

VILLAGE OF POSEN

MINUTES OF A TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POSEN HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE POSEN COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER

President Frank Podbielniak called the Town Hall Meeting to order for Wednesday September 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Posen Community Center, 2440 W. Walter Zimny Drive, Posen, Illinois 60469.

IN ATTENDANCE

President Podbielniak, Trustees Costello, Casillas, Wisniewski and Trustee Schnering were present for this meeting, Trustee Lopez was absent. Also in attendance were, Fire Chief Kevin Szewczyk, Police Chief Bill Alexander, and Clerk Melanie Myers.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Clarence Krygowski – Why doesn't the village have people checking on the people in town that are building stuff on the weekends?

President Podbielniak- We have the police department checking to the best of their ability, but we do not have the code enforcers on the weekends due to the budget.

Clarence Krygowski- what is the village doing about the loud music from his block and the loud music from cars driving around?

Chief Alexander- The police have checked around his block, Chief asked if he called and Clarence reply his wife was tired of calling and there should be a fine of \$1,000.00 for people with loud music after 7pm, and that the police should drive around with their windows down.

Chief Alexander – The police do drive around with their windows cracked so they can hear around them, and the police can not give people tickets for sitting in the yard listening to music unless it is loud and a call was made to complain or if it's after the time of the ordinance which is 10:00 pm.

President Podbielniak – A \$1,000.00 is not realistic and he needs to call if he has a complaint.

Clarence Krygowski - The plumbing outfit has a fence that obstructs the view when you try to pull out you can not see.

President Podbielniak – I was just by there today and I have no problem seeing around the fence but I will check it out tomorrow.

Resident – We need more speed bumps.

President Podbielniak – We have speed bumps on 148th in Whipple and Albany also by the school and by the park on 143rd for child safety and 145th between Troy and Albany. We have 7 at this time.

President Podbielniak – I am going to call PACE about the buses going around the speed bumps and about their bus stops obstructing views of vehicles try to see around them.

Mr. Koppers – Is the gas station on Cleveland going to fix all the landscaping and fix the property around there.

President Podbielniak – Yes, I met with the owner today and yes the landscaping and grounds around the gas station will be done and hopefully the gas station should be up and running with in about 3 weeks.

Valerie – There are 5 foot weeds on I-57 what's going on, and there are weeds at the village hall why are they not cleaned up? Can't TIF take care of this it would cost about \$30,000.00 for the year for maintenance?

President Podbielniak – No TIF can not be used for maintenance, Cindy is going to do another beautification to take care of that, people need to volunteer. The village does not want to use that money on weeding when it's needed elsewhere, it will be taken care of by the volunteers.

Valerie – The off ramp light people do not obey the traffic light people turning from second left lane can the police do something like put up cameras.

President Podbielniak – That is IDOT the village cannot put up cameras or issue tickets.

President Podbielniak- The next clean up beautification is 10/13/19 at the village hall around 7 am.

T.J. Whitcomb – What is happening with the Red Light cameras for 147th & Kedzie and 147th & Western.

President Podbielniak - They are for crash preventative you have to have a lot of crashes to get those cameras from IDOT the village has applied for them.

Ed Baker – 14525 Cleveland received a violation because his address was not visible, why now after 16 years.

President Podbielniak – The new code enforcers are enforcing the ordinance that your address must be visible.

Ed Baker – Why does his lawn service need a license?

President Podbielniak – Anyone that does any work in the village has to have a contractor's license to work with in the village.

Ed Baker – When it rains he gets water on the side of the house and in the basement.

President Podbielniak- The village has combo sewers which cause problems they need to separate the storm from sewer but we need grant money to do this because of the cost, the extra storm water is the problem, the village is going to ask MWRD for grant money.

Ed Baker – I would like to meet people in the area how do I do that?

President Podbielniak – We have meets twice a month, and check the website for community events.

Ed Baker – I want to put up a fence and have a problem with the neighbor how high can the fence go?

President Podbielniak – Contact the Building Inspector Dawn Cotillo for the information.

Resident – The Community Center has a lot of events for the town.

President Podbielniak – The village did some work at the Community Center to help make it nice for the residents.

Resident – But why is the Community Center so expensive to rent?

President Podbielniak - You can check with Trustee Lopez.

Dr. Willey – Could the board introduce themselves?

The board introduced themselves.

Dr. Willey – What is going on with the old Ace Hardware building?

President Podbielniak – The Village is in the process of taking possession of the building, We just got the fence built also its going to be our ESDA building the village can not sell it because there are gas tanks underground and it would cost a lot to take them out so the village is going to use it at this time.

President Podbielniak – With the property that the village owns and the new development coming it's great for us and more businesses will come.

Valerie – Is there any money in the budget for street maintenance, you said you were going to fix the streets and put sewers in on the dead end of Richmond

President Podbielniak – I will have Trustee Wisniewski check into it but we need a grant to do that. I have to wait for that, I will see what I can do.

President Podbielniak – There is going to be a street Dedication on 10/6/19 at 10:30 am on Whipple for LT. Ronald J Janousek.

Resident – There are sinkholes on 14334th Division, 143rd Harrison and before the bridge on 139th.

President Podbielniak – I will have Trustee Wisniewski to check it out.

Resident – The police need to patrol more on 143rd in Sherman.

Chief Alexander – They write a lot of tickets there and will be going over there again but at night the police have been focusing on the vehicle break-ins.

Resident – What's going on with sidewalks the corners?

President Podbielniak – We just received a grant for \$200,000.00 from Connect Cook County and the corners from Western to Harrison on 144th and 145th will be ADA compliant, hopefully it will be done by March.

Resident – Will the new development on 147th help the town by providing jobs to the people of Posen? And how will it affect our taxes?

President Podbielniak – Yes at least 30 or more jobs and Fibre Drum is always looking for people and I believe Erin Rope is also hiring most of the time.

Resident – Can you explain the water bill?

President Podbielniak – This is the run down, we pay Harvey \$ 7.16 per thousand gallons. We have a memorandum with Dixmoor, Cook County said, they would sell us the water line, we have to have a loan from IEPA we will pay Chicago a much cheaper rate. We have an old system the \$12.00 per unit is what covers water, repairs water loss, etc. The garbage rate is locked in for 5 years so no rate increases there.

Trustee Schnering – The Library Board has vacancies and so does the Park Board.

Resident – Who runs the web page?

President Podbielniak – The website is run by all the department heads.

Resident – How does one apply for a no blow zone for 143th in Western?

President – The railroad has had some bad accidents there so because of that the railroad most likely will not change that but the village will look in to it.

Resident – Were the car thieves from town?

Chief Alexander – They were juveniles from other towns.

President Podbielniak – If the residents want to come in to the village you can get a LED bulb one per household for your light to help light up the area.

ESDA – Is looking for volunteers, go to the Village Hall for an application.

Resident – I just want to thank you for fixing the sidewalk on 144th and Blaine.

President Podbielniak – Thank you all for coming out. Try to make the Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Podbielniak adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Melanie Myers
Village Clerk