

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 16th DAY OF JUNE 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
Sam Brown
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:35)

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Rick Smeaton, Director of Community Development; Kathleen Murray, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Media Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:
Kevin Little

President Stricker summarized the proclamation supporting the City of Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid.

PROCLAMATION

Trustee Ashmore acknowledged former Trustee Maxwell in attendance at the Board Meeting. He reported that Matteson Fest was well organized and he commended the decision to vacate due to the inclement weather. He expressed his condolence to former Trustee Marshall in the loss of her sister.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a. Trustee Committee
Reports

Trustee Motton expressed his condolence to former Trustee Marshall in the loss of her sister. He commended our Fire Department for assisting Richton Park during the recent storm. He stated that more effort on part of the Village President, Residents and Staff needs to be put into keeping the St. James Trauma center open.

President Stricker encouraged the Board to write a letter in support of keeping the St. James Trauma Center Open. He also suggested the Village partner with neighboring communities, the Mayors and Managers Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Village Administrator was directed to draft a letter to the Hospital Board of Directors in support of keeping the St. James Trauma Center Open.

Trustee Brown suggested that State and Federal representatives be contacted regarding the St. James Trauma Center.

Trustee Sawyer suggested that all surrounding villages be contacted and encouraged to contact their elected officials regarding the Trauma Center. He

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that more immediate effort needs to be put into keeping the Trauma Center open.

Trustee Ashmore suggested that the St. James representatives be contacted on June 17, 2008 to arrange a face to face meeting in addition to the letter writing campaign.

Trustee Imoukhuede commended Staff for its effort in making Matteson Fest a success. He expressed his sympathy to recent tornado victims and reported that he met with some of the victims at Rich South High school. He commended Matteson Police, Fire and residents for a well organized early dismissal of Matteson Fest due to the storm.

Trustee Brown reported that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend. He stated that he had a great time at Matteson Fest and that as yet he's heard no complaints from residents. He expressed his condolence to former Trustee Marshall in the loss of her Sister and well as to the family of Tim Russet. He also wished his mother in law a happy 80th birthday.

Trustee Sawyer expressed his condolence to former Trustee Marshall in the loss of her sister as well as his prayers going out to victims of the recent Tornado. He commended the various bands, coaches and leaders for the excellent job with the Memorial Day Parade.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Regular Meeting of June 2, 2008

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 52, entitled “Water” of the Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois to include the 2% administrative fee. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 39, entitled “Village Policies” of the Code of Ordinances establishing Prevailing Wage Rates with the Village for the Period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustees approve the waiver of the \$400 water tap-in fee for the former St. Paul’s Church located at 6200 Vollmer Road owned by the Matteson Historical Society – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

President Stricker Presented the Active Agenda

Mr. Laoang summarized the request.

Trustee Brown asked how much the sweeper will cost if the Village purchases it at the end of the contract. Mr. Laoang said \$1.00. Trustee Brown asked who will maintain the sweeper. MR. Laoang said there is a maintenance agreement for larger repairs but wear and tear will be maintained by Staff. Trustee Ashmore asked if current staff will be used to operate the equipment. Mr. Laoang said yes. President Stricker said that this contract will offer greater flexibility as the Village will not have to rely on the availability of contractors.

Trustee Sawyer made a Motion to approve the purchase of a 2008 Elgin Pelican street sweeper from Standard Equipment Company utilizing a 48-month Municipal Lease/Purchase Agreement through Federal Signal Leasing.

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of June 2, 2008

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 entitled Water.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 entitled “Village Policies”
2. Consideration of a Request from Matteson Historical Society for a Waiver of a \$400 Water Tap-In Fee

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS.

1. Consideration to Direct Administrator to Enter into a Municipal Lease/Purchase Agreement through Federal Signal Leasing for a Street Sweeper.

2. Mower Replacement Purchase for Parks

Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede

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

Mr. Laoang summarized the request.

Trustee Sawyer asked if the Village will cut around pond areas in subdivisions. Mr. Laoang said it depends on the subdivision as some of the subdivisions Agreements state that those homeowners will maintain the pond.

