

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 17th 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

Kevin Little
Anthony Burton
Sam Brown
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
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; George Pfothenhauer, Deputy Police Chief; Rick Smeaton, Director of Community Development; Brian Mitchell, Director of Human Resources; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Nick Wilkens, Fire Chief; Pat Gericke, Deputy Fire Chief; Jerry Bland, Deputy Director of Public Works; Media; and Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:
Emmanuel Imoukhuede

Acting Police Chief Norm Burnson was presented a plaque honoring his years of service.

PRESENTATION
Plaque Honoring Chief
Norman Burnson

Trustee Motton made a Motion to move the Consideration of appointment of Deputy Chief George Pfothenhauer to Acting Police Chief from item 7 C to item 5 on the Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

APPOINTMENT
Deputy Chief George
Pfothenhauer to Acting Police
Chief.

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

Trustee Motton made a motion for President Ashmore to appoint Deputy Chief George C. Pfothenhauer to the position of Acting Chief of Police at the close of business February 18, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

George C. Pfothenhauer was sworn in to the position of Acting Chief of Police by Clerk Grisco.

President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of February 2, 2009-*Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. Close session Minutes for November 17, 2008 & December 1, 2008-*Approved by Omnibus Vote*

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustee approve the Resolution extending the agreement for regulation of parking of motor vehicles and traffic at Liberty Plaza. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustee approve the Resolution extending the agreement for regulation of parking of motor vehicles and traffic at Matteson Town Center. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of February 2, 2009.
2. Closed Session Minutes for November 17, 2008 & December 1, 2008.

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Resolution approving an Extension Agreement for regulation of parking at Liberty Plaza.
2. Consideration of Resolution approving an Extension Agreement for regulation of parking at Matteson Town

Center.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM
CONSENT AGENDA**

none

ACTIVE AGENDA

**A. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Treasurer's Report of
January 2009.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an
Ordinance authoring
execution of real estate sale
agreement to purchase real
estate from Corporate Lakes
of Matteson.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of
Appointment of Deputy Chief
George Pfothenauer to Acting
Police Chief (*moved*)

2. Consideration to Direct
Village Attorney to prepare an
Ordinance Approving
Variance to Section 159.55
(F)(1) for the Asian Fusion
Restaurant.

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to approve the January 2009 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

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

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a real estate sale agreement for the Village of Matteson to purchase certain real estate from Corporate Lakes of Matteson, LLC; located on the west side of Matteson Avenue, south of Colin Powell Middle School. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

Trustee Brown made a Motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance approving a Variance to Section 159.55(f)(1) of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance for the Asian Fusion Restaurant. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

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NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

Trustee Sawyer asked if the Village will ever allow changeable copy (electronic) signage. He stated that it should be considered.

President Ashmore said that allowing some electronic signage would make the Village more *business friendly* and that the topic should be discussed at the upcoming Board retreat.

Mr. Smeaton is to inform the Board when the Plan Commission will be discussing electronic signage.

Trustee Motton acknowledge Allene Maxwell, former Trustee, who was in attendance at the Board Meeting as well as Alicia Hernandez an 18 year old who is running for a position on the School Board. He stated that normally, Candidates are not put in the *spot light* at Board Meetings but he is excited to see youth getting involved. He also encouraged anyone who is looking for employment to hang on and not give up. He stated that the Board is a *family* and all members of the family are trying to move forward in harmony.

Trustee Burton stated that it is great to see residents attending the meeting and he congratulated Staff and the Board for the land purchase as well as Ms. Hernandez; stating that it is great to see youth step up. 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 there is a Foreclosure Workshop occurring in the adjacent room. He wished Chief Burnson best of luck and Congratulated Acting Chief Pfothenauer. He stated that the Board is aware that things are changing in the Community and the Village is working hard to get all of the details on those changes and they will be shared with the community in an effort to promote Transparency in Government.

Trustee Brown announced the upcoming property tax workshops and reported that there will be no Plan Commission Meeting on February 19, 2009.

Trustee Sawyer III apologized for running late. He offered Blessings to Chief Burnson as well as wishing him and his wife a Happy Anniversary. He congratulated Acting Chief Pfothenauer and stated that he is an excellent choice for the position. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting, stated that he supports President Ashmore and encouraged everyone to always be ready for change.

Administrator Linear did not have a report.

Attorney Perozzi reported that he is attending a closing on Friday regarding the Manheim property.

Clerk Grisco wished Chief Burnson best of luck and congratulated Acting Chief Pfothenauer.

President Ashmore wished Chief Burnson best of luck and congratulated Acting Chief Pfothenauer. He stated that he is proud of Ms. Hernandez, that she is an excellent example of leadership for youth and wished her mom Lydia best of luck as well. He thanked everyone for attending the board

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

meeting, reported that March 16th through April 2nd is early voting at the Village Hall, and encouraged residents to utilize Web Q&A as well as on-line bill pay.

Mr. A.J. Pierson of 4621 Abby Lane asked for an update on Lincoln Mall. President Ashmore stated that the Board will be going into Executive Session to get details from Mall owners and will share that information with the Community at a later date.

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, and Section 2(c)(11) – pending, probably or imminent litigation with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for Executive Session

Trustee Brown made a Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk