

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL
FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH
Monday, March 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Wasowicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Wasowicz led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Wasowicz called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 pm.

A Public Hearing was held to review the Village of Justice 2019 Appropriation Ordinance.

Treasurer and Financial consultant Kelly Zabinski briefly reviewed the municipal budget and appropriation for the 2019 calendar, fiscal year. Village board members were all invested in the creation of the budget and appropriation so had no further questions.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

The regular board meeting resumed.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Sue Small recorded the roll. Present are: President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Rich Sparr, Rick Symonds, Melanie Kuban, Hank Oszakiewski and Karen Warner. Trustee Ed Rusch is absent with notice; he is on vacation. Attorney Michael Cainkar of the firm of Louis F. Cainkar Ltd. is present.

SWEARING IN OF NEW PATROL OFFICER:

Mayor Wasowicz administered the Oath of Office and Chairman George Pastorino of the Police and Fire Commission presented a Certificate of Appointment to Erika Kringlie, formerly of our dispatch staff, who was sworn in as the newest probationary patrol officer for the Justice Police Department.

Officer Kringlie's husband of the Hodgkins Police Department pinned on her badge.

(A short recess for cake and coffee in honor of Officer Kringlie was observed.)

The regular board meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Wasowicz asked for questions or comments directly related to tonight's agenda. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 board meeting as submitted or if necessary, as corrected.

MOTION: Trustee Kuban so moves.

SECOND: Trustee Warner

VOTE: Trustees Symonds, Kuban and Warner, aye. All ayes. Trustees Sparr and Oszakiewski abstained. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Mayor Wasowicz cautioned all to be especially careful when driving near the triangle property as extensive land work is being performed in readiness for the new development.

VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT:

Clerk Small commented that the Census Bureau will conduct a seminar on April 11th In LaGrange exploring the process and the importance of full disclosure by our residents during the Census.

At the next committee meeting will need to discuss the upcoming, annual Open Enrollment for benefit for village employees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Rick Symonds

MOTION: Trustee Symonds Moves: To approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE FIFTH DISTRICT SWAT ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH THE BRIDGEVIEW BANK GROUP

SECOND: Trustee Sparr Seconded for discussion.
Kelly Zabinski explained that due to an anonymous donation for more than \$600,000.00 is coming in to the SWAT organization, and since the Fifth District SWAT is not an established 501(c) 3, an account needs to be set up through one of the member communities to receive the donation and to purchase equipment with the funds. The Justice Police Department has offered to handle the details with Treasurer Zabinski’s assistance. We will be the member community, and there will be no expense incurred by us. Kelly is a municipal CPA and will donate her expertise to accomplish the necessary paperwork.

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

Trustee Symonds added that Chief Ketchen was out of town and discussion of the Dispatch Services Agreement with RPPFD will occur soon.

A fire occurred in the Laurels, Bldg. 3 over the weekend but luckily it was confined to one unit and there were no injuries.

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Melanie Kuban

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a business license to: Gaming & Entertainment Management – Illinois LLC to operate as a gaming terminal operator located at 1572 Shore Road, Naperville, IL 60563.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

MOTION: Trustee Kuban Moves: To approve a business license to: Wang's Nail Inc. to operate as a Nail Salon/Cosmetology located at 8116 S. Roberts Road, Justice. – (New Owner/Business to take over the existing Nail Salon)

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

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

Trustee Kuban commented that the PACE Bus #896 service from the Bridgeview Transportation Center (Seat Geek Stadium) to downtown is being discontinued but instead, there will be two stops on the #855 Burr Ridge to downtown line. A stop at 84th and 79th Street will also be added in front of Lucky Penny's. We are not aware of when the change will occur yet.

Trustee Kuban sincerely thanked all the volunteers who participated in the Food Pantry distribution last Tuesday. There was an unusually large amount of food and more than 157 household representing at least 471 people were served.

PUBLIC UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE: Trustee Rich Sparr

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve RESOLUTION 2019-02: A Resolution authorizing an application to the County of Cook, State of Illinois, for 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Sparr Moves: To approve RESOLUTION 2019-03: A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the bid for the Frontage Road Sidewalk Project.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

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

Trustee Sparr added that at the last committee meeting the proposed Street Repair Plan was introduced. Further discussion will occur at the next committee meeting to finalize a plan that adheres to the condition report from Hoefflerle/Butler Engineering that we have been following for the past few years.

Mayor Wasowicz commented that this year we will complete our goal of having upgraded all except a very few streets that we knew were beyond our scope since they need total reconstruction, for instance Marion Drive, Thomas Street and 83rd.

Once the plan is finalized, it will be published on the website.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Ed Rusch

Trustee Rusch left no specific business to be considered this evening.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Karen Warner

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve posted payables 1-34 of \$32,950.16, Recurring Expenses of \$6,624.46, TIF #2 expenses of \$3,500.00 and MFT expenses of \$13,228.87, for a total of \$56,303.49.

SECOND: Trustee Oszakiewski

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

MOTION: Trustee Warner Moves: To approve: ORDINANCE 2019-08: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE AND OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, IN THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, ILLINOIS

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Hank Oszakiewski

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve the placement of the referenda training video on the village website and village Facebook page.

This is the referenda training video prepared by Clerk Small.

SECOND: Trustee Sparr

VOTE: Trustees Oszakiewski, Warner, Sparr and Symonds, aye. Trustee Kuban abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve a donation of \$100.00 to the scholarship committee for District 109 in support of their "Back to School Bash" scheduled for August 3, 2019

SECOND: Trustee Warner

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

MOTION: Trustee Oszakiewski Moves: To approve a donation of \$100 to the "Pinwheel" project at the All Our Children's Advocacy Center. This project supports National Child Abuse Prevention month. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month

SECOND: Trustee Kuban

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

Trustee Oszakiewski issued a reminder that the Rosary Hill Annual Spring Fundraiser is on Sunday, April 7, 2019 this year at the Orland Chateau. Board members let Clerk Small know if you will attend. She can rsvp for all of us.

The *Justice Park District Club Active* flyer is in the vestibule if anyone would like to review their featured programs.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT:

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none of note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski commented that the auditors were out last week and so far, things are going very well.

Kelly added her support for the importance of Census training. Many municipal revenues are contingent upon population numbers so they must be as accurate as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduling of Committee Meetings
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Trustee Symonds

- Any matters before the committee:

ECONOMIC DEV. & BUSINESS LICENSES: Trustee Kuban

- Any matters before the committee

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Trustee Sparr

- Any matters before the committee including the 2019 Street Repair Plan.

BUILDINGS, ZONING AND ORDINANCES: Trustee Rusch

- Any matters before the committee, including the Lipinski Center roof repairs.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Trustee Warner

- Any matters before the committee including: Posted payables

ADMIN, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION: Trustee Oszakiewski

- Staffing Level Analysis planning
- Finance office hours after vehicle sticker peak sales
- Any other matters before the committee:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Barb Stimatz questioned the attorney about village code regarding home occupations. Why a 12,000 lb. truck is being allowed to be domiciled on residential property, and why the number of vehicles allowed on the property are being ignored. The property owner and home occupation holder is breaking many rules and is operating a construction business from that location.

Attorney Mike Cainkar said he was not so familiar with our code that he could quote it by heart, and he would have to review the situation and applicable codes in order to reply.

Mr. Robert Dvorak asked about abstentions. Is an abstention just choosing not to vote? Mayor Wasowicz replied that an abstention allows a majority of the voting board to decide in case of a conflict of interest or if a member was not in attendance. The abstention goes with the majority.

Mr. David Shipyor, newly appointed member of the School District 109 board, thanked Trustee Oszakiewski and the village board for supporting the “Back to School Bash” with a donation. He hopes all of us will attend. He complimented the great cooperation between the village and the school district.

Mr. Jim DeSomer indicated how offended he was by the remarks of the RFP about Rich Sparr. He stated that Rich was the one that taught him how to be a good fireman more than 25 years ago. Rich was mentor to so many firefighters for many years.

Mrs. Robin Sparr spoke about the lies perpetrated by the Resident’s First Party on Facebook about her husband, Trustee Rich Sparr.

In particular, that Rich asked the RFP to slate him as one of their candidates - **when in fact they asked him to run with them and he refused.**

That Rich promised an ex-Justice policeman that he would be named chief of police after his successful election. **This is an unfounded and erroneous rumor.**

That Rich was responsible for over \$17,000.00 worth of damage to village property after the Justice Fire Department was dissolved. **Rich stopped in at the Fire Department for a few minutes to wish those working well on the last day of operation. He was not involved in any damage being perpetrated and in fact when a valuable piece of equipment came up missing, he arranged for it’s return by encouraging pressure by all fire department members to honor their service and insist that the item be anonymously returned by whoever perpetrated the theft. Which it was.**

Many more former Justice firemen and friends of Trustee Sparr were in attendance to attest to the lies on Rich’s behalf.

ADJOURNMENT: President Wasowicz called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Sparr so moved.

SECOND: Trustee Symonds

VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Svoboda, Deputy Village Clerk