

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 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 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

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

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.

Matteson School District 162 students Katelynn Pruitt and Kenneth Harris, 8th Grade, and Matteson School District 159 student India Steward, 5th Grade, read resolutions they prepared for Black History Month.

PRESENTATIONS

- a) Black History Month Resolutions

The President and Board of Trustees commended the students for their outstanding work and presentation of the Black History Month Resolutions.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees pass two Resolutions for Black History Month as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Ms. Jill Evans, Asset Manager for Meritex property, and Mr. Keith Stauber of Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler, broker for Meritex property, gave a brief overview of the disadvantages the Meritex property faces due to newer competing warehousing being constructed in Will County where real estate

- b) Industrial Real Estate Market Overview for Meritex Property

taxes are lower. They also briefed the Board on the benefits of adding a rail spur to the property to make it more marketable and noted that this proposal would be presented to the Board in more detail at their February 13th Workshop.

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions and commemorated the life of Coretta Scott King, who recently passed away.

Trustee Ashmore reported that plans are being finalized for attendance at the ICSC Convention which is held in May. He also noted that the Culver's project is underway, the Hampton Inn & Suites is in the process of finalizing project details, and the Lincoln Mall Redevelopment project appears to be on schedule.

Trustee Johnson encouraged all to attend Plan and Zoning Commission meetings.

Trustee Motton noted the importance of the DARE Program and requested a list of dates for the DARE graduations in Matteson.

Trustee Sawyer made a motion to honor Mr. Ed Long, the first African-American Trustee in the Village of Matteson; Ms. Allene Maxwell, the first African-American Female Trustee in the Village of Matteson; and Ms. Donna Brumfield, the first African-American Village Clerk in the Village of Matteson with plaques, and also to honor the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post #311, the first African-American Veterans of Foreign War Post in the Village of Matteson. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

It was noted that items intended for Board action should be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting, especially those that would require the expenditure of monies.

Trustee Sawyer made a motion to stop the action of gift giving from vendors, contractors or any other parties doing business in the Village of Matteson for both staff and elected officials. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

It was noted that the Village has already adopted an Ethics Ordinance as required by State Statute. Therefore, this motion would serve to reiterate and re-emphasize the existing ordinance. A copy of the Ethics Ordinance will be

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a) Trustee Committee
Reports

distributed to the Board.

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

A moment of silence was had in remembrance of Coretta Scott King.

Pastor Leroy Johnson, 617 Appian Way, stated he felt there were many discrepancies in the Village's hiring practices. Director of Human Resources Robert Crouch will look into the matter.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mark Parrish, 6005 Amherst Place, stated that his back yard is along Route 30 and expressed the need for some sort of berm or guardrail to be installed for safety reasons. Because Route 30 is a State highway, staff will contact IDOT to discuss the matter.

Ms. Dorothy Howard, 148 Huntingwood, announced that the Tuskegee Airmen Young Eagles Program is offering a free plane ride for young people between the ages of 7 and 17.

Mr. Darrell Hill, 208 Grafton Place, questioned whether James Williams & Company, LLC, the company listed on the Board's agenda to provide accounting support to the Village, is a Matteson business. It was noted that the company was not located in Matteson. Mr. Hill also questioned how often the minutes of the Board's Closed Sessions are reviewed to determine whether they can be released. It was noted that the Board reviews them every six months.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, stated she is interested in starting a neighborhood watch program in her subdivision. She also questioned what the status was on the placement of another stop sign on Central Avenue. It was noted that the matter is being studied to determine the need and feasibility of the placement of a new stop sign on Central Avenue.

Ms. Gwendolyn Carson, 45 Cloverleaf, President of the Woodgate Homeowners Association, announced that there will be a Career Night on February 27 at the Woodgate School.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board take a 5 minute recess. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

BOARD RECESS

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

Motton, and Sawyer

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

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A.CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

1. Regular Meeting of
January 17, 2006

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Regular Meeting of January 17, 2006

B.CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and
Accounts Payable

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

C.CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Replacement of Village
Administrator’s Vehicle

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS
1. Waive the formal bidding procedures affording the opportunity to accept the quote from Sutton Ford on the purchase of a 2006 Ford Five Hundred in the amount of \$29,112 less the trade in of \$14,000 leaving a balance of \$15,112. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D.NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an
Engagement Letter
authorizing James Williams
& Company, LLC, Certified
Public Accountants to
provide general accounting

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the Engagement Letter authorizing James Williams & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants to provide

general accounting support for the Finance Department –
Approved by Omnibus Vote

support for the Finance
Department

**8. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA - None**

9. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Village of Matteson Amended Reorganization Plan

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution amending the Office of Administrator's Budget for an Administrator's Intern to allow for a contribution to support a local student's efforts to participate in United States Model House of Representatives

Trustee Motton moved to adopt the Organizational Plan as amended.
Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Village Administrator Lafayette Linear noted that Mr. David Lee Bonner, a long time Matteson resident and college student, has an opportunity to participate in a program titled, The United States Model House of Representatives, and is requesting the Board to contribute \$200 towards this endeavor.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution amending the Office of Administrator's Budget for an Administrator's Intern to allow for a contribution of \$200 to support a local student's efforts to participate in United States Model House of Representatives. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede requested that in the future he would like to see information provided to the Board as it relates to students' efforts to raise funding to pursue their aspirations as well as any community service work they have performed.

Administrator Linear noted that with the acquisition of the Pontiac and Buick

2. Amendment to Arnie Bauer

franchises from Miller Consolidated to Arnie Bauer Cadillac, it is necessary to amend the current incentive agreements to reflect these changes and the conditions tied to them.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the staff with the assistance of the Economic Development Attorney to amend the Arnie Bauer Cadillac-GMC Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

Mr. David Bauer thanked the Board and staff for their assistance in this matter.

Director of Regulatory Services Vince Laoang stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is scheduled to perform improvements, including the installation of traffic signals, at the intersection of Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue) and 207th Street this year. In order to meet their scheduled letting date of April 28, 2006, they require an executed agreement prior to February 15.

3. Authorizing the Execution of an agreement between the Village of Matteson and IDOT for Intersection Improvements at Illinois Route 50 and 207th Street

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village President to execute the agreement between the Village of Matteson and Illinois Department of Transportation for intersection improvements at Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue) and 207th Street. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

Regulatory Services Director Laoang stated that IDOT requires a funding resolution be passed committing the funds for the Village's share of the Route 50 and 207th Street intersection improvement project. He noted that the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$409,400, of which the Village's share is \$27,025.

4. Funding Resolution
Committing the Village to pay its share of the cost of the IDOT Intersection Improvements at Illinois Route 50 and 207th Street

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Funding Resolution committing to pay its share in the amount of \$27,025.00 for the proposed intersection improvements at Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue) and 207th Street. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

C. OTHER BUSINESS

President Stricker announced that there will be a Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

1. Minutes of Closed Sessions

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees hold the minutes of the following closed session meetings for confidentiality: July 5, 2005; July 6, 2005; July 18, 2005; August 1, 2005; August 15, 2005; August 30, 2005; September 6, 2005; September 19, 2005; October 3, 2005; October 17, 2005; November 21, 2005; December 5, 2005; and December 19, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

2. Request for Executive Session

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining, for the purpose of updating the Board on upcoming contract issues, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Ashmore announced that the Housing and Human Relations Commission will be hosting a roundtable discussion/meeting in March.

Trustee Sawyer thanked the H.A.V.E. Committee for all their efforts during the recent voter registration drive.

Trustee Imoukhuede said farewell and Godspeed to Mr. Long, who will be moving out of state.

Trustee Johnson welcomed Erika Enigk, the new STAR Newspaper Reporter.

Administrator Linear wished Mr. Long a fond farewell and thanked various staff members for their help and support.

Regulatory Services Director Laoang announced that notices were sent out to residents in the historic Matteson area informing them of water main improvements that will be occurring in their area. He encouraged any resident with special needs to contact the Village.

Clerk Grisco announced that the next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, due to the Presidents' Day holiday. She also reported that Cook County has changed their voting methods beginning with the March 21, 2006 Primary Election. The Cook County Clerk's Office will be holding a "Demonstration Day" on Saturday, February 11, at Lincoln Mall to allow voters an opportunity to try out the new election equipment.

Former Village Trustee Edward Long addressed the Board and stated that it was his hope that during his years with the Village that he was able to help bring about a better way of life for all of the residents of the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:35 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk