

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF OCTOBER
Minutes of Monday, October 8, 2012

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. Joseph 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 Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2012 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve the minutes with corrections to the motions by Trustee Sparr indicating it was he who initiated the motions.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wasowicz had no formal report this evening.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Svoboda sincerely thanked all of her friends and colleagues from the village who expressed their sympathy with cards, flowers and visitation for the recent loss of her father. She and her family appreciated the expressions of sympathy.

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda reminded everyone that Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick and members of the Cook County Board of Review will offer a Property Tax Appeal Seminar tomorrow, Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm here in the Justice Village Hall all-purpose room. Bring a copy of your assessment notice or your recent tax bill and an appeal can be completed that evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-31 in the amount of \$26,986.28, recurring expenses of \$79,677.16, MFT expenses of \$ 2,462.17, TIF

#2 expenses of \$2,358.75, TIF #3 expenses \$ 370.00 and TIF #4 of \$ 786.25 for a total of \$112,640.61.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve an agreement settling a grievance between the Village of Justice and SEIU Local #73.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve the purchase and installation of signs in schools zones designating school zones as “Cell Phone Free Areas”.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: Motion: To approve the installation of speed bumps on 85th Place adjacent to Player School.

SECOND: Trustee Bartoszek

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Trustee Small announced that a Lyons Township Mobile Food Pantry Distribution will occur on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the Village Hall of the Village of Justice. Volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution. The only requirement for assistance will be a photo ID confirming residency in the Township of Lyons. There will be enough food to assist up to 200 families. Flyers identifying the other times and locations for future distributions within the township will be available. For more information contact Janet Cervantes, Special Events Director for the Village of Justice.

Trustee Sue Small sincerely thanked Janet for her assistance coordinating this event.

Trustee Small reminded all that on October 28, 2012 the Resurrection 5K Run, sponsored by Indian Springs School District #109, will occur. Road closures to through traffic are anticipated during morning hours. There will be limited access between 8:00 and 9:30 am to Bethania Cemetery and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church to allow for cemetery visitors and church-goers.

The Park District is scheduled to use the all-purpose room tomorrow night during the Tax Appeal Seminar so it is our intention to use the courtroom for the appeals and the all-purpose room for the park district class. The Highlanders have rescheduled their use until Thurs. this week to accommodate the Tax Appeal Seminar.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Ed Rusch

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of Universal Gaming Group LLC doing business in the Village of Justice and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Ed Rusch reported that to date we have four establishments who have applied to have the gaming machines installed.

Trustee Rusch added that at the last regular committee meeting, he invited representatives of those liquor serving establishments with consumption of alcohol on premises to discuss the requested change in the closing times on Friday and Saturday nights (from 2:00 am until 3:00 am). The Chamber of Commerce President Orley Betcher was in attendance to represent the chamber in the discussion. Only two liquor-serving establishments were present to actively request the change. Trustee Rusch will make his notes available for review to any board members who were unable to attend.

Trustee Rusch will be working with the attorneys to create a procedure for the Sewer Collection initiative that will allow for a hearing before the action to shut-off the water is taken.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr is working with Jim Lurquin to evaluate two parcels of property where the owners would like to dedicate property to the village that contain large drainage easements that render the property un-usable to the owners. One at 7646 Oak Grove, a residential property and the other at 8650 W. 82nd Place, an industrially zoned property next to the public works building. Rich and Jim will be seeking the advice of the attorneys to see if we can provide some property tax relief to these owners who have a large percentage of their land being used for the benefit of the public.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Michael Cainkar

Attorney Michael Cainkar had no formal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wasowicz sincerely thanked Trustee Sue Small for spearheading the redesign of the new website. He is very pleased with the finished product and looks forward to its continued evolution. Matt Zarebczan in the Finance Office will be the Web Administrator.

Trustee Rusch asked if there were any updates from the Lakota Group. Mayor Wasowicz replied that he and Clerk Svoboda met with representatives of the Lakota Group and provided additional development possibilities for their evaluation and consideration.

The Lakota Group will add those ideas to their report and will be calling a Steering Committee Meeting in November so that their final report can be formally presented to the Board of Trustees early in December.

Trustee Rusch asked how plans for the owners of Compass Freight to develop the TIF #3 property (including their location and the old Doshier School property) are proceeding. Last we spoke to them, it was in regard to the feasibility study being eligible for future TIF reimbursement in the event of an approved project. Have we received any updates?

President Wasowicz replied that the owners of Compass were evaluating the possible purchase by them of the Doshier School property from IDOT. We have a conflict with Compass being able to purchase the old Doshier School location. President Wasowicz would much prefer that the village own the Doshier property so that we would have more control over the eventual outcome of its development. We seek a commercial project and would not favor Compass trying to expand their current industrial use.

Trustee Rusch suggested that we collaborate with the owners of the Chief Mobile Home Park to pave 81st Street. They are in the process of resurfacing their private streets and it might be a prime time to accomplish repaving of the public street, 81st Ave. It is in very poor condition.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that since Mr. Dewoskin is in the permit process for his improvements on the private streets it would be a prime opportunity to collaborate on the public improvement. We have a source of MFT funds that would be appropriate and readily available for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Review of any new businesses or home occupation licenses and any ordinances or code amendments available for review. Continued discussion regarding the Sewer bill collections initiative will occur.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, renewal rates for medical insurance and other matters that come before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BLDG. & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including an Executive Session to discuss mid-year reviews of the Finance Department employees under the Appt., Employment, and Compensation exception.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee including the possibility of an executive session to discuss the conduct, discipline or dismissal of specific employees.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters before the committee.

Possible executive session to discuss:

- (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or classes of employees of the Village.
- (2) Potential or Pending litigation.
- (3) Collective Bargaining Matters

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Davern, owner of Davern's Tavern & Lounge, commented on the discussion that occurred regarding the 3:00 am closings at the last committee meeting. He stated that he spoke to a couple of chamber members who had no negative opinion about the possibility of the later closings. He questioned whether Mr. Betcher, the Chamber of Commerce President, spoke for the majority of the chamber members in opposing the later closing hour.

Trustee Rusch said that he would check with Orley and some of the other active members in order to determine if Mr. Betcher spoke for the organization.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk