

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF APRIL
Minutes of Monday, April 28, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Hank Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is also present.

PRESENTATION TO THE 2014 VEHICLE STICKER DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS:

Village President Kris Wasowicz spoke about how the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest, a tradition for many years, engages the young student artists in a community initiative and increases their awareness of the operations of the village.

He added that this year's theme was "Build Justice Together". Mayor Wasowicz read from a handout prepared for the public to showcase the "Building Justice Together" initiative. The initiative focuses on how our community can grow economically if we all stay engaged and work together.

It is Mayor Wasowicz' great pleasure to introduce the winners of the 2014-15 Vehicle Tag Design Contest.

They are: **First Place – Isaac Arredondo – Brodnicki School**
 Second Place – Natalie Bubniak – Brodnicki School
 Third Place – Ewelina Pawlak – Wilkins Elementary School

The winners were honored with monetary awards for their achievement from the Village and a plaque memorializing the winning design of the First Place Winner was presented to Isaac Arredondo. President of the Chamber of Commerce Orley Betcher added to the festivities by awarding plaques to the First, Second and Third Place winners, adding the congratulations of the Chamber as well.

Esteemed guests from Indian Springs School District 109 were on hand to join us in honoring the contest winners. Dr. Jon Nebor, Superintendent, Mrs. Jean Derting and Ruben Almanderas, members of the school board, Principal Kelly Doogan from Brodnicki School, Mrs. Caulkins, the Brodnicki Art Teacher and others joined with the families of the winners for the presentation.

(A recess for cake and coffee in honor of the 2014-15 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest Winners was observed.)

Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2014 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.
SECOND: Trustee Small
VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski and Small, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz proclaimed the week of May 4, 2014 to May 10th, 2014 to be Municipal Clerks' Week in the Village of Justice. He thanked Clerk Kathleen Svoboda for her service. President Wasowicz then proclaimed the month of May, 2014 to be Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Justice.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that the 2014 Village of Justice Scholarship Applications are currently available online at www.villageofjustice.org, and at the Finance/Clerk's Office. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors that are college bound and who reside in the Village of Justice. Applications are due by May 15, 2014 and should be returned to the Finance/Clerk's Office.

The CEDA CSBG Scholarship Program is offering scholarships to low to moderate income students for post-secondary education at accredited institutions. If anyone is interested, please contact Clerk Svoboda for more information on how to apply.

Lyons Township will host a First Aid Mental Health Training on May 7, 2014 for local government personnel and citizens of Lyons Township. There is no cost for the all-day, intensive training. Information on how to register is available from Clerk Svoboda or can be obtained from Lyons Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-30, in the amount of \$35,597.15, recurring expenses of \$12,455.31 and MFT Expenses of \$4,387.62, for a total of \$52,440.08.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

Trustee Rusch added that one of the payables is for a reimbursement of \$452.85 for a pizza party for Wilkin's Jr. High School students who contributed an amazing amount of non-perishables during the 2013 Christmas Basket Program. The students contributed more than 4000 items.

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

Trustee Rusch commented that he will review the final issue of the Notice Prior to Disconnection of Service for the remaining Sewer Account holders who remain in a critical arrears status, and have not contacted the Finance Department to make payment arrangements. This is the third correspondence to those customers and will be delivered by the officers of the Justice Police Department.

We will hold the contract extending our agreement with Groot Industries for one more review in committee. We are anxious to conclude since our residents will benefit from being allowed to dispose of two, bulk items per week at no additional charge, once the agreement is finalized.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To approve the publishing of a Notice advertising for sealed bids for the furnishing and installation of (1) double faced internally illuminated monument sign, with full color LED message center; sign base and cover; electrical hookup; and wireless RF control system.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Sue Small explained that this is the second request for bids for the sign but we realized that since we had specified trademarked equipment to be used in the proposals, that we had limited our opportunity for better pricing by allowing the bidders to determine the appropriate equipment to install.

Trustee Small added that the next food distribution from the Lyons Township Greater Chicago Food Depository is occurring here, at the village hall on Tuesday, May 20th. Volunteers are needed from 3:00 pm until about 5:30 pm that day. Contact Janet Cervantes our Special Events Coordinator for more information or to volunteer.

The Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 9:00 am as is customary. The service will be held at the Veterans' Memorial at Veterans' Park and this year, we will collaborate with the Justice Park District in hosting the event.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds read the report for Director Joe Cekus for the Public Works Work Schedule for the weeks of: April 14th to April 25th.

Chipping has started on Mondays and Tuesdays as weather permits. Street sweeping has begun.

A manhole was repaired at Sioux Court and the lawn tractor and mower for village hall were repaired. Cleaning and organizing at the Public Works yard is underway. Stop signs and street signs have been replaced and the Village-wide Garage Sale signs are out. Three employees attended a Chain Saw Safety training and Director Cekus attended the Severe Weather Spotters Program held in Bridgeview. Storm water inspections are completed and our generators have been serviced by Cummins N Power.

Job applicants for the maintenance position were interviewed and the hiring process continues.

Tires and running boards were installed on unit #6 and multiple resident requests have been completed.

The Asphalt machine is repaired, and the chipper-box is installed on 5C.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve a contract from G&K Services to supply and maintain uniforms and shop rags to the Public Works Department at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year for a term of three years.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To authorize Director Joe Cekus to complete the process to hire one Laborer/Maintenance Worker in Public Works, contingent upon successful completion of the final vetting process including a physical, drug screen and background check.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To advertise for, interview and hire two, part-time, seasonal Public Works laborers contingent upon successful completion of the vetting process.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Symonds explained that we are looking for two, temporary seasonal workers to cut grass and assist with public works projects for the summer months at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. If anyone is interested, please inquire at Public Works.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Justice and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Justice Chapter #60, from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve Resolution 2014-04, A Resolution Authorizing and Accepting Responsibility for the Closure of Archer Avenue on Sunday, October 19, 2014 from 7:00 am until 11:30 am for the Indian Springs School District 109, 5K Race.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a Master Service and Subscription Agreement with E-Civis to provide research and management software and databases for Grants, for a period of three years, with licensure for three users at a cost of \$4,950.00 per year.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

Cpl. DeBella from the Justice Police Department will be attending the Mental health First Aid course at Lyons Township on May 7th.

Last Monday, Trustee Kuban, Director Joe Cekus, Jim Lurquin Ed Shilka and Brittany Abrams attended the Severe Weather Spotters course in Bridgeview and received certificates for their participation. The certificates will be turned in to be kept in the personnel records memorializing the participation and successful completion of the course.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of A.S.A.P. Fabrications, Inc. at 8270 S. 86th Court, in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Leaf X of Chicago, doing business at 8237 S. 86th Court in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Emergency Systems, Inc. (a Safety Training Organization) doing business at 8621 S. 79th Ave. in Justice, being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To direct the Village Attorney to create an amendment to village code to allow issuance of Class A Liquor Licenses at gas stations.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOTE: Trustees Sparr, Symonds, Kuban, Oszakiewski, and Small, aye. Trustee Rusch voted no. Motion passed.

Trustee Oszakiewski explained that this action would allow for gas stations to sell alcoholic packaged goods if they meet the criteria and there is an available license and would not limit them to the sale of beer and wine only.

Trustee Oszakiewski reminded all that the long anticipated Economic Development training will occur on May 3rd at 8:30 am and again on May 17th. The proposed Economic Development Commissioners, elected officials, zoning board members, employees and inspectors are invited to attend. The public is welcome to attend and observe.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr explained that a meeting occurred this morning with Commissioner Patrick Thompson of the MWRD and officials from many of our surrounding communities to discuss the concerns surrounding storm waters that collect at the 71st Street Ditch. Planned improvements will increase the volume and velocity of water to the already strained capacity of the ditch. Improvements are necessary and must be considered now, before it becomes more of an issue. This is a regional problem and requires a regional solution.

Trustee Sparr was pleased with the turnout and the conversation.

Trustee Rich Sparr is considering the date for the Annual Car Show. He hopes to announce the date at the next regular board meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:
There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:
Trustee Rusch asked if we are required to reject the bids for the LED Sign before rebidding with different criteria.
Attorney Cainkar replied that indeed we should take action to reject the bids received, at the next regular meeting, and before we conduct a new bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
7:00 pm**

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch
Review of posted payables and continuing discussion regarding the next steps of the sewer collection initiative, Illinois Funds E-pay and the proposed extension to the waste collection contract with Groot.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small
Update regarding the candidates chosen for summer help in the Finance Office and other matters before the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski

Review of any new ordinances or any new businesses available for review, and an update regarding Economic Development initiatives.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including the progress of plans with regard to summer help.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee including an update on the multi- jurisdictional meeting with the MWRD and a few of our neighboring communities.

Executive Session: If required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Edwina Gaskin alerted the board members that there is a pickup truck parked in the easement in the 7400 block of 86rh Ave. that has no plates, no sticker and has not moved for some weeks.

Also, someone has installed and is using a fire pit in the drainage easement at the back of the yard in that block on the other side of the street.

Both issues will be addressed by either code enforcement or the police.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk