

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 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2004

President Stricker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Andre Ashmore
Sam Brown
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Allan Johnson
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton Jr.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Robert Park, Police Chief; Robert Wilcox, Fire Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

President Stricker requested a moment of silence in memory of former State Senator Aldo DeAngeles who recently passed away and former State Representative Anthony Scariono, Sr. who passed away on Sunday.

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 5, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 5, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

PUBLIC HEARING OF
APRIL 5, 2004

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

b) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 5, 2004

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

c) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 12, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

SPECIAL MEETING OF
APRIL 12, 2004

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 12, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2004.

TREASURER'S REPORT –
MARCH, 2004

Trustee Motton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for March, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

SALARY, OVERTIME AND
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,

Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE
OFFICIALS

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Trustee Ashmore announced that the Administration/Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Village Hall and encouraged all to attend.

Trustee Brown reported that following the Plan Commission meeting of April 15, a Green Empowerment workshop was held. He noted that work is progressing on development of a mission statement to be presented to the Board in the near future.

Trustee Motton gave a brief report on the activities of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

The President and various Trustees reported their activities during the past week.

Mr. Joe Kolb, President of the Associated Firefighters of Matteson, read a letter addressed to Village Administrator Mekarski and Fire Chief Wilcox wherein the Association applauded and thanked them for their cooperation during contract negotiations.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS
AND AWARDING OF
CONTRACTS

CONSIDERATION OF A
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
AND MARKETING
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT

1) Ms. Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development, presented a Business Development and Marketing Consultant Agreement by and between the Village of Matteson and Elliott H. Johnson, President and CEO of Heyward & Johnson, Inc. and gave an overview of the Scope of Services as defined to date. It was noted that this contract is proposed to be accomplished without impact on the Village's General Revenue Fund. Mr. Johnson has submitted his letter of resignation from the Matteson Plan Commission.

Trustee Motton stated that for all future contracts, a Request For Proposal should be pursued.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted he would like to see payment tied to specific quantifiable goals. This could be in the form of a Performance Agreement whereby payment would be made as goals were obtained.

Trustee Brown noted that he is very comfortable with the agreement as presented and pointed out that there will be Progress Reports submitted on a monthly basis and the Village does have the option of negating the contract if such action is warranted.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees approve a Business Development and Marketing Consultant Agreement with Elliott Johnson, President and CEO of Heyward & Johnson, Inc. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

Following further discussion by the Board, the following vote was taken:

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

President Stricker presented Mr. Elliott Johnson's letter of resignation from the Plan Commission for Board consideration.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board accept the letter of resignation of Elliott Johnson from the Plan Commission effective April 16, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

The President and Board of Trustees thanked Mr. Johnson for his years of service to the community.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

2) President Stricker stated a letter of intent to retire was received from Police Chief Robert Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Imoukhuede, as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met to discuss this matter. Because the term of Police Chief coincides with the term to which the Village President is elected, if a new Police Chief were appointed in September, 2004 - the proposed retirement date of Chief Park - the newly appointed Chief would only be contracted through April, 2005.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT PARK – LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE

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Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Board waive the residency requirement for Chief Park and in return, Chief Park will continue employment with the Village through April, 2005.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board reject Chief Park’s letter of intent, dated April 6, 2004, to retire effective September, 2004, and authorize the Village President to execute a revised contract agreement, waiving the residency requirement as noted in the current agreement, and providing for the retention of Chief Park as Chief of Police for the Village of Matteson for the full term of his contract, which expires April 30, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

Following Board discussion, the following vote was taken:

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

3) Police Chief Park presented an ordinance renaming Post Avenue to DeWit Drive in honor of Officer Eric E. DeWit, who died in the line of duty on February 17, 2003.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance renaming Post Avenue to DeWit Drive in the Village of Matteson, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A VILLAGE STREET

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

It was noted that a dedication ceremony will be held in the near future.

4) Chief Park noted that an ordinance similar to that of Matteson’s pertaining to the curfew hours for minors has been found unconstitutional by the 7th Court of Appeals. Therefore, the proposed ordinance prepared by Attorney Perozzi addresses and corrects those sections deemed as unconstitutional.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance amending Chapter 132, entitled “Offenses Against Public Order” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, relative to curfew hours for

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132, ENTITLED “OFFENSES AGAINST

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minors as reviewed and presented by the Village Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

It was noted that curfew hours remain the same; however, various exceptions have been added.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

5) Mr. Anthony Carollo, President of the Matteson Rotary Club, stated that the Matteson Rotary Club and St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church request approval to host a carnival at Lincoln Mall from May 12 through May 16, 2004. He indicated the carnival operator is Spectacular Midways, the same company used by the Club in 2000 and 2001. He noted that the company prides itself on its dedication to safety and professionalism, which is demonstrated by the impressive repeat business they receive.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve a Special Event Permit to allow this carnival contingent upon compliance with the following conditions:

- That a minimum of two police officers be hired from the Village of Matteson for security during the duration of the carnival. These officers will be working overtime; therefore, the overtime salary must be reimbursed to the Village of Matteson
- The Fire Department Personnel must have access to the rides. There must also be fire extinguishers at all rides and vendors that are preparing cooked food. All rides must also have current safety inspections.
- The applicant must arrange rental of a water meter with the Department of Public Works if hydrants will be used.

Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

Trustee Ashmore noted that this was the type of presentation and function that he could support, as opposed to the circus event that occurred last year wherein there was no company representation at the Board meeting and was run very poorly.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted his support for the Rotary Club as well.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Johnson, Marshall,
and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (1) Brown (due to his Rotary Club Membership)

ABSENT: (0)

PUBLIC ORDER" OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE VILLAGE OF
MATTESON, COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
RELATIVE TO CURFEW
HOURS FOR MINORS

CONSIDERATION OF A
REQUEST FOR A
CARNIVAL FOR
MATTESON ROTARY CLUB
AND ST. LAWRENCE
O'TOOLE CATHOLIC
CHURCH

6) Ms. Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development, explained that the need for an Electrical Inspection Department and an Electrical Commission are no longer necessary because the Building Department regulates all aspects of construction including electrical installations.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance repealing and deleting sections of the Municipal Code relating to the creation of an Electrical Inspection Department and the creation of an Electrical Commission. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ORDINANCE REPEALING
AND DELETING SECTIONS
RELATING TO THE
CREATION OF AN
ELECTRICAL INSPECTION
DEPARTMENT AND THE
CREATION OF AN
ELECTRICAL
COMMISSION

7) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board pass an Ordinance adopting the Budget for all Corporate purposes of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year commencing the first day of May, 2004 and ending the thirtieth day of April, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the item on the South Suburban Alliance Membership in the amount of \$5,000.00 be removed from the budget. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

CONSIDERATION OF AN
ORDINANCE ADOPTING
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2004-05

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that it is an austere budget, and he felt the Alliance has not done anything for the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Motton stated he felt that with the procurement of the services of Mr. Johnson as well as the current Community Development staff, that the marketing of the Village could be accomplished in-house.

Trustees Ashmore and Johnson and President Stricker voiced their support in maintaining membership in the Alliance.

The following vote was taken to amend the proposed FY 04-05 Budget by deleting membership in the South Suburban Alliance.

AYES: (2) Imoukhuede and Motton

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NAYS:(4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Marshall
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede commended Mr. Linear for the fine job he has done on the Budget, but noted that he could not support it due to the failure to remove the Alliance membership.

Trustee Marshall noted that the statement made regarding lack of accomplishment by the Alliance is strictly that Board member's opinion.

Trustees Ashmore and Motton commended Mr. Linear for the excellent job during the entire Budget process and also thanked the entire management team and staff for their support.

President Stricker added his accolades and noted that the auditors are very optimistic regarding the upcoming audit.

The following vote was taken to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05 as presented.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(1) Imoukhuede
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

8) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the Final Revised Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board pass an Ordinance adopting the final revised Budget for all Corporate purposes of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year commencing the first day of May, 2003 and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustees Brown and Johnson and Administrator Mekarski commended Mr. Linear on the excellent job that he has done.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted that he was not involved in the development process of the current budget, and stated he cannot support the tax increases that are a part of that budget.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN
ORDINANCE ADOPTING A
FINAL REVISED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 03-04

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AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(1) Imoukhuede

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

9) Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance approving the Final Development Plan for Lord & Essex Homes for a Planned Single Family Residential Development for Parcel 4 of Brookmere. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LORD & ESSEX HOMES FOR A PLANNED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PARCEL 4 OF BROOKMERE

10) There being no need for an Executive Session, Trustee Imoukhuede moved that Item 10, Request for Executive Session, be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

OTHER BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

11) Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the Associated Firefighters of Matteson Local 3086, International Association of Firefighters be approved as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MATTESON AND THE ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTERS OF MATTESON LOCAL 3086,

Administrator Mekarski thanked Chief Wilcox and Mr. Kolb for their efforts in

INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
FIREFIGHTERS

producing an agreement wherein both parties benefit.

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Trustee Johnson stated that the Library will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on April 24.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted that the Public Safety Committee will be scheduling a meeting to discuss Fire Department equipment.

Trustee Brown thanked all the staff for their efforts in making the Budget process go smoothly.

Trustee Motton presented the following items for consideration:

- He would like to see the Village recognize volunteers who serve the community, other than Commissioners who are recognized by a Village-hosted dinner.
- He requested that some type of "Village of Matteson" sign be placed on the dais during Board meetings to identifying the meetings on cable television as Village of Matteson Board meetings.
- He requested that the Board discuss options for the financing of a Village sign at their next regularly scheduled workshop meeting.
- He would like the landscaping around the Village Hall reviewed and a plan developed to enhance the aesthetics.

Trustee Imoukhuede congratulated all Board and Commission members for their dedication and service to the community and expressed his regrets that he would be unable to attend the Commissioner Dinner on the 23rd.

Administrator Mekarski reported that he and Ms. Kingma will be attending the ICMA Best Practices Award in Annapolis, Maryland, on April 22 and 23.

Mr. Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works noted that the viaduct project is undergoing final fine tuning of the system and should be in operation in the very near future.

President Stricker reported that *Matteson Avenue* airs on Wednesdays and encouraged all to tune in.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:28 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk