

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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008

Due to the Passing of President Mark W. Stricker, Clerk Grisco 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
Kevin Little
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:40 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; Brian Mitchell, 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:

None

Trustee Motton made a Motion to appoint Trustee Imoukhuede Chairman of the Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

Administrator Linear Presented the 2008 Beautification Awards to following:

**PRESENTATION OF
BEAUTIFICATION
AWARDS**

Residential Beautification

- Mr. and Mrs. Allen of 6237 Virginia Lane
- Mr. and Mrs. Brown of 21341 Kildare Court
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruniou of 37 Oakview

- Mr. and Mrs. Chatman of 6140 Old Plank Road
- Mr. and Mrs. Daniel of 5421 Providence Drive
- Mr. and Mrs. Gandhi of 4208 Sumter
- Mr. and Mrs. Garbaciak of 3723 W. 215th Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Grace of 605 Homeland
- Mr. and Mrs. Grace of 148 Sundance
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of 115 Red Barn Road
- Mr. and Mrs. Harwell of 5626 Feathercreek
- Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill of 6221 Virginia
- Mr. and Mrs. Henderson of 108 Treehouse Road
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert of 655 Keeler
- Mr. and Mrs. High of 706 Rose Lane
- Mr. and Mrs. Lemon of 905 Donnington Drive
- Mr. and Mrs. Pettis of 3227 Holden Circle
- Mr. and Mrs. Ramsingh of 914 Berry Path
- Mr. and Mrs. Reyes of 3712 W. 214th Place
- Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of 5111 Monroe
- Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers of 912 Warrick Drive
- Mr. and Mrs. Searles of 57 Deerpath
- Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of 620 Academy

- The Entire Maplebrook Subdivision

Business Winners:

- Culvers Restaurant located at 20716 Cicero
- Peachtree Café located at 4020 W. Lincoln Highway
- JC Penney located at 4451 Promenade Way

Trustee Imoukhuede welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

Trustee Ashmore reported that he attended the CN Hearing on August 25, 2008 and that it appears that the acquisition of EJ&E Railroad is going to happen. He reported that he attended the Holden Park Day on Saturday and reported that it was well attended. He introduced Mr. Brian Mitchell, Director of Human Resources Department.

Trustee Motton had no report.

Trustee Little welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

Trustee Brown thanked everyone for the emails and phone calls to him expressing their opinion regarding the election of an Acting President. He stated that the desire of the residents' is his first priority. He reported that the

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a. Trustee Committee Reports

Plan Commission will meet on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. He invited everyone to attend.

Trustee Sawyer III reported that two exciting meetings are coming up: The Public Works-Public Service Meeting on September 10, 2008 and the Parks and Recreation-Public Service Meeting on September 17, 2008, both meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that with regard to comments he received concerning the time the Board took to deliberate its choice of an Acting President, the residents of the Village elected the Village Officials to do a job and in order to do the job well it is the Board's duty to take as much time as is required.

Trustee Imoukhuede presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

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

1. Public Hearing of August 18, 2008
2. Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008
3. Special Meeting of August 25, 2008

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

Trustee Ashmore made a motion to make available for public inspection the minutes of the closed session meetings held on January 7, 2008, April 7,

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Public Hearing of August 18, 2008
2. Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008.
3. Special Meeting of August 25, 2008.

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

none

8. ACTIVE AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Closed

2008, and June 16, 2008; and that there are no outstanding closed session minutes being held for confidentiality. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

Trustee Motton stated that until a decision is made regarding which Board Member will be elected Acting Village President, consideration of the following item should be tabled.

Trustee Motton made a motion to table the consideration to direct the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the necessary Ordinances to reflect a change in compensation for all elected officials. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Motton made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to Draft a Resolution authorizing the executive on an intergovernmental agreement by and among the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois an Illinois Municipal Corporation and Bannockburn Realty Corporation, Owner, GB 2 Illinois, LLC., Developer for temporary sanitary sewer connection to the September 2, 2008 Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Motton made a motion to move item number 10 (Public Comment) to number 9 to allow the Public to speak on items not related to election of an Acting Village President. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Sawyer III

2. Consideration to Direct the Village Attorney to Draft an Ordinance Amending Chapter 30.04 of the Village of Matteson Code of Ordinances to reflect a change in compensation for all elected officials.

3. Consideration to Direct the Village Attorney to Draft a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and among the Village of Matteson, the Village of Olympia Fields and Bannockburn Realty, developer, for a temporary Sanitary Sewer Connection.

Little, Motton

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

Mr. Rozell Brown of 211341 Kildare stated that he has been a resident for 22 years and that he takes pride in keeping his property clean but has noticed some Village owned property that is need of manicuring. Mr. Brown will speak with the Village Administrator at a later date.

**REQUEST FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c) 3 – Appointment or Removal of Public Officers – Selection, appointment, performance, discipline or removal of a public official, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:27

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

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

Trustee Brown made a motion to elect Trustee Ashmore Acting Village President. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Acting Village President Ashmore was sworn in by Clerk Grisco.

Trustee Motton said that any of the members of the Board would be a capable

Acting Village President.

Trustee Ashmore thanked his family and everyone for coming out and stated that the Village will be moving forward.

Mr. Dwayne Shipp of 6229 Virginia Lane congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and stated that the members of the Board showed great courage and humility in making a decision from amongst themselves. He stated that he is proud of the Board.

Ms. Carolyn Feldman of 67 Croucous Lane and President of the MapleBrook Homeowners Association thanked the Police Department for their support related to evacuation issues.

Allan Johnson of 715 Violet Lane and Former Village Trustee thanked the Board for making a decision tonight with regard to Acting President.

Hyde Keenan of 3905 West 216th and President of the Historic Old Matteson Homeowner's Association thanked Acting Village President Ashmore for stepping up to the position of Acting Village President.

Mr. AJ Pierson of 4621 Avenue congratulated Acting Village President Ashmore and his family on behalf of Butterfield III and stated that he and the residents of the subdivision will be around offering support.

Trustee Motton stated that he did not appreciate a recent article printed in the SouthtownStar regarding disagreements he had with Trustee Little and stated that he is shaking his hand as a sign of unity between him and his fellow Trustee. He congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family.

Trustee Little congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and thanked the residents for their support.

Trustee Imoukhuede congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and thanked the residents for their support.

Trustee Brown congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and stated that the Board is available to help Acting President Ashmore with the transition process. He thanked residents for emails and calls of support.

Trustee Sawyer III encouraged everyone to get informed and get involved. He congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family.

Administrator Linear congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and congratulated the Matteson Police Department for winning a Tahoe.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

CLOSING COMMENTS

Acting Chief Burnson reported that as part of a Public Safety Initiative, the Village Police Department wrote a safety booklet. The Booklet placed both Statewide and Nationally. The Villages name was drawn of all those who placed and the Village won a \$55,000 Tahoe. He reported that the Village is 96% seatbelt compliant and he thanked the Village of Matteson Police Department Staff.

Clerk Grisco congratulated Acting President Ashmore and his family and thanked Trustee Sawyer.

Attorney Perozzi had no closing comment.

Acting President Ashmore thanked the Board for its support.

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:02 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk