000.00 which is the maximum that may be applied for. Only streets on the south side still qualify for CDBG funds.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To establish salaries agreed upon at executive session on Wednesday, 02/06/2013 for the part time positions of HR Administrator, FOIA Officer and TIF Administrator. These salaries will go into effect immediately and require the following logged annual hours: TIF Administrator - 520, HR Administrator - 260 and FOIA Officer - 260.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To donate \$100.00 to the Special Olympics of Illinois to support their continuing opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve a donation to the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor in the amount of \$500.00.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

There are 17 member communities and all are requested to contribute.

The next Lyons Township Mobile Food Pantry Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st, at 3:00 pm, here at the Justice Administration Building. Last time we hosted we served approximately 180 families.

We have scheduled a networking event in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and with our village business and home-occupation owners and managers and members of the Zoning and Planning Commission for Friday, February 22nd. We look forward to the opportunity to communicate with each other regarding our collective future.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

Trustee Kuban expressed her congratulations and best wishes to our newly appointed, Chief of Police Kraig McDermott. She looks forward to continuing to work with him for the benefit of the department and the village.

On December 31st Cpl. Zima and Officer Conrad acted with distinction after being dispatched following a report of multiple gunshots being fired in the apartment complex on 88th Ave. The result was an arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

On January 8, 2013 Officer Anthony DeBella conducted a traffic stop that resulted in a possession of cannabis charge and possession of ammunition by a felon.

On January 25, 2013, Sgt. Mark Krummick stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation that resulted in charges for possession of a controlled substance and DUI.

Again on January 29, 2013, Cpl. Ryan Zima conducted a traffic stop that resulted in an arrest for aggravated driving while a license is revoked
Certificates of Recognition are being awarded to each of these fine officers.

PRESENTATION:

Chief of Police Kraig McDermott awarded a Life Saving Award to a young, female employee of Szarotka’s who held pressure with a towel to a gunshot wound for a stranger at the 8000 block of Marion Drive until an ambulance could arrive, and in so doing, saved a life. It was determined that without her assistance the victim would have surely died. Miss Justina Worziak deserves praise for being a conscientious and courageous citizen. We honor her with a **Life Saving Award**.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Ed Rusch

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of Azteca Catering Co. doing business at 8420 S. 88th Ave., having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of Total Quality Truck & Trailer Repair doing business at 9001 W. 79th Place, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the business license of The Coin Guy, Inc. doing business at 8432-B S. 88th Ave., contingent upon passage of all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban
VOTE: Trustee Rusch, Kuban, Bartoszek, Symonds and Sparr, aye. Trustee Small abstained. Motion passed.
Trustee Rusch added how encouraging it was to see businesses constantly filling up in many available locations in Justice. It appears the tide is turning toward a better economy.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve ordinance # 2013-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE II, BUILDINGS, DIVISION 2, BUILDING CODE, SECTION 8-31, GENERAL PROVISIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XXII, REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; SECTION 3-653; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13-1, RATES AND FEES, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE.

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

We continue to work with Classic Truck and Trailer to accomplish the dedication of land to the village.

The first draft of the 18 pg. hotel ordinance will be discussed at a meeting of the Zoning and Planning Commission on February 18 and a Public Hearing will occur on March 18th.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Michael Cainkar
Attorney Mike Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:
There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, February 20, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Kris Wasowicz has invited Dot-2-Dot Collaborative, Inc. to give a brief presentation regarding a community radio station.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek
Review of posted payables, review of the 2013 Budget and Appropriation

Ordinance for passage, 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. Also, discussion regarding the sewer bill collections initiative will continue.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including a possible update regarding the transfer of property from Classic Truck & Trailer.

Executive Session, if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked whatever had happened to the initiative to create Special Service Areas for street reconstruction in the village.

Trustee Small commented that after careful consideration by the board, it was determined that the cost would be just too prohibitive to pass on to the residents. Instead we are aggressively working on repairs and reconstruction. We are purchasing additional equipment, a grinding machine, in Public Works to better perform our own repairs.

Mayor Wasowicz added that we were able to reconstruct seven streets last year and are working diligently to chip away at the street work that we need to accomplish.

This year we already have promises of storm sewer work on Roberts Road, we are waiting for word from IDOT on a grant that would allow reconstruction of 84th and 85th Aves., and 86th Ave. on the north side.

We continue to work on a LUST Grant that would allow for remediation of the underground tanks at the old Anthony Oil property on 86th Ave. and Archer and would then be able to accomplish the straightening out of the intersection at 86th and Archer. We are currently negotiating with the bank to gain ownership of the old gas station property at 84th Place and 88th Ave. in order to embark on another LUST Program.

The Frontage Road soil borings are being done in readiness for the total reconstruction of Frontage Road, and we are working on a maintenance plan to preserve those streets that do not currently need repair.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda,
Village Clerk