

VILLAGE OF POSEN

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POSEN HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE POSEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER

President Frank Podbielniak called the Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday June 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Posen Municipal Building, 2440 W. Walter Zimny Drive, Posen, Illinois 60469.

ROLL CALL

Upon the Call of the Roll by Clerk Krerowicz, President Podbielniak, Trustees Wisniewski, Costello, Lopez, Casillas, Klapkowski and Schnering were present. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Robert Molaro, Fire Chief Kevin Szewczyk, Police Chief William Alexander, Accountant Linda Arvia and Tom Nagel from Robinson Engineering

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Podbielniak led the Village Board and attending public in the recitation of the Pledge Of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Podbielniak called to enter Executive Session.

Attorney Molaro announced the reason for going into Executive Session is due to pending litigation to the Village.

President Podbielniak called for a motion to exit regular meeting. Trustee Klapkowski made the motion, seconded by Trustee Schnering. All trustees voted Aye: motion approved.

Attorneys Zinevich and McGuire were present and presented the issues involved in the litigation.

President Podbielniak called for a motion to return to the Regular Rules of Order. Motion was made by Trustee Casillas, seconded by Trustee Klapkowski. All Trustees present voted Aye: Motion was approved.

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

President Podbielniak called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017. Trustee Schnering moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez. All Trustees Voted Aye: motion was approved.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION-Chairman J. Casillas

President Podbielniak called for a motion to approve Warrant #3-17/18. Trustee Casillas moved, seconded by Trustee Schnering. All Trustees Voted Aye: motion was approved.

Trustee Casillas read Ordinance 2017-03 Opting out of The Cook County Minimum Wage and Sick Leave ordinance. Trustee Casillas moved to accept the ordinance, seconded by Trustee Wisniewski. All trustees voted Aye: motion passed.

A recommendation to extend T.I.F. 1 for 12 years was made. A motion to accept was made by Trustee Casillas, seconded by Trustee Schnering. All Trustees voted Aye: motion passed.

The four bids for the water main improvement, at 147th and Western, were read, by Tom Nagel during the Committee meeting. The lowest bid was submitted by Swallow Water and Sewer Construction: \$464,260. Trustee Casillas made the motion to award the contract to Swallow Water and Sewer Construction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnering. All Trustees voted Aye: motion passed.

The Hearing for the Fiscal Year Appropriations meeting will take place at 5:30 P.M. on June 27, 2017. The notice for this meeting has been posted on the Village web site and in the local paper.

A Letter of Intent is to be issued to Erin Rope regarding the new development. The cost of upgrading their fire sprinkler system will be covered from T.I.F. funds.

The Kuzera building, on Walter Zimny Drive, was donated to the Village. Trustee Casillas asked Trustee Wisniewski to give a brief update on the proposed remodeling of the building for use as a meeting place for the local Veterans organizations and a Senior Center. Per Trustee Wisniewski, the existing bathroom is being enlarged, a second bathroom is being added and two of the offices are being removed to create a larger open area.

Pursuant to the Municipal Code of 1965, the Village President, Clerk, Treasurer and Accountant must be bonded. These bonds will increase from \$5,000 per year to \$100,000 per year at a cost of \$100 per bond.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT – Chairman D.J. Schnering

Trustee Schnering read the report for Code Enforcement for the month of May, 2017:

Court Date: May 22, 2017

Below is the summary of the activities of the Code Enforcement Officers:

Warning letters-36
Violations written-27
Compliances-1
30 Day Extemtions-0
Cases dismissed-0

5@ \$150.00 Prepaid Fines 4@ \$125.00
10 @ 550.00 Fines Levied 10 @ \$3300.00

Building Report for May 2017:

Permits Issued-28
Commercial Permits-5

Total Building Permit Fees-\$3352.00

For Sale Inspections-15
Rental Inspections-5
Business Inspections-0

New Businesses Opened:
None

Trustee Schnering announced the Village Wide Garage Sale is June 17, 2017. Also the Dixie Dash is June 17, 2017 and will take off from in front of the Village Hall.

A motion was called for Ordinance 2017-04 Amending Sec 11-10-06 (b) regarding the Wall Height for Garages in the Village. Motion made by Trustee Schnering, seconded by Trustee Costello. All Trustees voted Aye: motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairman A. Wisniewski

Trustee Wisniewski reported that since the repairs were made, to several water main breaks, the water usage level has gone down. Savings from repairs are: 663,000 gallons from the Palmer repair and 420,000 gallons from the Troy repair.

A guard rail was purchased by the Village and installed at 148th and Troy to prevent drivers from cutting through the grassy area, to avoid the traffic light at 147th and Kedzie.

Trustee Wisniewski gave thanks, to all of the ladies, who work in the Village Hall office, for all of their help during this first month of transition for the new administration.