Trustee Sawyer made a Motion to approve the purchase of a HR-5111 Jacobsen mower from Burriss Equipment in Frankfort, Illinois in the amount of \$37,321.90 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Village Administrator summarized the request. He introduced Jennifer from WEBQA.

Trustee Ashmore asked if there will be a link on the Village Website. Jennifer said yes. Trustee Ashmore asked what the cost of the service will be. Jennifer said \$3900 per year which includes posting and upgrades. Trustee Imoukhuede stated that this will be an excellent way for residents to communicate with Staff and Trustees. Mr. Linear stated that residents will also be allowed to walk in and use the service or use it by telephone and that an announcement will be made soon so that residents know the service is available.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Government Q&A for on-line internet question and answer service as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Motton
Sawyer III
NAYS: (0)

Maintenance Division.

3. Consideration to Authorize Service Agreement with WEBQA for On-line Internet Question and Answer Service Fee.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to direct Attorney to Prepare Ordinance Creating a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for the Southwest Corner of Lincoln Highway and Cicero Avenue.

ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Little

Mr. Smeaton summarized the request her introduced Mr. Patel, owner of the property at the Southwest Corner of Lincoln Highway and Cicero Avenue.

Trustee Sawyer III thanked Mr. Patel and his family for continuing to invest in the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he would like the parking lot improved on the property. Mr. Patel said that he is taking steps to redo the lot.

Trustee Ashmore commended Mr. Patel and his family for improvements made to the property thus far as well as for getting rid of some undesirable tenants.

Trustee Motton stated that he'd like Mr. Patel to erect a Matteson sign at the corner on the property as the property is a gateway to the village. He stated that he could produce pictures of what he has in mind and would like to discuss it further with Mr. Patel.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance creating a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development Final Development Plan for the southwest corner of Lincoln Highway and Cicero Avenue with a consideration of construction of an entry feature on site in an appropriate spot to be approved by the Plan Commission. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mel Williams of 6019 Kevin Way stated that the grass is growing very tall on some of the foreclosed vacant property in the Village. He wanted to know whose job it is to maintain that property. President Stricker stated that it is the banker/owner's responsibility and at some point public works will take care of it if the owner does not. He asked Mr. Williams to supply the Village with a list of the properties that needed to be mowed.

Ms. Jamice Shipp of 6229 Virginia Lane said that the Village Welcome signs are not landscaped and the sign at MJ Manor is not being Maintain as well as the property on along Allemong and Ridgeland.

The Village Administrator was directed to find out if the property belongs to Cook County or the Village.

Trustee Sawyer III said that residents can call 708-388-1893 regarding property located in District 5 and 708-448-8006 regarding property located in District 4.

Ms. LaSharon Branch of 21240 Vivien Drive said that she called the two numbers and did not get a response.

Ms. Lakeshia King of 322 Central thanked Chief Burnson and Police Department for an excellent job. She asked when recyclables are supposed to be picked up and she asked about the Village Noise Ordinance. She also thanked the Village for its support of St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island.

Trustee Ashmore thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said that his prayers go out to the residents of Richton Park.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton said he would like the Village to move quickly in expressing its support of St. James Trauma Center.

Trustee Imoukhuede expressed his condolence to former Trustee Marshall. He stated that his daughter recently received her Doctorate Degree. He stated that he'd like the Village to respond quickly to Ms. Shipp as to who is responsible for maintaining the property she spoke of.

Trustee Brown stated that he's not yet received any complaints about the Matteson Fest.

Trustee Sawyer III thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Staff and everyone who contributed to the Memorial Day Parade as well as the Matteson Fest.

Administrator Linear thanked everyone for attending the Meeting. He stated that the ICSC Display was successful and will be on display in the lobby.

Clerk Grisco expressed her condolence to Carol Marshall and stated that she was on vacation during Matteson Fest.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to convene to Executive Session with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

ABSENT: (1) Little

Meeting reconvened at 9:45.

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

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

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve Contract #26, Agreement with State and Municipal Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehouseman and Helpers of America. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk