

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF JULY
Minutes of Monday, July 22, 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 Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Ed Rusch, Melanie Kuban, Henry Oszakiewski and Sue Small. Trustee Rick Symonds is attending electronically. Attorney Michael 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 First Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2013 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz reported that the streets in the Deer Woods subdivision have been resurfaced. Also, 81st Street from Cork Ave. to just east of Kean Ave. has been resurfaced with new drainage installed as well. Our public works employees are becoming more proficient with the new equipment and will be proceeding to other areas that we are able to repair.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda announced that a seminar to explore Veterans Benefits sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Joan-Patricia Murphy is scheduled. A flyer with specific information is hanging in the vestibule.

Felicia Owens, the Events Coordinator for Waterton Apartments is planning a back-to-school event and school supply distribution at the apartment complexes. She is looking for any assistance we might provide.

The regular Committee Meetings of the Justice Village Board customarily held on the Wed. prior to Monday's Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Aug 26th just prior to the board meeting on that evening, due to a scheduling conflict.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1 -34 in the amount of \$16,618.90, recurring expenses of \$46,148.07, MFT Expenses of \$30,124.65, TIF #2 expenses of \$5,000.00, and TIF #4 expenses of \$4,196.34 for a total of \$102,357.96.
- SECOND: Trustee Kuban
- VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch stated that due to our current financial health, we are in a position to make a supplemental contribution to our police pension fund. Like most all pension funds, we are underfunded for future distribution projections and will make an additional payment to that liability.

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve a single payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund in order to increase funding in the Justice Police Pension Fund.
- SECOND: Trustee Sparr
- VOTE: Trustees Rusch, Kuban, Oszakiewski, Small, Symonds and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch is in the process of reading through the detail of our annual audited financial reports. He is particularly impressed with the adherence to the budget displayed by the various departments. Our regular posted payables represent purchases and expenses that are not of a recurring nature. Those expenses are tight and representative of a lean perspective from our department heads.

Trustee Rusch thanked his fellow board members for all their hard work putting us on a healthy financial track.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Trustee Symonds mirrored the mayor's comments, complimenting the fine work being performed by public works employees with the resurfacing of our streets.

Trustee Symonds asked Trustee Small to handle his formal report this evening. Trustee Small quoted a report from Deputy Director Ken White for the period of 7/9 to 7/19. Chipping, grass cutting and cold-patching of pot-holes continues. Resident requests were researched and resolved. The asphalt work on 81st Street toward Kean Ave. is finished. Light-pole flags were removed and appropriately stored for the next displaying.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

- MOTION: Trustee Small Moves: To accept the quotes from Patten Power Systems to perform scheduled maintenance to the Generator in the Village Administration Building in the amount of \$1738.00 per year, and another proposal for scheduled

maintenance to the Child Advocacy Center building generator at a cost of \$1,643.00 per year.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

The Emergency Preparedness Meeting is scheduled for this coming Wed. at 7:00 pm here at the village hall. All those that volunteered or would like to volunteer to assist are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. We will go through the process of opening a shelter in the case of an emergency.

The next newsletter will go out the end of August. Materials for that newsletter are due to Matt in the Finance Office by August 12th.

Our new e-mail system will go online this Thursday. Our I-phones are implemented and communication is much improved. The next phase will include new servers in readiness to link together the networks between the village hall and the building department.

The Chamber of Commerce annual Rib Roast and Picnic is this coming Saturday, July 27th starting at noon until 3:00 pm at the Lipinski Community Center. Tickets are \$20.00 and include an all you can eat rib dinner. There will be plenty of opportunity for networking and camaraderie.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To authorize the hire of part-time police officers on an as needed basis.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

Trustee Rusch cautioned that the motion was very open-ended and he would ask that the board maintain more accountability regarding how many and which part-time officers might be added.

Trustee Kuban reminded all that the part-timers can only be utilized under very clear circumstances and that giving the Chief discretion to keep a roster of part-timers on hand will insure the availability of an officer when needed.

Trustee Symonds added that to create a roster of part-timers who are approved to work by the village board seems sensible.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded all that budget constraints preclude the use of excess manpower.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves to Amend the Motion to state: To authorize the hire of up to six (6) part-time police officers on an as needed basis.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve Ordinance 2013-13, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, BY CHANGING ARTICLE XXV, PUBLIC NUISANCE PROPERTIES, OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Kuban stated that Chief McDermott will conduct classes for landlords/multi-family dwelling owners to maximize the benefit of the crime-free legislation.

Trustee Kuban quoted a Certificate of Recognition awarded to Cpl. Ryan Zima for conducting a traffic stop that resulted in a charge of Aggravated Driving While a License is Revoked. Also, Certificates of Recognition for two separate incidents for both Sergeants Plotke and Malloy for their actions to apprehend suspects in two incidents of residential burglaries.

A Step Grant in the amount of \$14,290.00 has been awarded to the Justice Police Department.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Henry Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Business License of Adele’s, doing business at 8507 S. 88th Ave. a general merchandise seller, having passed all other inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the Home Occupation License of Chi-Town Restoration, at 7841 S. Cronin Ave., being in compliance with all codes and ordinances

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Oszakiewski commented that he and Chamber of Commerce President Orley Betcher have been visiting businesses to determine how the village might aid in helping them to grow and prosper. It’s a great opportunity for getting to know the business owners and their respective needs much better. Thank you to Orley for his participation. Trustee Oszakiewski will be reporting his findings to the board.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr recounted his conversation with Chamber President Orley Betcher regarding the next business expo and gathering with business owners/proprietors and our village officials. Trustee Small indicated that she had also spoke to Orley

and after checking the availability of the Lipinski Community Center, a tentative date of Saturday, September 28th has been targeted for a breakfast meeting.

The Annual Justice Auto Show will be held on Saturday, August 24th with a rain date of Sunday, August 25th, 2013. Trustee Sparr is seeking Sponsors and Vendors to participate. He has had some success already, having reached about half of his goal. A letter from Chief McDermott went out to area police departments inviting their participation by sending us their police and specialty vehicles.

Trustee Sparr stated he visited the golf driving range this weekend and the business appears to be flourishing.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Cainkar

Attorney Cainkar had no formal report but he will require a brief executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Matters.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz commented that he would recommend we explore the possibility of certifying one of our own inspectors to perform sprinkler system inspections. It would both benefit our residents by being more convenient and would generate a little revenue as well.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Rusch

Review of posted payables and other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee, an update regarding the technology upgrades in the Building/Finance Departments, and discussion regarding repair or replacement of the boardroom sound system.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including possible discussion regarding purchase of a salt storage building and other equipment, discussion regarding street maintenance and any other matters before the committee.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Oszakiewski
Review of any new ordinances, businesses or home occupations including T's Gaming, LLC, 12620 S. Kroll, Alsip, IL 60803, a Gaming Terminal Operator at Chet's Melody Lounge; possible discussion regarding Economic Development initiatives.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr
Any matters before the committee.

Committee of the Whole:
Review of the proposed schedule of appointments for the 2013 appointment year.

(Executive Session, if necessary.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Small voiced some concern regarding the type of activity (Class of offense) covered in the public nuisance property legislation.

Trustee Kuban stated that the specific nuisances covered by the legislation are violations of State Statutes and that Chief McDermott will be educating landlords/multi-family owners with seminars to insure the transparency of the initiative.

A complaint was tendered by a resident regarding a storm sewer being blocked at 79th and 84th Ave.

The complaint will be evaluated.

Mrs. Liz Chicola asked if we have an alternative plan in place in the event we do not collect the IL Jobs Grant money from the State that is earmarked for 86th Ave. and 73rd Place.

Mayor Wasowicz indicated that 73rd Place will be reconstructed whether the grant is collected or not. We do, however, expect to receive the funds.

Ms. Leona Knafl asked why the water commission meetings are held at such an inconvenient time for the public to attend and observe. The meetings are at 9:30 in the morning when most people are at work.

Mayor Wasowicz stated that the next regular meeting is cancelled due to lack of pressing business to attend to. The next meeting will occur on the third Thurs. in August. The question of the time of regularly scheduled meetings could be explored. The water commission communicates with its customers mostly on the website and by newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to Closed Session for discussion of Collective Bargaining Matters.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:25 pm

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Small

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk