

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL  
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS  
ON THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2002

President Stricker called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Grisco called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

ROLL CALL

- Shirley Green
- Allan Johnson
- Andre' Ashmore
- Nathaniel Motton Jr.
- Allene Maxwell

Sam Brown was absent.

Also present were: David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Joe Perozzi, Village Attorney; Mary Britton, Director of Finance; Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Cyndi Zeibert, Recording Secretary.

Trustee Brown arrived at 7:34 p.m.

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 4, 2002 for additions, deletions or corrections.

CONSIDERATION OF  
MINUTES OF REGULAR  
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The following correction was made:

1) Page 03-236-02, in paragraph listing who was present at the meeting, should read Mary Britton, Director of Finance.

Trustee Green moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of March 4, 2002 as corrected. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING OF MARCH 4,  
2002

AYES: (6) Green, Johnson, Brown, Ashmore,  
Motton, and Maxwell

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

CONSIDERATION OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) President Stricker presented the Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable as submitted

SALARY, OVERTIME  
AND ACCOUNTS

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as submitted.

AND ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE

Trustee Brown moved to accept the Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Maxwell.

AYES: (6) Green, Johnson, Brown, Ashmore,  
Motton, and Maxwell

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE  
SALARY, OVERTIME  
AND ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE

Trustee Ashmore stated he attended the Housing and Human Relations Commission Meeting on March 6. He commended Administrator Mekarski on his keynote speech given at the Healing Racism Dinner at the Idlewild Country Club. He also attended the Rainbow Push Coalition Dinner, where Jesse Jackson Jr. spoke. On Saturday, he attended the F.Y.I. Talent Show, coordinated by Mia Carter from the Police Department. He commented on a job well done, and he enjoyed the very fine talent of the children.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE  
OFFICIALS

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Trustee Green thanked Chief Wilcox for the sprinkler system tape. It was very educational. She did some real estate assessment research with Economic Director, Hildy Kingma. She has been attending centennial assessment meetings with School District #162, and will be bringing more information to the Village in the future.

Trustee Motton attended the Matteson Parks and Recreation Basketball playoffs. He also attended a meeting with School District #159 in regards to the referendum for the new schools. He wanted to congratulate Rita Miotti for her contact with Jones Cable/A. T. & T. She did an excellent job in relating the concerns of Matteson.

Trustee Maxwell attended the demonstration of the residential sprinkler system at Chief Wilcox's home. It was very impressive, and she would hope it would go forward. She made a tour of Fire Station #1 and #2, and would like to emphasize the need for the new Fire Station. She was a judge at the F.Y.I. Talent Show, and commented there were many very talented young people in our area. At her own Butterfield Homeowners Association, Acting Chief Park and Mia Carter were guests. From that meeting, questions regarding what is going on in the Mall, what are we doing about the vacant buildings and have we started looking for a new Police Chief.

Trustee Johnson attended the Healing Racism Dinner, and felt Administrator Mekarski's speech was excellent and to the point. He was able to look over the

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sprinkler system information, and looks forward to more information in the months to come.

Trustee Brown attended the recent Plan Commission meeting at which the site plans of the BP Amoco station to be located by the Auto Mall were approved. He attended the Healing of Racism dinner and was very impressed with Administrator Mekarski's speech, also. It was direct, but with dignity – and gave people something to think about. He attended the Creekside Homeowners Meeting, whereas questions came up in regards to the apartment development the Board turned down.

President Stricker attended many of the same dinners and programs, and commended Administrator Mekarski on his fine speech. He met with the new Pastor of New Faith Baptist Church, shared thoughts and discussion, and plans to continue to work together. He reminded all to vote on Tuesday, March 19, 2002. He pointed out that a number of new precincts were established throughout our area because of the development growth. These changes are done exclusively by The Cook County Board of Elections, and not by the Village.

President Stricker referred to Opportunity for Public Comment.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

DeWayne Shipp, 6229 Virginia Lane – Last week he received a letter from the Matteson Olympia Fields Baseball Program, of which there were some serious allegations of the Matteson Parks and Recreation Department. He would like some clarification on the matter. President Stricker believed there would be further conversation on this matter as the meeting progressed.

Johnny Taylor, 4331 Thornwood Avenue – He inquired how the status of the Police Chief search is progressing. Mr. Taylor felt the Village should be staffed properly with a Police Chief. President Stricker responded that the gentleman who is Acting Police Chief has an outstanding career with the Police Department, and is doing an outstanding job. Mr. Taylor stated per our local ordinance that the Village should be staffed with a Police Chief and he would like to make a demand that a Police Chief Search be initiated immediately.

Lloyd Burchett, 60180 Creek Lane, - Representing the South Cook Cougars Traveling Baseball Team. In the past they were allowed to use Matteson's Notre Dame Field through approval of the Matteson Parks and Recreation Department, and would like such approval again. Director Ramsey stated last fall the Matteson Parks and Recreation Baseball League and the Matteson / Olympia Fields (MOF) League decided to merge. By doing so, it was indicated they would have priority of the fields, following ordinances, but not exclusive rights. Last year they had 10

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teams on 4 fields. The increase of participants of this year would allow them to have 21 teams, which Director Ramsey felt the use of 13 fields would be sufficient. Thus, Matteson P & R rescinded MOF availability of the Notre Dame Park, so the Cougars could use it again. MOF was displeased with this situation and sent out a derogatory letter to last year participants. Director Ramsey and liaison Trustee Motton have had numerous conversations with MOF, and have attempted a meeting of such. Trustee Motton indicated Mr. Veasly (President of MOF) stated he would meet with Trustee Motton personally, but instead he included the MOF board. Although Mr. Veasly was very upset, and not in agreement with Matteson Parks and Recreation use of the Notre Dame Field, Trustee Motton felt the MOF Board was more reasonable regarding this matter. Director Ramsey indicated he offered to help in the scheduling of the MOF League to allow them accommodation of all teams, but to no avail. He indicated they have failed to meet and discuss the matter further. President Stricker directed Director Ramsey to keep the Board abreast of the situation and confer with the Attorney and Administrator as needed to get this matter resolved. The Board indicated their support of Director Ramsey in his decision, and would like to see the matter resolved as soon as possible. They indicated the importance of a baseball league for the children. Director Ramsey indicated his regard is for the best for the children and baseball. The Board indicated they would like to see the South Cook Cougars leave the meeting with some assurance in respect to the Notre Dame Park.

There were no bids or awards of contracts to be considered.

1) At a previous meeting, the Village Attorney was asked to prepare an Ordinance to amend the dates of compensation paid to the Elected Officials from twice a year to a bi-weekly pay period, effective May 1, 2002.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, entitled "Board of Trustees", Chapter 31, entitled "Village Officials", and also Chapter 32, entitled "Departments, Boards and Commissions", Relative to the Dates of Compensation Paid to Elected Village Officers. Seconded by Trustee Green.

- AYES: (6) Green, Johnson, Brown, Ashmore, Motton, and Maxwell
- NAYS:(0)
- ABSTAIN: (0)
- ABSENT: (0)

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE DATES OF COMPENSATION PAID TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

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No new business at this time.

Trustee Ashmore again reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, and invited all to attend the Housing and Human Relations Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Motton and Trustee Maxwell indicated they would like the issue of a search for a new Police Chief addressed at the next board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Brown acknowledged Joe Vincent and Debra Howard's presence at the Board meeting.

Administrator Mekarski indicated the Lincoln / Cicero Banners are up, except for a few, which are reserved for "event banners". The next phase will be Banners for the community. He commented that the Village of Matteson employees donated 60 Easter baskets to the Rich Township Food Pantry. He also noted that the scheduled meeting with Lincoln Mall regarding questions for the Management would not take place until April.

President Stricker thanked all employees for their kind donation of Easter Baskets. He also indicated he nominated Joe Vincent to be recognized as "Outstanding Senior Citizen" at the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony presented by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (6) Green, Johnson, Brown, Ashmore,  
Motton, and Maxwell

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

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