

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 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008

President Stricker called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Andre Ashmore
Sam Brown
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Kevin Little
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:33 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, Rick Smeaton, Director of Community Development; Kathleen Murray, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Pat Gericke, Deputy Fire Chief; Media; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Trustee Ashmore welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and reported that a Special Administration and Finance Meeting will be held on August 6, 2008 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Director of Human Resources position.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a. Trustee Committee
Reports

Trustee Little reported that he attended the Bloom-Rich CEDA Fundraiser and that it was well attended. He reported that the Economic Development Meeting will be held on August 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and that the Housing and Human Relations Commission Meeting will be held on August 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Imoukhuede had no report.

Trustee Brown had no report.

Trustee Sawyer III welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and reported that the Public Works/Public Service Meeting will be held on August 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and the Parks and Recreation/Public

Service Meeting will be held on August 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. He stated that there will be an equipment demonstration at the Public Works Meeting and he encouraged everyone to attend.

President Stricker reported that he attended the Apostolic Church Event at Prairie State and that it was well attended. He also reported that he has been meeting with the Census Bureau and plans are underway for the 2010 Census.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008

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

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees direct the Village Administrator to enter into a lease/purchase agreement between Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation for Standard Equipment Company and the Village of Matteson for the lease/purchase of a Vactor 2112 Sewer Cleaner for the Department of Public Works. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote.*

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to direct the Village Administrator to accept and award the contract for the FY 08-09 Street Maintenance Program to the low bidder, Iroquois Paving Company at the unit prices submitted totaling \$413,682.89. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of the Board of Trustees to Direct the Village Administrator to Enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement between Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation for Standard Equipment Company and the Village of Matteson for the Lease/Purchase of a Vactor 2112 Sewer Cleaner for the Department of Public Works.

7. ITEMS REMOVED

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Sawyer III
Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Motton

**FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

**A. CONSIDERATION OF
BIDS AWARDING OF
CONTRACTS**

1. Consideration to Direct the Village Administrator to Accept and Award Contract for the Fiscal year 08-09 Street Maintenance Program.
2. Consideration to Direct the Village Administrator to Accept and Award a Contract to Palos Electrical Company for an Emergency Replacement and Upgrade of the Electrical Service located at the Department of Public Works, North Garage.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to direct the Village Administrator to accept and award a contract to Palos Electrical Co., for an emergency replacement and upgrade of the electrical service located at the Department of Public Works, North Garage, at the unit prices submitted totaling \$16,850.00. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Sawyer III
Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Motton

Mr. Rives Castleman of Lincoln Mall gave a summary of funds invested by his company, private investors and tax revenue funds towards improvement of the Mall to date. He stated that his company secured the Target prototype, Chase Bank as well as brought back JCPenney. He stated that his company has a letter of intent from Shoe Carnival as well as draft form agreements from two other companies. He stated that his company is unable to move forward with redevelopment at this time because it awaits issuance of funds owed to his company by the Village of Matteson.

President Stricker stated that the Board is currently awaiting legal and financial clarification regarding the matter and will render a decision after being advised by those parties.

Trustee Brown stated that Board has always supported the Mall and that he hopes the matter will be cleared up soon.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated the Board must wait for the experts before moving forward and that the Village does not owe the Mall any money.

Mr. Castleman stated that the Village does not owe the Mall any money but the Mall is due funds from issuance of certain bonds.

Ms. Brenda Drummin, owner of *Maxine's Apparel* in Lincoln Mall stated that as a Merchant and a Resident of the Village, she believes that if the Village loses the Mall, it will be tragic.

Mr. Johannes Williams, Manager of LaQuinta Matteson and Tinley Park stated that the Matteson hotel is currently suffering a loss of several thousand dollars due to the fact that customers do not want to stay in Matteson because the Mall does not appear to be moving forward. He asked the Board to do all it can to move the project forward.

Ms. Beverly Sokal a resident of Olympia Fields and was involved in the Matteson Power Center Project. She stated that potential Businesses need to be given an incentive to come to Matteson. She stated that the Village, Matteson residents and the Mall must all work together to move the Mall project along.

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to convene to Executive Session to review and consider approval of the Labor Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the State Municipal Teamsters, Local 726 contract with the need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

**REQUEST FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Sawyer III
Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Motton

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to table the request under the Open Meeting Act, Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Sawyer III
Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Motton

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

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

Andre Ashmore
Sam Brown
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Kevin Little

The following Trustees were absent
Usher Sawyer III
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the Labor Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the State Municipal Teamsters, Local 726.
Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Motton, Sawyer III

Trustee Brown made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:58 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

ADJOURNMENT

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Little
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Motton, Sawyer III

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk