

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 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008

Acting President Andre Ashmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Clerk Simington called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

ROLL CALL

Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Kevin Little
Sam Brown
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

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; Brian Mitchell, Director of Human Resources; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Pat Gericke, Deputy Fire Chief; Media; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:
Usher Sawyer III

Trustee Motton made a Motion to approve the appointment of Anthony Burton as Trustee. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

**APPOINTMENT AND
SWEARING IN OF
TRUSTEE**

AYES: (3) Brown, Motton, Little
NAYS: (1) Imoukhuede
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Sawyer III

Trustee Burton was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Simington

Police Officer Daniel Vanoskey was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Simington.

**SWEARING IN OF
POLICE OFFICER**

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that the Trustee selection process was not handled in a democratic manner. He stated that the appointment should have taken the following steps:

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**
a. Trustee Committee Reports

1. Residents given the opportunity to apply
2. Applicants interviewed
3. Applicants information sent to the Board for review
4. President appointed an individual
5. Board of Trustee approve appointment

Acting President Ashmore stated that the correct procedure was followed in the appointment of Trustee Burton.

Attorney Perozzi concurred that Trustee Burton was appointed correctly and that State Statute was followed.

Trustee Motton stated that he supports the appointment of Trustee Burton and expressed his condolence to Trustee Sawyer III in the loss of his sister.

Trustee Burton stated that it is an honor to have been appointed and he thanked his family for their support and the Village for the opportunity.

Trustee Little congratulated Trustee Burton. He reported that he took part in Unity Day and attended the Ridgeland Manor's Home Owner Association Meeting. Both were well attended. He reported that there will be a Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and a Housing and Human Relations Meeting on September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Imoukhuede congratulated Trustee Burton. He stated that he attended the funeral of Mrs. Dupree, Matteson resident. He also introduced Ms. Pat Welch, Interim Principal of Rich South High School.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of Mrs. Dupree, resident of the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Brown congratulated the Plan Commission for being a very capable Commission. He reported that he attended Unity Day and thanked everyone who took part in making the event successful. He offered his condolence to Mr. Carl Dupree and family and to Trustee Sawyer III and family.

Acting President Ashmore thanked the Board for its support in the appointment of Trustee Burton. He offered his condolence to Mr. Carl Dupree and Family as well as to Trustee Sawyer III and Family. He commended the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department regarding the recent flood. He thanked everyone involved in the Unity Day event and reported that there will be an Administration and Finance Meeting on September 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Acting President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of September 2, 2008 – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Matteson to Execute an Agreement with the Village of Olympia Fields for connection to the Village of Matteson Sanitary Sewer. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Trustee Burton made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 2008. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to reject the bids submitted by Bulk Storage, Inc. for the Public Works Salt Storage Construction Project.

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7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report for August 2008

B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Little stated that due to the Nation's economical situation, he does not believe a raise for elected officials should be approved.

President Ashmore said that the residents will decide who will get the raise during the next election.

Trustee Brown said that due to the Nation's economical situation, a raise in pay for elected officials does not seem appropriate.

Trustee Motton said that for the most part people do not believe that any elected official should get a raise but that any Trustee on this Board is worthy of a raise because of the hard work that is involved.

Trustee Motton made a Motion 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.

AYES: (3) Motton, Imoukhuede, President Ashmore
NAYS: (2) Brown, Little
ABSTAIN: (1) Burton
ABSENT: (1) Sawyer III

Pastor Roberts, of 700 South Academy said that if the Village is in need of a "Village Chaplain" he'd be interested in applying.

Mr. Andre Johnson of 21142 Whitney Drive congratulated Trustee Burton and stated that there seems to be a disconnection between the homeowner's association and the Village Board regarding the upkeep of the retention pond in his subdivision and that he'd also like to be able to use to Community Room to hold Meetings.

Ms. Lasharon Branch stated that Mr. Johnson should have brought his issues to his homeowner's association first and not the Village Board.

President Ashmore stated that the retention pond issue should have been brought to staff so that it could have been resolved and wouldn't have to result in bringing the matter before this public arena. He stated that Staff will look into whether or not responsibility for upkeep of the pond belongs to the Homeowner's Association or the Village. He also stated the Community

1. Public Works Salt Storage

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration by the Board to Direct the Village Attorney to Draft an Ordinance Amending Necessary Ordinances to Reflect a Change in Compensation for Elected Officials.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Room belongs to the People of the Village.

Trustee Burton stated that it is an honor to be a part of Village Board and that it is good to see residents attending the meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Little congratulated Trustee Burton on his appointment to the Board.

Trustee Imoukhuede congratulated Trustee Burton on his appointment to the Board and invited everyone to attend the School Board Meetings.

Trustee Brown congratulated Trustee Burton on his appointment to the Board and President Ashmore for running an effective meeting.

President Ashmore thanked the Board for its support and congratulated Trustee Burton on his first meeting. He also offered his condolence to the family and coworkers of Cathy Walbridge, Community Development Department employee, who recently passed away.

Administrator Linear congratulated Trustee Burton on his appointment to the Board.

Mr. Laoang congratulated Trustee Burton on his appointment to the Board.

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:40 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Brown

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Simington Deputy Village Clerk