

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF MATTESON PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS
ON THIS 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 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
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

Trustee Johnson was absent.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Robert Crouch, Director of Human Resources; Greg Bates, Director of Recreational Programs; Gregory Meyers, Budget Officer; George Pfothauer, Deputy Police Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Engineering & Regulatory Services; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a) Trustee Committee
Reports

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions, including the Matteson Holiday Fest. They wished Trustee Johnson a speedy recovery and wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Ashmore reported that the Economic Development Committee met on December 13, wherein one of the items discussed was the return of J.C. Penney.

Trustee Marshall reported that the Police Department held a Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony on December 5.

President Stricker noted that the Village received a report from our lobbyist wherein it stated that due to the new political lineup in the Federal government, there will be no appropriations given for 2006.

PRESENTATION

- a) Officer Robert Wilson will be presented an award from IDOT for DUI Enforcement

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of December 4, 2006

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Special Use Permit as required by Section 159.22(D) of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance in order to operate a for profit resale shop in the C-1, Local Business Zoning District located at 3713 West 216th Street

2. Consideration of Special Use Permit as required by Section 159.22(B) in order to operate a Warehouse Distribution Facility within the MXD District located at 5541 Miller Circle Drive

3. Consideration of a

Mr. Robert Park, on behalf of the IDOT Division of Traffic Safety, commended Officer Robert Wilson for his DUI enforcement efforts and presented him with the Illinois Department of Transportation Achievement Award in recognition of his efforts in contributing to highway traffic safety through DUI arrests. The President and Board congratulated Officer Wilson.

Deputy Chief Pfothenauer stated that the Village has received grant money and will be conducting traffic safety control, seatbelt and speed checks in the near future.

No one from the audience wished to speak.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sawyer noted the following correction to the minutes of the December 4, 2006 meeting: change the wording on Page 12-133-06, the fourth paragraph, from “*watch out for*” to “**reach out to**”.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, with the noted correction to the minutes. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

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

1. Regular Meeting of December 4, 2006

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve a Special Use Permit to allow a for-profit resale shop in the C-1 zoning district located at 3713 West 216th Street, as presented, and direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

2. The Board of Trustees approve a Special Use Permit to allow a

an

Warehouse Distribution facility in the MXD district located at 5541 Miller Circle and direct the Village Attorney to prepare

Landscape Plan for J.C. Penney located on Lot 3 of Lincoln Mall Resubdivision

Ordinance. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

- 3. The Board of Trustees approve a landscape plan for J. C. Penney as presented. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
- 4. The Board of Trustees establish a massage use for Lashonda Crockett, as an appropriate use in the MXD Zoning District, including any conditions considered appropriate. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
- 5. The Board of Trustees approve the Final Plat of Resubdivision of Lot 1 in Matteson Auto Mall Unit 2. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

- 4. Consideration of an interpretation of use not specifically listed in Section 159.22(C) of the Zoning Ordinance for a new massage business to be located at 188 Towncenter Road
- 5. Consideration of an approval of a Final Plat of Resubdivision of Lot 1 in Matteson Auto Mall, Unit 2

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

9. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of Budget Line Item Adjustment to Fund Employee Christmas Gift Cards

Trustee Motton moved that the Board table this item. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

Motion failed.

Administrator Linear stated that even as the Village continues to grow and certain key positions remain vacant, staff has continued to provide needed services in a professional manner. It was proposed that line item adjustments be made to fund a \$50 gift card to each employee to recognize them for their outstanding efforts and teamwork.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated he believed Matteson employees were the highest paid in the area and felt that if there was excess money in the budget, it should go to the taxpayers.

Trustee Motton stated he felt any surplus should be returned to the community and suggested that staff target a needed area that was eliminated during the budget process.

Trustee Marshall stated she felt the money should be used to help fund community needs.

Trustee Sawyer stated he felt serious thought was put into all facets of the proposal and, therefore, backed Administrator Linear's recommendation.

Trustee Ashmore stated he did not feel the residents would begrudge the staff a \$50 Christmas bonus/gift card. He added that he trusted Administrator Linear's judgment and wholeheartedly supported the proposal.

President Stricker stated he felt this item should have been brought to the Board at a workshop for discussion.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village Administrator to amend the Village's budget to effect the line item changes noted above for the purpose of purchasing Christmas gift cards for the Village staff. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

AYES: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer
NAYS: (4) Imoukhuede, Marshall, Motton and Stricker
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Johnson

Motion failed.

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2007 Matteson Fest Budget as presented. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007 in the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

2. Consideration of the 2007
Matteson Fest Budget for
Fiscal Year 07/08

3. Consideration of an
Ordinance Levying
Property
Taxes for the Fiscal Year
Beginning May 1, 2006 and
Ending April 30, 2007 in
the Village of Mattson,
Cook County, Illinois

The Board and staff wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton stated that he does support Administrator Linear; however, in regard to the employee gift agenda item, he had to vote his conscience as to what he felt was right.

Trustee Sawyer commended Director of Recreational Programs Greg Bates on the excellent job he is doing.

Trustee Imoukhuede reminded everyone that if you drink, don't drive.

Administrator Linear wished Trustee Johnson a speedy recovery.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 18, 2006

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