Trustee Wisniewski read the Public Works Report for May, 2017

Tree Trimming-0 Days
Branch Chipping-5 Days
Grass Cutting-4 Days per week
Sewer Repairs-0
Main Breaks- 142 and Palmer
14724 Troy
Service Breaks-14833 Sacramento
Hydrant Replacement- 2424 140th
Alley Repair- Every alley in town
Street Repairs- 2 Days
Animal Recovery-6

Meter Replacment-4
Meter Reading-3 Days
Meter Re-Reads-3 Days
Water Shut Offs-11

Water Bills are out and Due by June 22, 2017, at 5:00 P.M.

FIRE –Chairwomen A. Costello

Trustee Costello read the Fire Department Report for May, 2017:

Total Calls-115 YTD-530
Ambulance: \$10,934.91
FYTD Amb\$Collections: \$10,934.91
Amb\$Calendar YTD: \$65,514.08

Posen General Alarms
General-19
Minor-26

Total EMS Calls-42
Fire Calls-73

Trustee Costello turned the floor over to Chief Szewczyk. The Chief announced the passing of Dolton Firefighter Mathews. Firefighter Mathews succumbed to a heart attack while assisting at a fire in Dolton. The chief announced the arrangements for the Wake and Funeral. Posen will assist Dolton, by handling fire calls, so that the Dolton firefighters can attend the services for their fallen comrade.

On June 8, 2017, Posen assisted the Village of Midlothian, in fighting 5 fires that took place over a four hour period. The fires were in the area between Kedzie and Homan avenues, along 147th Street. An investigation by Maintenance 22 Fire Investigators, Will-Cook Arson Taskforce, which Posen is a member of and the State Fire Marshall led to a determination of arson. A subject was taken into custody and charged with several counts of Arson and Felony Arson.

Three members of the Posen Fire Department were recognized by the Illinois Department of Health for their years of Service. Lieutenant Mark Krizik and Assistant Chief Denise Podbielniak were recognized for 25 years of Service. Lieutenant Donna Scanlon was recognized for 20 years of service.

POLICE –Chairman R. Klapkowski

Trustee Klapkowski read the report for the Posen Police Department for May, 2017:

Parking Citations-40
Moving Citations-85
Miles Patroled-8643
Calls Answered-1068
Traffic Stops-3 (this number was disputed by President Podbielniak)
Felonies-3
Misdemeanors-19
Warrants-3
Business Checks-573
MO Ordinance Tickets-4
Total Vehicles Towed & Impounded-8

Fees Collected

Report Copy Fees-\$75.00
Tow Release Fees-\$7,250.00
MO Ordinary Fines-\$200.00

Parking Ticket Collection

Police Department-\$4,461.71
Court Parking Tickets-\$1,845.00
Collection-Parking and MO Ordinance Tickets-\$2,971.92
Fines received from Markham Court-\$12,772.01

Total Money Collected-\$29,450.64

Increased Police presence by the park has resulted in a major decrease in Jay Walking issues that were brought up at the last Board meeting, on May 23, 2017.

RECREATION – Chairwomen Y. Lopez

New classes are forming at the Community Center. On Monday and Wednesday, Zumba classes will be held Starting at 9:00 A.M. Fitness classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 P.M. Open Gym will be on Friday at 9:00 A.M.

Trustee Lopez called for a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-05 Regarding the Community Center Coordinator. The position is being terminated. The current Coordinator will stay until the 30th of June. By removing the full-time Coordinator position and replacing with Trustees, the Village will see a cost savings. The motion was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Costello. Three Trustees voted to Abstain, three Trustees voted Aye, the tie was broken by President Podbielniak who voted Aye. The vote was 4-3 Aye: motion passed.

Open to the Public

Resident Sandy Potter volunteered to work at the Kuzera Building to assist with the renovation. President Podbielniak stated that anyone who wanted to volunteer should give their name to Trustee Wisniewski and he would let them know when the work at the building was happening.

The Posen Village Park Fest was very successful. The weather was good and the Fest was well run. The net profit from the Fest was \$10,000.00.

A resident issued a complaint about the traffic on 143rd speeding and blowing through the stop signs. President Podbielniak stated that he would look into getting pictures of some speed bumps that he has encountered while traveling in the City of Chicago. He would get the pictures to Ron and Jason from Public Works to consider for installation on 143rd Street.

A resident asked is Resident Only Parking signs could be added on Campbell Avenue, south of 143rd, on both sides of the street for approximately 100 feet. While a parking lot exists, for the park, non-resident drivers tend to park on Campbell Avenue. President Podbielniak suggested that the signs be placed on Campbell.

President Podbielniak called for a motion to accept the recommendation, made by Attorney McGuire, regarding the Hammond case, from the Executive Session held earlier in the meeting. Motion made by Trustee Klapkowski, seconded by Trustee Lopez. All Trustees voted Aye; motion Passed.

President Podbielniak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Trustee Casillas, seconded by Trustee Klapkowski. All Trustees voted Aye; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 .P.M.

Sharon M. Krerowicz
Village Clerk