

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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005

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

Trustee Motton was absent for Roll Call.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Frank Myers, Village Administrator; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks and Recreation; Robert Park, Police Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Robert Wilcox, Fire Chief; Robin Kelly, Director of Community Affairs; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

Trustee Motton arrived at 7:32 p.m.

**COMMENTS BY VILLAGE  
OFFICIALS**

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Trustee Ashmore reported that at the February 1 Administration/Finance Committee meeting, a subcommittee was formed with the Library to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of common concern.

Trustee Johnson reported that the Development and Public Works Committee met last week and reviewed various ongoing projects.

Trustee Motton acknowledged that Risk Management Resources donated \$1,500 to the Matteson Basketball League and presented the check to Administrator Myers. He also noted that it is anticipated that \$1,500 will also be donated to the Baseball League.

**PRESENTATIONS**

a) **BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH RESOLUTIONS**

Matteson School District 162 students Alyssa Hernandez, Krystle Jones, and Kennedy Thomas read a resolution they prepared for Black History Month.

The President and Board of Trustees commended the students for their outstanding work and presentation.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution for Black History Month. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Elementary School District 159 students Ayana Worthey, Bolu Oladini, and Olivia Jackson read a resolution they prepared for Black History Month.

The President and Board of Trustees commended the students for their outstanding work and presentation.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution for Black History Month. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

President Stricker acknowledged and congratulated Robin Kelly on her appointment as House Chairman.

Mr. Dwight Lockwood, Law Enforcement Liaison for the Illinois Department of Transportation, recognized Officer German Salamanca and Officer Robert Wilson for their outstanding work in removing alcohol-impaired drivers from the streets and presented them with a commemorative certificate.

b) **IDOT RECOGNITION -  
OFFICER WILSON AND  
OFFICER SALAMANCA**

The President and Board of Trustees congratulated Officer Salamanca and Officer Wilson for their fine work.

Mr. Veloid Cotton, Housing and Human Relations Commissioner, presented the

c) **HOUSING AND HUMAN**

Housing and Human Relations Committee Annual Report and gave a brief overview of some of the various functions of the Committee.

RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE REPORT

The President and Board of Trustees thanked the Committee for their hard work and commitment.

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board accept and place on file the Housing and Human Relations Committee Annual Report as presented. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

President Stricker reported that the Lincoln Mall Update will be heard on February 22 in Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(5) – Purchase of Real Estate.

d) LINCOLN MALL  
UPDATE

Mr. Eric Harwell announced that St. Lawrence O’Toole will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Village of Matteson. He added that St. Lawrence O’Toole will be hosting a “candidates night” forum and invited all candidates to participate. No date was announced.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Larry McWherter, President of Glenridge/Crickett Hill/Oxford Estates Homeowners Association, voiced his concern over the lack of pedestrian access to the Old Plank Road Trail. Inasmuch as the Auto Mall does not have any public sidewalks in front of their establishments, he recommended that sidewalks be required in front of any future developments along the west side of Central Avenue to provide such access. It was noted that various factors must be taken into consideration when planning for such walkways; however, sidewalks will be considered in conjunction with future road improvements.

Mr. McWherter also noted his concern over the lack of safe pedestrian access to the Lincoln Mall area.

Ms. Harley, 3118 Holden Circle, advised the Board of several businesses she became aware of that are planning on closing in the Mall and added that she was very anxious to see some development begin at the Mall. The Board assured Ms. Harley that they share her concern and noted that it is anticipated that progress will begin this spring.

Mr. Trent Singleton, 1328 Vincennes, Chicago Heights, voiced his personal opinion and beliefs on various issues.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items, being the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2005 and the Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

1. Regular Meeting of January 18, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

ACTIVE AGENDA

A1. Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, stated that requests for proposals from local banking institutions were received. Following thorough review, staff recommends that Harris Trust and Savings Bank provide banking services for the Village's Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Drug Forfeiture checking accounts.

Trustee Ashmore noted that the Administration/Finance Committee reviewed this item at length and determined it to be in the best interest of the Village to enter into an agreement with Harris Trust and Savings Bank for said banking services.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board pass a Resolution for formal approval of Harris Trust and Savings to provide banking services for the Village of Matteson's Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Drug Forfeiture checking accounts. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of January 18, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None**

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution for Formal Approval of Harris Trust and Savings to Provide Banking Services for the Village of Matteson's Accounts Payable, Payroll and Drug Forfeiture Checking Accounts

A2. President Stricker provided background information on the proposed resolution noting that the Cook County Board President has proposed the creation of a new 2% Hotel Room Tax, 2% Restaurant Meal Tax, and \$200 annual Video Game Machine Registration Fee in order to provide additional revenue for the County. The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is in opposition to these proposed new taxes and has requested municipalities to pass a resolution expressing opposition to the proposed tax increases as well.

2. Consideration of a Resolution Opposing the Proposed 2% Cook County Hotel & Restaurant Tax

Board members expressed their concurrence with the opposition. (*See attached partial transcript.*)

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution opposing the proposed Cook County Hospitality Industry Taxes. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

A3. Police Chief Robert Park stated that due to the retirement of Detective Michael Halpin, the sworn personnel staffing will be reduced by one patrol officer.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Matteson Fire & Police Commission to hire one Patrol Officer to replace the position vacated by the retirement of Detective Michael Halpin. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

3. Request to Direct the Fire and Police Commission to Hire One (1) Patrol Officer

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

B1. Fire Chief Bob Wilcox reviewed the bidding process for the demolition of Lincoln Mall Cinema. It is proposed that the scope of the project be limited to the demolition of the building only at this time. Also, while Midwest Wrecking Company appeared to be the lowest bidder, they took exception to the Bid Specifications in two areas. These deviations from the specifications covered site

- B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

security and the proper termination of utilities. Following staff review, it was concluded that these two elements were critical to the project. Therefore, it is recommended that the bid of Midwest Wrecking Company be rejected for cause and the next lowest bidder, Bechstein Construction Corp., be awarded the contract.

1. Consideration of Bids for the Demolition of Lincoln Mall Cinema

It was noted that funds for this demolition will initially be taken from revenue generated from TIF #4. A lien will be placed on the property in an amount sufficient to recapture all costs associated with this project.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees accept the proposal from the lowest responsible bidder, Bechstein Construction Company, for the demolition of Lincoln Mall Cinema building in the amount of \$69,900 and that all bids for the demolition of the parking lot area be rejected. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn, at the end of this meeting, to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel and Section 2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

#### C. OTHER BUSINESS

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

1. Request for Executive Session

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dorian Riley, the son of Olympia Fields Trustee Al Riley, who passed away due to injuries he sustained in a recent car accident.

Administrator Myers reported that the Village will be requesting funding for three traffic signals as part of this year's Transportation Bill. Applications have been prepared and submitted for traffic signalization at the intersections of Cicero Avenue / Village Commons and Cicero Avenue / 207<sup>th</sup> Street, and signalization improvements at the intersection of Lincoln Highway / Ridgeland Avenue.

Chief Park reported on the recent shooting incident that occurred within the Village. He assured the Board that while such unfortunate incidents do occur, they are not commonplace in the community.

Attorney Perozzi reported that the closing on the purchase of the wetlands tract, which was funded entirely through State of Illinois grants, as well as the donation of open space land to the Village, took place on January 28, 2005.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:11 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 7, 2005

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