

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

Minutes of November 26, 2007

Village President Krzysztof Wasowicz called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE:

President Wasowicz led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. Present are: Village President Kris Wasowicz, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel, Mary McGee, Rich Berkowicz and Jeff Kranig. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2007 as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee McGee so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz and Kranig, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Kris Wasowicz cordially invites the residents of the southwest quarter of the Village of Justice to join him and the Village Board at a Town Hall Meeting at the Canterbury Inn, 8350 S. 88th Ave. in Justice on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 pm.

The southwest quarter is comprised of those residents who reside south of the Toll road including the Asbury Woods Town-homes, the Cork Highlands area, Deer Woods, the "Lost Nineteen" and the Sunset Lakes, Candlewood and Laurels Apartment Complexes.

(A subsequent meeting will be scheduled for the last remaining quarter of the community.)

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve Resolution 2007-23, A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Part-Time IT Technician.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig and Murray, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:

Collection barrels are positioned in the vestibule of the Village Hall to facilitate the collection of canned goods and non-perishable items for our Christmas Basket Program for the needy.

Plans continue so that this may be one of our most successful charitable events. Lyons Township has promised a generous donation and many of our local businesses have already donated to this worthwhile, annual event.

Collections of canned goods and non-perishables are being conducted at our local schools as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee

MOTION: To approve payables, numbers 1-38, posted for the period of 11/08/2007 to 11/21/2007, in the amount of \$38,996.23.

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray and Gabrys, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee McGee reported that she and Treasurer Ed Rusch along with Financial Consultant Kelly Zabinski are working to reduce the overall deficit in the proposed 2008 Budget. The document should be ready for the next regular committee meeting for a final review by the Board before we go to the public hearing portion of the approval process.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys

Public Works Director Phil DePaola is looking for direction from the Board regarding problems occurring at the end of the chipping season. Residents are continuing to put out branches after the end of October and are calling for chipping services. The equipment has been put away as of mid November and we cannot continue to constantly ignore our own deadlines. Phil has requested a meeting to determine a firm policy for handling the latecomers.

We are in receipt of 200 tons of salt in readiness for the winter season.

Flyers have been delivered for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting.

A resident complaint regarding a street light that has been out of service for many weeks has been yet again referred to Com Ed since we cannot repair the light ourselves. We will be following up for prompt action.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray

Trustee Murray reported that the Patrolmen’s Contract is ready for ratification by MAP #60 and we are hopeful that the agreement may be approved before the end of the year.

The seat belt compliance portion of the IMAGE Grant is complete and resulted in 220 local citations, 51 State citations, 12 arrests and a total of 9 vehicles towed.

The next application of the IMAGE Grant will address speeding within the corporate limits of Justice.

The IMAGE Grant pays overtime expenses for both seat belt compliance and the speeding applications to encourage traffic safety.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel

The portable ice-skating rink for the Lipinski Pond is ordered and will be installed upon delivery per the instructions of the manufacturer, when the weather allows

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel Moves: To approve the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Justice and the Justice Park district subject to final review by the Village Board.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees McGee, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, ayes. All ayes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz

Trustee Berkowicz announced that the Schools have the Vehicle Sticker Design Contest rules and will be submitting their entries to the Village before Christmas break.

Trustee Berkowicz has had conversation with Attorney Gadola to consider administrating the Smoking Violation fines system through the expanded MSI system so that we can locally adjudicate violations.

We will be making sure our own legislation mirrors that of the State of Illinois.

BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING –Trustee Murray for Trustee Jeff Kranig

Trustee Jeff Kranig again thanked all those people who extended get well wishes during his recovery from his recent injury.

Trustee Kranig stated that his torn cartilage was healing well. He is please to be physically present again and not still working from home.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Sara Gadola had no report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Berkowicz reminded the Board that our next meeting would regularly fall on December 24th, Christmas Eve.

President Wasowicz replied that we would be rescheduling that meeting for Thursday, December 20th.

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Meetings will commence at 7:00 pm and follow consecutively.

OPEN SESSION

7:00 PM. - **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** Review of the proposals to excavate, load, haul and dump the excess material at the Asbury Woods Park site.

FINANCE & INSURANCE: Posted Payables and review of the 2008 Budget.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION: Discussion with representatives of the Park District Board regarding the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer ownership of the park equipment originally planned for the Arbors Pond Park.

BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING: Review of the recommendations of the Zoning and Planning Commission in response to Petition 2007-05, a petition to consolidate and subdivide into 5 lots the property commonly known as 8035 S. 85th Court. Update regarding the Covington Project.

ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING: Possible discussion regarding enforcement of the Clean Air Illinois Act.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC SAFETY: Collective bargaining matters (MAP #60) and also, compensation of one or more classes of employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Wasowicz announced that per the advice of the Attorney, we will not be taking action on the bids to excavate, load, haul and dump the excess materials at the Asbury Park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Svoboda
Village Clerk/Village Collector