

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER  
Minutes of Monday, November 14, 2011  
7:30 PM.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

**PLEDGE:**

Mayor 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, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Kinga Bartoszek, Melanie Kuban and Sue Small. Attorney Mike Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 17, 2011 and the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mayor Wasowicz extended his deep appreciation and thanks to all responsible for the Veteran's Celebration Dinner that was held at Toyota Park yesterday. Chairman Jeff Kranig, Co-Chairman Rich Struzik and the entire committee are to be commended for a truly outstanding event. Over 400 people including veterans, their guests and a number of dignitaries attended. It was a resounding success.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that she has arranged for a Tax Appeal Seminar to appeal the assessed valuation of your property to the Cook County Board of Review, on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick, her staff and representatives from Cook County will be in attendance to assist with the process.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek**

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-50, in the amount of \$38,243.99, posted for the period of 10/13/2011 – 11/09/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$98,402.36, MFT expenses of \$13,742.13, TIF #2 expenses of

\$1,368.00, TIF #3 expenses of \$ 377.50 TIF #4 expenses of \$25,801.00 and finally, grant expenses of \$22,850.00 for a grand total of \$200,784.98.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-36, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING A DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT FOR THE DCEO SIDEWALK GRANT PROJECT FUNDS**

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Bartoszek and Ms. Kelly Zabinski, our financial consultant, have narrowed the potential dates for the budget meetings to commence to either Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or December 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will take from 9:00 or 10:00 am until 1:00 or 2:00 pm. She will let everyone know as soon as the date and time is finalized.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds**

Public Works has completed the drainage projects at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Cork Ave. and the project between 86<sup>th</sup> Court and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. Cleaning and rodding of sewers and cleaning and maintenance of storm water drainage easements have been a focus of public works. Asphalt repairs, cold patching and chipping continue.

Maintenance and preparation of equipment for the salting and plowing season is underway. Every effort is being made to be prepared for the winter season.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve the acceptance of a bid through the State Procurement Program from South Oak Ford in Wilmington, to purchase a 2012 Ford, F350, diesel-powered pick-up truck with plow for \$33,517.00

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban**

Trustee Kuban has contacted Robyn Molaro of Robert S. Molaro and Associates, and she has confirmed that a housing case can be added to the Traffic Compliance and Municipal Ordinance Violation court call when necessary.

#### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small**

Trustee Sue Small informed all that the welcome sign on 87<sup>th</sup> St. was vandalized a few weeks ago. The sign was torn out and recovered in a front yard, but the emblem is gone. She will price a replacement emblem and then bring to committee to decide if the sign should be repaired and replaced.

All of the final Centennial events were a success. Thanks again to all that participated. The banners will remain until December 1<sup>st</sup> and then will be given to those who sponsored them. The balance of the banners will be auctioned to the highest bidders as commemorative items.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Ed Rusch Jr.**

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of G.T. Auto Repair at 8230 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Court in Justice having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Trustee Rusch explained that the next item of business is an ordinance to allow the question of municipal aggregation of electric supply rates to be put on the ballot for the March Primary Election.

NIMEC, a company that brokers these rates for municipalities, will aid us with the education process to inform our residents of the advantages of such a program to themselves and the community. Any resident who does not wish to participate can be exempted from the program if the legislation is approved and they not wish to participate. Municipal aggregation creates a consortium of various communities combined, to allow for purchase of kilowatts for a large block of customers in order to get more favorable rates. The rate cannot ever exceed the current rate from Com Ed.

The referendum gives permission from the community to work with the broker to solicit bids for the village's electric consumption.

MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE PUBLIC QUESTION OF WHETHER THE VILLAGE SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr**

Trustee Sparr stated that he and Jim Lurquin visited a business that was excavating and moving topsoil over a one-acre area. They stopped all work in progress and arranged for the proprietor to stop in and obtain the necessary permits and provide the appropriate engineering for the project.

A fire occurred at 18 Leona. The single resident, a senior citizen, had to be moved out since there was considerable damage to the mobile home.

Weather permitting; the trees will be removed at 7600 Blazer this week. We are hoping the weather holds so the playground equipment can be installed. Otherwise it will have to wait until spring.

Mayor Wasowicz reminded Trustee Sparr that we are still without a code enforcement officer. He would like a recommendation from the committee as soon as possible.

Trustee Sparr said he would comply.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino**

Attorney Castellino had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none of note.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek**

Review of posted payables, and an update on the third quarter financials. Proposed plans for the budget process and any other matters before the committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch**

Review of a draft ordinance re: cash for gold business regulations for discussion, and any other licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban**

Any matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small**

Continued review of the proposed handbook and other matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds**

Matters before the committee.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr**

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including possible discussion regarding the hiring of a property maintenance inspector.

**Possible executive session to discuss:**

- (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or classes of employees of the Village,
- (2) Collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives,
- (3) Potential or Pending litigation
- (4) Sale or acquisition of property

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ray Hodson asked if the townhouse association board could take action that would enroll all of their property owners in the municipal aggregation rates for the electric supply.

No, each homeowner would have the option of staying in or opting out of the program.

Jim Lurquin added his own personal expression of appreciation for the Veteran's Dinner. He attended as a veteran himself and was honored by the quality of the event.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussion Collective Bargaining Matters and Personnel Issues.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 pm.

**RECONVENE:**

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are Mayor Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Ed Rusch, Kinga Bartoszek, Melanie Kuban and Sue Small. Attorney Mike Castellino of the Del Galdo Law Group is also present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen M. Svoboda*  
Village Clerk