

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 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009

President Andrè B. Ashmore 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**

- Emmanuel Imoukhuede
- Kevin Little
- Anthony Burton
- Sam Brown
- Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
- Usher Sawyer III

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; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Nick Wilkens, Fire Chief; Jerry Bland, Deputy Director of Public Works; Media; and Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:  
None

Village of Matteson Staff and Dollars for Scholars Board Members presented plaques to the following contributors: Miller Automotive of Matteson, New Faith Baptist Church of Matteson, USA One National Credit Union of Matteson, President Ashmore, Central Baptist Church of Olympia Fields, and Family Youth Initiative. A plaque with the names of the contributors will be displayed at the Matteson Village Hall.

**PRESENTATION**

- a. Dollars for Scholars

Trustee Brown made a Motion to appoint Veloid Cotton to the Plan Commission. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

**5. APPOINTMENT**

- a. Veloid Cotton to the Plan Commission

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

Trustee Imoukhuede asked if the Plan Commission vacancy was advertised

and if any other candidates were interviewed.

President Ashmore said no, that Mr. Cotton apologized for not being able to attend the Board Meeting tonight and will be sworn in on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plan Commission Meeting.

President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

### A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of January 5, 2009-*Approved by Omnibus*

*Vote*

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### B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable January 20, 2009 and February 2, 2009. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

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1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable January and February

### C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. The Board of Trustee authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an Agreement with a professional firm for consulting services for the Department of Public Works. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

### C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Consideration to Authorize the Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with a Professional Firm for Consulting Services for the Department of Public Works.
2. Consideration to Authorize the purchase of a “12 Lead Heart Monitor” from Zoll Company for the Fire Department.

2. The Board of Trustee authorize the purchase of a “12 Lead Heart Monitor” for the Fire Department, from Zoll Company for \$21,779.90. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

### D. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the ordinance reflecting a test amendment to section 159.40 of the Matteson Zoning Code of Ordinances.– *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

### E. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Imoukhuede suggested that the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau present a report to the Board of what they’ve done for the

### D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an

Village over the past two years.

President Ashmore said that is a good point and when the budget is looked at again, other companies will be considered for marketing and promotion of tourism but for now the issue is time-sensitive and needs to be voted on.

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Resolution Acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of Record for the marketing and promotion of the regional tourism industry. *.- Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to approve the December 2008 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to table the consideration to sign an Agreement with the PAR Group for professional services in the recruitment of a new Fire Chief and Police Chief and allow the current Deputies to be Acting Chiefs until alternative recruitment efforts are pursued. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Motton asked has anything changed with the PAR Group since the last time the Village hired the firm. He also stated that the PAR Group should have been at tonight's Board Meeting.

Ordinance reflecting a text amendment to Section 159.40 of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance.

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of Record for Marketing and Promotion of Regional Tourism Industry.

#### 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

*none*

#### 8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Consideration of Financial Reports  
1. Treasurer's Report of December 2008.

#### B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Consideration of an Agreement with PAR Group in Recruiting of Police Chief and Fire Chief

Administrator Linear stated that there has been an ownership change, the contract was not accepted previously, and a presentation from the PAR Group can be made at the next Board Workshop.

Trustee Sawyer III said that the Village should issue a letter to the PAR Group stating exactly what the Village expects of the PAR Group.

Trustee Imoukhuede said that the Board has the duty of making a decision that will be in the best interest of Village and that Women and Minority Firms must be considered as well during the hiring process.

Trustee Burton stated that the contract should be signed now so that the PAR Group can begin its recruitment as soon as possible and not delay the filling of two vital vacancies.

Trustee Motton stated that when the PAR Group was hired to recruit a Community Development Director and a representative of the Group stated at a Trustee Meeting that they would not be able to perform the contract if residency was a requirement, many on the Board vowed to never use the PAR Group again. He said that if the decision to enter into contract with the PAR Group is tabled until after the next workshop (two weeks), it will not have a negative impact on the Village considering the Village has functioned effectively with an Acting Chief of Police as well as Acting Fire Chief.

Trustee Little stated that based on Trustee Motton's comments, a two week delay does not seem unreasonable.

Trustee Imoukhuede said that it would not be in the best interest of the Village to sign a contract with the PAR Group until after we have heard from the PAR Group.

Trustee Sawyer III said that with a new leader in place at the PAR Group, the Village should move forward with recruitment so that the positions can be filled as quickly as possible.

President Ashmore said that the Village needs to end appointing people "acting" as it sends a bad message to the community.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign an Agreement with The PAR Group for professional services in the recruitment of a new Fire Chief and Police Chief.

AYES: (3) Brown, Burton, Sawyer III, President Ashmore  
NAYS: (3) Motton, Little Imoukhuede  
ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Administrator Linear presented Mr. Searles of Greenwood Management Partners.

Mr. Searles stated that he has over thirty years in the industry and that he is able to *speak the language* of architects and contractors. He stated that among others things, he will 1. Strongly urge that locals be hired. 2. Involve young people in the process by introducing them to opportunities available to them beyond laborer positions.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he's always believed that architects should not monitor themselves by acting in the capacity of Contract Manager.

Trustee Sawyer III stated that he was the only Trustee who voted against Brazley in the beginning.

Trustee Little made a motion to approve the amendment to the Greenwood Management Partners Agreement to include the need for community based hiring as an important component of this agreement. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to Draft an Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Real Estate Sales Agreement with Mid-Content Development and Construction Company for the 33.5 acre parcel of land located south of School District 159 property located between I-57 and Matteson Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Sawyer III made a motion to approve a Resolution in Support of the Oak Lawn Southwest Water System Expansion and Rehabilitation Project as Part of a National Stimulus Package. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

2. Consideration to Direct Village Attorney to Prepare an Amendment to the Greenwood Management Partners Agreement approved on January 5, 2009.

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Authorize the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Mid-Content Development and Construction Company for the Purchase of Real Estate.

2. Consideration to approve a Resolution in Support of the Village of Oak Lawn Southwest Water System Expansion and Rehabilitation Project Federal Stimulus Request.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lester Brown of 4608 Abbey Lane stated his property tax issue. Trustee Brown encouraged everyone to complete the appeal forms and it was agreed by the Board that the Village Board was not the body with the ability to change Mr. Brown's taxes. It was suggested that residents write their state political leaders to address such issues.

Mr. Mark Leshiek of the Park Forest Running and Pancake Club stated that he'd like to host a 10 mile race in the Village. The Board thought it was a good idea and the race will be discussed further with Staff.

Trustee Motton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commended the Village Administrator for his hard work and stated that he looks forward to meeting with The PAR Group within the next two weeks to discuss its recruitment plans.

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

Trustee Burton thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting. He encouraged the Board and any elected official to be mindful of comments they make. He congratulated Mr. Cotton on being appointed to the Plan Commission, he thanked Chief Burnson for his service to the community and he reported that there will be an Administration and Finance Meeting on February 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Little reported that the recent Tax Workshop was successful and well attended. He encouraged everyone to fill out the tax assessment forms. He reported that there will be Housing and Human Relations Commission Meeting on February 12, 2009 and a Foreclosure Workshop on February 17, 2009. He congratulated Chief Burnson and Mr. Searles.

Trustee Imoukhuede thanked Chief Burnson, congratulated Mr. Searles and congratulated Staff on a successful Dr. Martin L. King Ceremony.

Trustee Brown reported that there will be a Plan Commission Meeting on February 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. He congratulated Chief Burnson and Colin Powell Middle School Basketball Team for winning the Regional Tournament. He reported that additional Tax Assessment Workshops will be held on February 11 at Richton Park Village Hall, February 18 at Park Forest Freedom Hall and March 4 in Olympia Fields. He reported that the Martin L. King ceremony was well attended and he thanked everyone who participated.

Trustee Sawyer III reported that he will be having surgery and will need to

cancel the Public Service Meetings on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> unless one of the other Board Meetings can stand in for him. He reported that the Martin L. King ceremony was excellent. He commended the Martin L. King speaker and Ms. Majda. He reported that he attended the inauguration ceremony for seniors and commended Mr. Ken Lewis, owner of Dusties/Kenny's in Matteson for hosing the celebration. He reported that he attended the Peer Jury and commended Ms. Mia Carter of the Village of Matteson Police Department. He thanked Chief Burnson for his service to the community and for the personal relationship he shared with the Chief.

Attorney Perozzi did not have a comment.

Clerk Grisco reported that she attended the Martin L. King Celebration and reminded everyone to vote in the April 7, 2009 election. She commended Chief Burnson for his excellent service to the Community.

President Ashmore expressed his condolence to the Mayor of Country Club Hills in the loss of his son. He congratulated Chief Burnson. He reported that *Meet the Mayor* is still being held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at Culvers, he encouraged everyone to attend. He said that the forum will be held at different locations through out the Village in an effort to promote local businesses. He reported that early voting will be held at the Village Hall, thanked everyone for a successful Martin L. King Ceremony and stated that a larger room is already booked for next years ceremony.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act-Litigation-Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, Probable or imminent litigation and – Review and Disclosure of Prior Closed Session Minutes-Section 2(c)(21) – for purpose of reviewing and determining the status of prior closed session minutes, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Request for Executive Session.

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

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to Adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Imoukhuede, Burton, Sawyer III  
Motton  
NAYS: (0)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 2, 2009

02-02-2009

ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk