

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER

Minutes of Monday, September 26, 2011
7:30 PM.

Mayor Kris Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Wasowicz asked if we should wait for Trustee Bartoszek. Trustee Bartoszek called earlier and is home with the flu. Mayor Wasowicz stated that while he wishes Trustee Bartoszek a speedy recovery, this is her fifth absence this year. Didn't she consider attending electronically? Yes, she did consider it but is truly under the weather and is aware we have a light agenda this evening.

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, Melanie Kuban and Sue Small. Trustees, Kinga Bartoszek is absent with notice. 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 12, 2011 as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

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

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Village President Kris Wasowicz spoke about the open house held by the Lakota Group featuring the Village of Justice 2030 Vision Plan at the Lipinski Center last weekend. While it was well attended by village officials and employees, he wished that more residents had come out and showed an interest in the process. The Lakota Group had a professional presentation including a lot of pictures, graphs and maps to identify the unique characteristics of our village. They expressed ideas for future development and asked for input from those in attendance.

Mayor Wasowicz sincerely hopes that more interest from the residents can be generated so the community can become a bigger part of the process.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Kathy Svoboda announced that she is in receipt of a communication from Moraine Valley Community College announcing a Job and Internship Fair to be held on Thursday, September 29, from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Numerous industries will be represented. A resume is required for the opportunity to solicit prospective employers. Professional attire is also required.

The Campaign for Better Healthcare will provide free and unbiased presentations regarding the impact of recent healthcare legislation now and in the future. There are three dates provided for the seminars in the upcoming week or two so if anyone is interested, the timeframe is short to respond. Please ask for details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & INSURANCE –Trustee Ed Rusch for Trustee Kinga Bartoszek

- MOTION: Trustee Rusch Moves: To approve payables numbers 1-23, in the amount of \$26,388.77, posted for the period of 09/08/2011 – 09/22/2011, plus re-occurring expenses of \$90,712.38, TIF #3 expenses of \$3,257.50, and MFT expenses of \$ 1,120.10 for a total of \$121,478.75
- SECOND: Trustee Small
- VOTE: Trustee Symonds, Rusch, Kuban, Small and Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Rusch will be asking Trustee Bartoszek to provide a third quarter financial statement for review by the board.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Rick Symonds

Public Works has completed the drainage portion of the project between 86th Court and 87th Ave. and on 72nd Street through the back yards. The cul-de-sac is asphalted and restoration to the west side of 86th Ave. in underway.

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to brief a few residents on an upcoming sewer project.

Pothole patching, chipping, cutting of easements, weed removal and sewer line clean-outs continue. General maintenance work on a few squad cars and department vehicles was completed as well.

- MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve Resolution 2011-29, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD ADDENDUM TO A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SEIU LOCAL 73.
- SECOND: Trustee Rusch
- VOTE: Trustee Rusch, Kuban, Small, Sparr and Symonds, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Conversation occurred about the stage-trailer that is parked behind the village hall. We desire to make use of the trailer and would like to remove the stage so it may be reinstalled when needed. It turns out that a framework would be required in order to lift the stage on and off since it was built in sections.

Trustee Sparr asked for a little time to investigate whether he might find someone with a bar system for the removal of the stage.

Trustee Symonds added that bids are being sought for a state purchase of a one ton pick-up, 4-wheel drive, with a towing package and a plow. He will keep the board informed of progress on the quotes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To authorize Chief Gedville to interview candidates for and to hire a dispatcher (tele-communicator) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Kristy McNamara from the Justice Police dispatch staff.

SECOND: Trustee Rusch

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

Trustee Kuban is in receipt of a letter from the Chief Kevin W. Shaunessey of the Lemont Police Department thanking Chief Gedville for our police department's participation in the annual Lemont Cruise Night. He added that the public is always excited to see the various police department's specialty vehicles and squad car designs. He specifically thanked Officers DeBella and Pedota for their participation in and support of the event.

Trustee Sparr asked that his personal thanks be communicated to Chief Gedville for all the police vehicles he was able to solicit for our car show this past August. We had an outstanding turnout from our neighboring departments as well.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Sue Small

The Centennial Committee is accepting applications for parade participants until September 30th. The next Centennial meeting is this coming Monday, at 7:00 pm. The Resurrection Mary Look Alike Contest, Chili cook-off, and Ghost lecture was a resounding success. A good time was had by all.

The next event will be the Centennial Parade on Sunday, October 16th, followed by an Oktoberfest at the Lipinski Center. The Junior Board Meeting and Birthday Party follows, on Monday, October 17th. Ten Essay Contest Winners will be chosen from essays submitted by Wilkin's Jr. High eighth-graders. It promises to be an exciting evening.

Trustee Symonds suggested we forego the second meeting in October, originally scheduled for the 24th, and replace it with the Jr. Board Meeting on the 17th. Discussion occurred and it was decided to hold meetings on the 10th and the 17th and none on the 24th.

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

Trustee Rusch noted that there have been inquiries regarding licensure of new businesses but there are currently no new applications pending for this evening.

Trustee Rusch is in the process of reviewing Chapter 13, Rates and Fees for possible revisions.

At the next regular committee meeting on Wed. we will need to fill in the blanks on the draft of the proposed smoking legislation for consideration by the board at a subsequent board meeting.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID TO PERFORM REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS AT 7600 S. BLAZER UNDER THE FIGURA GROVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Sparr and Jim Lurquin will assist Mr. Bibbly with the County Permit and village permit applications to demolish his dangerous garage.

Trustee Sparr received a complaint from a resident whose neighbor is having a landscaper install chips around her garden and all along her fence-line. The neighbor is concerned about insects and such contained in the woodchips. Mr. Lurquin will investigate.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Mike Castellino

Attorney Castellino asked if there was any intended action regarding the purchase of a public works truck this evening.

Trustee Symonds replied that they are still in the process of gathering quotes for the vehicle.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Wasowicz asked Jim Lurquin for an update regarding the Slack Signs building.

Mr. Lurquin replied that following numerous complaints about the condition of the property, high weeds, debris and abandoned vehicles, Mr. Ed Slack has removed a couple of vehicles and made one vehicle operable and legal. If the weeds and additional debris is not dealt with by Friday, we will contract the work and lien the property. Considerable fines have been levied already.

Trustee Small asked if there is an update regarding the hiring of an Ordinance Officer.

Trustee Sparr replied that he has several applications that he will provide to Mayor Wasowicz to review for a possible appointment.

In the meantime, complaints should be directed to the building department and can be initiated via the website.

Trustee Rusch asked about the timeline for the 76th and Blazer property. Mr. Lurquin replied that the asbestos removal should occur in the next week or so. The demolition should follow within a couple of weeks. We hope to have all accomplished by the end of the month so remediation of the grounds can then occur.

Thursday, September 28th is the date of the next Southwest Conference of Mayors Meeting. Mayor Wasowicz cordially invites the trustees to join him at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall. There will be discussion regarding the Cal Sag Drainage Project and hopefully, some discussion regarding encouraging our legislators to relax the requirements for Fair Labor standards on public projects under \$20,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Trustee Rusch

Review by the village board of an amendment to the smoking ordinance that would allow for the possible licensure of a hookah café. Also a draft ordinance re: cash for gold business regulations for discussion, Andy's Truck and Trailer Repair at 8217 S. 86th Court and any other licenses, ordinances or code amendments available for review.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Bartoszek

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: Trustee Kuban

Any matters before the committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Trustee Small

Any matters before the committee including review of the essays submitted to choose a Junior Village Board for the Centennial Day Board Meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Symonds

Any matters before the committee including possible discussion regarding the need 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.

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,

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk