

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

Minutes of February 12, 2007

Acting President Sparr called the Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE: President Sparr led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: President Richard Sparr, Trustees: Kinga Bartoszek, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mike Maruszak and Rich Berkowicz. Attorney Paula Wallin is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: TO WAIVE READING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2007 AND APPROVE AS CORRECTED. (The actual number of Vehicle Tag Design Contest applicants was 162, not 152 as previously recorded.)

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Maruszak

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak MOVES: To approve payables posted February 7, 2007, numbers 1-55, in the amount of \$54,653.82.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Jurgel and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES –Trustee Gabrys

Trustee Gabrys is in receipt of correspondence from Dave Vandervelde of CBBEL who has provided a Resolution for passage.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution **2007-08**, A Resolution Appropriating \$17,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Installation of the Roadway Lighting System at 85th Place from Roberts Rd. to 81st Avenue, a CDBG Project.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Maruszak, Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Gabrys and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

This CDBG Project will provide lighting in front of Player School.

Trustee Gabrys is in receipt of a report from Public Works Director Phil DePaola indicating that all snow plows and salt spreaders are ready to go for the snow forecasted for tonight or tomorrow.

Due to the extreme cold, there have been a number of water breaks and sewer line obstructions. Phil has been out at all hours and his crews have worked diligently to keep our systems running.

Starting in March, Com Ed will be instituting a tree-trimming program to clear branches from power lines in order to avoid outages. Should you see crews please be aware that the work is for our benefit.

Our jet-rodder that is necessary to clear sewer blockages is in need of rebuilding. A new unit could cost from \$50,000.00 to as much as \$70,000.00. Phil DePaola will be seeking bids to rebuild our current rodder in order to avoid purchase of a new one. He feels sure that with a rebuilding we could get a number of years of additional use. He expects this could be accomplished for around \$10,000.00 and will update us when prices come in.

The Thomas Street Detention Pond is scheduled to be excavated to remove the silt. Jim Lurquin has worked to reinstate a reimbursable grant for drainage work at the site. We will be taking the funds on a line-of-credit to expedite the payment for the work and will be reimbursed by the grant.

We are renting a camera, frequently, to televise our laterals when blockages occur. It is not unusual to pay \$500.00 or more for each rental. Phil will price the purchase of a camera in order to minimize the cost.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Jurgel

Trustee Jurgel stated that on February 7th a presentation from Norrcomm was presented to the Board for the installation and monitoring of Keltron Wireless Fire Alarms. Our current contract with ADT requires a 180 day notice to cancel or will self-renew on March 18, 2008.

The Keltron Wireless Fire Alarm System would provide more standardized and reliable service at a much lower cost to our end users, the businesses and multi-family building owners. It was determined that we would proceed with an informational/educational program within the Village to further review this project.

Congratulations to Cpl. Joe Malloy for being named Officer of the Year by the Chief of Police with the advice and consent of his command staff.

Our most sincere thank you to Chief Carmine Gioiosa of the Justice Police Department for his loyal and distinguished years of service. Chief Gioiosa will retire effective March 1st.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Bartoszek

President Sparr presented Trustee Bartoszek with her official badge confirming her authority as Trustee for the Village of Justice.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz announced that on February 26, 2007 at the Second Regular Board Meeting of February we will be hosting the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest Presentation and will observe a brief recess for cake and coffee in honor of our winners.

At the next regular committee meetings on February 21, 2007, we will be performing the final tweaking of the proposed, Clean Air Legislation in order to enact that legislation at the Second Regular Board Meeting of February.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –President Sparr

The Chair would entertain a Motion: To approve Ordinance 2007-03, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PETITION TO SUBDIVIDE AND REZONE WITH VARIANCES THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7507 GARDEN LANE, JUSTICE, ILLINOIS.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Maruszak

VOTE: Trustees Maruszak, Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

It was noted that this action provides for rezoning the property to R1 and requires the petitioner to dedicate 30' and complete a roadway improvement at 75th Street just west of Garden Lane.

The Chair would entertain a Motion: To appoint Mr. Jeffrey Allen to the unexpired term of Zoning and Planning Commissioner vacated by Kinga Bartoszek to April 30, 2009.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Sparr is in receipt of a letter from Cook County Sheriff Dart asking for support in his plight to mediate budget cuts proposed by Cook County Board President Todd Stroger. Sheriff Dart has asked through the Southwest Conference of Mayors for letters of support in asking that the proposed Budget cuts be reconsidered.

The Southwest Conference of Mayors is actively pursuing joint projects through the Cal Sag Watershed Committee. We are hoping for multi-jurisdictional improvements to the 71st Street Ditch.

A spring project will commence providing 28 light poles from 79th Street south on 88th Avenue to 87th Street, a much needed improvement.

Also soon to start will be the Archer Avenue Sidewalk Project that will provide sidewalks on Archer Avenue from Oak Grove to 71st Street.

The Village of Justice has once again been presented with an award from the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Association in Recognition of the Passage of our Fire Sprinkler Codes.

President Sparr noted that we had recently experienced a bedroom fire at the Amelia Court Condos. The alarm woke the residents who exited safely, and the sprinklers contained and put out the fire so that when the firemen responded, there was no need to hook up a hose.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Wallin proposed a Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Lease and Option Agreement for the Purchase of the International 7400 Dump Truck. The Chair would entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2007-09 as described by the Attorney.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak and President Sparr, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Maruszak asked that a Hiring Freeze and Spending Freeze be entertained by the Board.

Discussion ensued as to the scope of the Freeze. It was suggested that no purchases over \$500.00 be allowed without the advice and consent of the Finance and Insurance Committee.

MOTION: Trustee Maruszak Moves: To freeze all hiring and to require any purchases over \$500.00 to be reviewed by the Finance and Insurance Committee before being finalized.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Bartoszek, Gabrys, Jurgel, Maruszak and Berkowicz, aye. President Sparr abstained. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

We have been contacted by AT&T asking for an opportunity to perform a presentation regarding the option of allowing competition with Comcast for the AT&T Friendly Bundle, a package including phone, wireless internet access and cable TV. They are proposing going into direct competition with Comcast.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The following meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. and follow consecutively with topics of discussion listed in each committee:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC SAFETY: A Presentation of the MSI, Municipal Code Enforcement System by representatives of MSI.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: Posted payables.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Licenses pending before the Committee and review of the final, proposed Clean Air Legislation.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Any business before the Zoning & Planning Commission or the Building Department.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Mr. Gerry Mendralla asked how much it will cost to dredge the Thomas Street Pond. And what would be done should the grant not be awarded.

The cost will be around \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and the grant has already been awarded. It is a reimbursable grant and takes a few months for the reimbursement to be processed for payment to the municipality.

Mr. Rich Czerniak suggested that we use salt more sparingly when salting in the inclement weather. He reminded us that it is in the best interests of our health and that of our environment.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn
Trustee Maruszak so MOVES:
SECOND: Trustee Jurgel
VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Suoboda
Village Clerk/Collector