

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF OCTOBER

Minutes of Monday, October 10, 2011
7:30 PM.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:30 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 Regular Board Meeting of September 26, 2011 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, Bartoszek and Small, aye. All ayes.
Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the sponsorship by the Village of Justice of the Justice Centennial Parade and Oktoberfest with a donation of \$1,000.00 to be paid from Special Events.

MOTION: Trustee Small so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda had no formal report this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

MOTION: Trustee Bartoszek Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-20, in the amount of \$20,185.51, posted for the period of 09/22/2011 – 10/05/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$85,376.29, MFT expenses of \$ 9,446.97, for a total of \$115,008.77.

SECOND: Trustee Small

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

Trustee Bartoszek informed the board members that she is working with our Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski to provide a third-quarter financial report in order to create a reasonable financial projection for the end of the year.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Public Works has completed the drainage portion of the project between 86th Court and 87th Ave. and 72nd Street is not yet completed. There is one homeowner holding up completion by delaying the installation of the swale in the one rear yard easement. A meeting will occur with the homeowner tomorrow to try to arrange for the completion.

The drainage project at 88th Ave. and 82nd Street is underway. Culverts are being replaced to get the flow directed toward the 71st Street Ditch.

The crew is continuing asphalt cutouts and replacement from water main breaks, chipping, cutting of easements, weed removal and sewer line clean-outs continue. Street sweeping has been ongoing. Overhanging branches along 90th Ave. in Cork Highlands and 86th Ave. on the north-side has been accomplished.

Jim Lurquin informed us that Cook County has performed a storm sewer cleaning project on Roberts Road. Hopefully that will help with the flow of water from the Roberts Park area.

The Thomas Street Pond Project is about ½ complete. An extension of this project along 82nd Street is being added. A collapsed main of around 14 feet was discovered and is being replaced as an add-on to the project.

Funding for the Roberts Park Road Reconstruction Project was received from the State of Illinois last week and the contractors on the last resolution to pay have received their payments.

A punch list of minor alterations and clean-ups is being performed and once done, a final pay estimate will be submitted for approval.

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-31, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH DISPOSALL WASTE SERVICES, LLC.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-32, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CERTAIN SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE.

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

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

Next Wednesday will be a committee meeting in preparation for the Jr. Board Meeting that will occur on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

The Essay Contest Winners are:

: Peter Jasnak
Joey Roche
Julianna Villarreal
Juwan Allen
Aaron Morrisen
Emily Klimek
Claudia Dudzik
Jennifer Lopez
Aireon McDonald
Cheyanne Becker

Trustee Small read a letter from Clerk Svoboda informing the students of their winning status and outlining the plans for the Junior Board Meeting.

Clerk Svoboda states: “Sincere Congratulations to the ten contest winners listed above!

You ten, fine young people have been chosen to participate in a Junior Board Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011. You will need to be at the Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Road, Justice, IL, 60458 at 6:30 pm. in the evening. At that time, you will receive your assignment of Acting Mayor, Clerk, Board Member, Attorney or Police Chief. You will serve the Village of Justice in one of these capacities at the Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 pm. that same evening.

Following the Board Meeting, there will be cake served for the Village of Justice’s 100th Birthday and an opportunity for photos of you serving as village officials for this very important Centennial Celebration Board Meeting.

Your parents, brothers and sisters are welcome to attend. Officials from Indian Springs School District 109 will be in attendance to witness your service as honorary board members. Your names will become a part of the permanent record in the Village of Justice for all time.

If, for any reason, you cannot participate, please contact me, Clerk Kathy Svoboda, at the Justice Village Hall, at (708) 458-2520.

Again, Congratulations for your winning essays!”

Our next event will be the Centennial Parade on Sunday, October 16th, at 11:00 am. followed by an Oktoberfest at the Lipinski Center starting at 1:00 pm. Please come out and enjoy the parade.

The Oktoberfest will include entertainment and a luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00, well under the cost of providing the menu and entertainment. Hope to see everyone there!

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

- MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve the Business License of Andy’s Truck and Trailer Repair at 8217 S. 86th Court in Justice, having passed all inspections and being in compliance with all codes and ordinances.
- SECOND:** Trustee Symonds
- VOTE:** Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch, Kuban and Bartoszek, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch is in receipt of correspondence from one of our cell tower easement owners making an offer to purchase the easement, outright, for an extended period of time. They are aware that we rejected all prior bids. Trustee Rusch will discuss this latest offer in committee.

We will revisit the program from NIMEC to purchase kilowatts through a bid process for all users in our community. Trustee Rusch will discuss the proposal in committee in order to determine if we will place a Referendum on the ballot for the March, 2012 Primary Election to ask the voters if we should implement the NIMEC program.

- MOTION:** Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve Ordinance 2011-16, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 AND CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IV OF THE JUSTICE MUNICIPAL CODE, regarding smoking in public places.
- SECOND:** Trustee Kuban
- VOTE:** Trustees Small, Sparr, Symonds, Rusch and Bartoszek, nay. Trustee Kuban aye. Five nays, one voted aye, motion failed.

Trustee Rusch commented that there were significant arguments on both sides of the smoking in public places issue. He sincerely hopes that the best interests of the public have been served.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

Trustee Sparr stated that he has been working with Jim Lurquin to clarify the requirements of Home Occupations and to bring a couple of properties into compliance with regard to violations that exist. Trustee Sparr added that we need to better educate the public with regard to what is allowed at a residential location where a Home Occupation License exists.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Rusch complimented whoever came up with the idea of a Junior Board Meeting. He added that the Wilkins eighth grade students are very excited over participating in such an event. Their essays show their enthusiasm for the whole idea and their excitement was refreshing.

Trustee Small replied the Mr. Jim Pluta was the initiator of the idea and we thank him.

Trustee Small then asked if the essays can be displayed at the Lipinski Center during the Oktoberfest.

We will see it done.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

Review of posted payables, and an update on the progress of evaluating alternate health insurance quotes.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Halloween Hours for Trick-or-treating and any other matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including discussion regarding a Centennial Time Capsule.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including possible discussion regarding quotes for a one-Ton, four-wheel drive, pick - up truck with a plow.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Trustee Sparr

Any matters pertinent to Building, Plats & Zoning including discussion regarding rules for home occupations and a reduction in internet service in the Bldg. /PW Building.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Janes commented that it was very important to insure that there is no storage of any hazardous materials at a residential location due to a home occupation license. Even large quantities of cleaning products can be dangerous. Trustee Sparr commented that he agrees and the rules for home occupations need to be clearly defined.

Mr. Brian Bernardino complimented the response to a recent emergency call at his home. The Fire Department and Police Department were very responsive to the needs of his family and himself. They were very professional and extremely helpful.

Mr. John Small commented that the stop sign at 86th Ave. at Archer is about to fall down. It will be attended to.
Mayor Wasowicz added that the lines at the intersection also need to be refreshed.

Mr. Jim Pluta spoke about the outstanding work being performed by the Historical Committee and the Centennial Celebration Committee. In particular our senior-historians, Orella Good, Laverne Martinkus, Jean Symonds, Dorothy Gendeman and of course, including the work on our history being performed by Trustee Bartoszek.
The Centennial Committee, led by Sue Small, Melanie Kuban and Rich Sparr has done an outstanding job as well. The Resurrection Mary Party was a great idea and many people recognize the Village of Justice as the home of the Resurrection Mary legend. Mr. Pluta added it has been his pleasure to work with all these dedicated people.

President Wasowicz added that with this very professional and capable board, there is less for Mr. Pluta to write about but it is very good for the village.

Mrs. Becky Alter made comments about flooding and the need for cleaning of culverts in her neighborhood it seems that most of the drainage work seems to be on the north side of town.

Mrs. Alter added that her street, 85th Court is badly in need of attention.

She mentioned the condition of the Welcome to Justice Sign. She stated that the one on 79th Street west of 88th Ave. is pitiful.

Trustee Small commented that the emblem was removed in readiness for placement on the new sign that will be installed this week. All seven signs are completed and ready for installation.

Mrs. Alter then asked plans are in process for the triangle with the horrible vacant house and for the trucking company property.

Mayor Wasowicz replied that we were contacted by a group that would like to proceed with a gas station, mini-mart and franchise fast food business on that triangle site. We will keep the residents informed of any progress.

A travel center was proposed for the trucking company site but it was a very controversial proposal during election time.

Mrs. Alter would like to see a Cracker Barrel.

The Lakota Group is working to help us with an economic development plan. We hope to have something in place by the end of the year.

Mrs. Alter then asked if a Hookah Bar was no longer being entertained in Justice. Since the legislation failed, no license application for that business will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Alter then asked again, about her problems with standing water behind her fence at 7934 85th Court. Mr. Lurquin will once again take a look at her problem.

Mr. Ed Shilka announced that the Veterans, Celebration Dinner will be on Sunday, November 13th from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm.at Toyota Park. If you are not registered as a veteran in town, please do so, so you will receive an invitation. Call Clerk Svoboda to sign up. .

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk