

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 7th DAY OF JANUARY 2008

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
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Kevin Little
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Sam Brown
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:37 p.m.)

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Richard Smeaton, Senior Planner; Kathleen Murray, Human Resources Angela Simington, Recording Secretary; and the Media.

President Stricker welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Trustee Ashmore wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year. He reported that the Administration and Finance Committee will meet on January 8, 2008 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

a. Trustee Committee
Reports

Trustee Motton wished everyone a happy new year. He encouraged everyone to attend the Martin Luther King Celebration which will be held on January 21, 2008 at Lincoln Mall at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Little reported that the Economic Development Commission will meet on Wednesday January 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and the Housing & Human Relations Commission will meet on January 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Imoukhuede wished everyone a happy new year and stated that his prayer is for much success for the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Brown wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

President Stricker wished everyone a happy new year and he reported that the Village Staff is very busy serving the residents of the Village.

Ms. Iona Greenfield of 401 Providence Drive said she was upset because she was arrested by the police department during a traffic stop. She stated that she did not like the way it was handled.

Trustee Usher Sawyer, III said that he has received a number of phone calls regarding the police department and that the matter needs to be looked into.

Trustee Ashmore apologized to Ms. Greenfield and directed the Village Administrator to look into the matter and report back to the board.

Ms. Debbie Vann of 6601 Pasture side Trail reported that on December 2, 2007 she was pulled over by the police department and she alleged she was treated unfairly.

Acting Chief Burnson met the two residents in the hall to further discuss their issues.

Attorney Perozzi reminded everyone that complaints regarding the police and fire departments need to be sent to the acting chiefs of those departments and the matter is then addressed by the Police and Fire Commission.

Trustee Motton said that officers are given some room for discretion during traffic stops while following whatever procedure the departments has in place.

Trustee Brown encouraged everyone to simply follow the law.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Motton requested that the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to pass the items remaining on Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton
Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

**5. OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES *-removed*

B. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and
Accounts Payable

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Removed*

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

Trustee Motton made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2007 contingent upon the inclusion of his closing comments. Seconded by Trustee Usher Sawyer, III.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton
Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Mr. Smeaton stated that it is uncertain whether the increased traffic flow can be accommodated with the requested development on the northeast Corner of Central Avenue and Lincoln Highway until further research is concluded.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that it is important that the Village move swiftly with regard to developer's requests because there are various time issues involved.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to table the matter and refer it back to the Plan Commission. The motion did not receive a second.

Trustee Brown stated that the developer has not presented concrete plans to the Plan Commission as to who the tenants will be or exactly what the developer plans to do with the property.

Trustee Motton stated that once the property is rezoned, the developer's options are more open and the Village relinquishes some control.

Mr. Smeaton was directed to contact the developer to let them know the decision.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to deny the reclassification of 2.58 acres of land from R-2 to C-4 located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Lincoln Highway. Seconded by Trustee Little.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton

**7. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

A. CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES

1. Regular meeting of
December 17, 2007

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment as required by Section 159.90 of the Village Code to reclassify approximately 2.58 acres of land from R-2 to C-4 at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Lincoln Highway.

Little
NAYS: (1) Imoukhuede
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

B. OLD BUSINESS
1. Request for Executive Session

Trustee Motton made a Motion to convene to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c) (2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton
Little, Imoukhuede
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Ashmore reported that the Administration and Finance Committee will meet on January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He encouraged everyone to attend and he wished everyone a happy new year.

Trustee Motton reminded the administrator of the need for a Resolution for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Trustee Little said that all of the residents concerns are taken seriously and that he would like staff to thoroughly investigate the comments regarding the police department and get back to the board with a full report. He also stated that January 8, 2008 is the last day to register for the coming election. He encouraged everyone to register to vote.

Trustee Imoukhuede wished a happy birthday to everyone born in January. He also reported that garbage is frequently being dumped on Ridgeland Avenue in the Glen Eagle/Creekside subdivisions. He reminded residents to report those occurrences to the police.

Trustee Brown thanked everyone for attending the board meeting. He stated that the resident's concerns are taken seriously and will be looked into. He wished elected officials and staff born in January a happy birthday.

Trustee Usher Sawyer, III stated that everyone should get involved and get informed. He stated that elected officials are here because the residents but them here. He stated that officials need to know what is going on with the Village. He stated that some of the roads in the Village are property of and maintained by Cook County. He stated that residents can call 708-388-1893 or 708-448-8007 with issue regarding those roads.

Trustee Motton wished elected officials and staff born in January a happy

birthday.

Village Administrator Linear said that residents' issues should be reported to his office so that the correct department can be notified and the issue can be resolved.

Clerk Grisco reported that early voting will take place from January 14 – 31, 2008 at the Village Hall.

President Stricker acknowledged the following Public Works staff for snow removal and storm clean-up over the holidays:

- Wayne Clumpner
- Timothy Farr
- John Zinsmeister
- Joseph Schury
- Edgar Deisch

He reported that there will be public hearings regarding the acquisitions of EJ&E Railway held on January 15, 2008 at the Matteson Holiday Inn from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

There were no further comments from Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sawyer, III made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton
Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened at 9:30. Clerk Grisco called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

Andre Ashmore
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Kevin Little
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Sam Brown
Usher Sawyer III

POLICE CONTRACT

Trustee Sawyer made a Motion to table the approval of the Police Contract to allow time for him to consult with the Village's labor attorney to explain to

him in detail some of the sections of the contract.

It was suggested that a special meeting be held for a final decision regarding the contract. It was noted that the contract has to go to arbitration on January 23, 2008 if the contract was not accepted. It was noted that there was not ample time to publish a special public hearing. Trustee Sawyer withdrew his Motion to table.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve the Police Contract.
Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Motton
Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (1) Sawyer III
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:55 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Sawyer III, Motton
Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk