

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 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006

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

Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Allan Johnson
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

Trustee Ashmore was absent.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator/Finance Director; Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Regulatory Services; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions, and in particular, the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

a) Trustee Committee
Reports

In response to questioning from Trustee Motton, Attorney Perozzi stated that even though one Trustee is absent, four votes would still be required to override the President's veto.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board table Item 9B1 – Creation of a New Position of Director of Public Safety. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer. Attorney Perozzi advised the Board that the motion is out of order in that Illinois State Statute 65ILCS5/3.1-40-50 states that the Board must consider the vetoed item at their next regular meeting after receipt of the objection. Attorney Perozzi expounded that in order to override a veto, a two-thirds majority of all Trustees holding office is required. President Stricker ruled that the motion is out of order.

Trustee Motton left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Trustee Marshall read a prepared statement wherein she voiced her concerns over Board proceedings that have taken place over the last six months.

Trustee Motton returned at 7:55 p.m.

It was noted that the Public Comment portion of the meeting will be conducted as it has been in the past; however, the Board will continue to review various options.

Ms. Deborah Cotton, 123 Old Mill Road, voiced her displeasure over a new business that opened up in the space previously occupied by Service Merchandise. She indicated it appeared to be some sort of a flea market and questioned whether that type of use was brought before the Plan Commission for approval. Staff will review the matter.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, requested information on homeowners' association meetings and on Trustee Sawyer's H.A.V.E. Committee. Trustee Sawyer explained the purpose of his Committee and encouraged all to get involved. Trustee Marshall noted that the Housing and Human Relations Commission is also a valuable source of information, as well as Mia Carter, Police Community Coordinator.

Clerk Dorothy Grisco, 433 Lilac Lane, expressed her displeasure over the apparent Board division and urged all members to work together for the good of the Village.

The NiCor Gas representative was unable to attend. Therefore, the presentation will be made at a future meeting.

Mr. Rives Castleman, Freehold Management Company, gave an update on the progress of the redevelopment of Lincoln Mall. He noted that the new connector road is approximately 40 percent completed and gave a brief description of the types of retail tenants currently negotiating occupancy in the redeveloped Mall. In response to questioning from the Board, Mr. Castleman stated that the April, 2004 Redevelopment Agreement designated \$45 million in TIF funds for the project. He also stated that the redevelopment plan will provide for a combination of both indoor and outdoor mall facilities. It is anticipated that the project will be substantially completed by the end of 2007.

President Stricker announced that a meeting was had with the Village's lobbyist wherein it was reported that Federal funds have been earmarked and an April letting date is scheduled for the new signalization on Cicero Avenue and 207th as well as upgrades for Southcom.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

6. PRESENTATION

a) NiCor Gas – Check
Presentation

b) Lincoln Mall Update

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Regular Meeting of January 3, 2006

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the contract with B & P Apparatus Inc. for the listing of Truck 5 for the purpose of selling the vehicle upon receipt of the new Truck 5, with a minimum listing price of \$55,000 and authorize Acting Fire Chief Nick Wilkens to be the agent for the Village of Matteson in this action. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. Renew, for the plan year 02/01/06 thru 01/31/07, the specific and aggregate insurance coverages currently held with

Majestic

Underwriters, LLC and administered by CCMSI, at the renewal rates presented to staff with a total maximum plan liability increase of 2%. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Mr. Otis Gilmore, Risk Management Resources, Inc., gave a brief synopsis of the coverage changes which will enhance the insurance program for employees. He noted that because of the Village's excellent claims record, the renewal rate provides for only a 2% increase.

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B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization to Sign Contract to Sell Truck 5 – Fire Department
2. Employee Health Insurance Renewal

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

9. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report – December, 2005

Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear presented the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2005.

Trustee Motton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

President Stricker noted that the creation of a new position of Director of Public Safety was discussed earlier in this meeting.

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board table consideration of an ordinance adopting a Village of Matteson Amended Reorganization Plan. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (2) Johnson and Marshall
NAYS: (3) Imoukhuede, Motton and Sawyer
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Ashmore

Motion failed.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board take a 10 minute recess. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

AYES: (4) Imoukhuede, Johnson, Motton and Sawyer
NAYS: (1) Marshall
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Ashmore

The Board recessed at 9:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Allan Johnson
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

B.OLD BUSINESS

1. Creation of a New Position of Director of Public Safety
2. Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Village of Matteson Amended Reorganization Plan

BOARD RECESS

ROLL CALL

Trustee Ashmore was absent.

Trustee Imoukhuede move that the Board reconsider the motion to table Item 9B2 - consideration of an ordinance adopting a Village of Matteson Amended Reorganization Plan. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board table consideration of an ordinance adopting a Village of Matteson Amended Reorganization Plan. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

C.OTHER BUSINESS
1. Request for Executive
Session

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(21) – Review and Disclosure of Prior Closed Session Minutes, for the purpose of reviewing and determining the status of prior closed session minutes with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton stated that he has always respected democracy and never chastised any Trustee for their opinion and requested that fellow Board members give the same consideration. He emphasized that there must also be respect between elected officials and employees.

Trustee Sawyer stated on behalf of the H.A.V.E. Committee that empowerment should be given back to the people.

Trustee Marshall reported that Trustee Ashmore's mother is doing well following surgery.

Trustee Imoukhuede reiterated the importance of democracy.

President Stricker noted that the duty of elected officials is to serve the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:55 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk