

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 MARCH 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.
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:37 p.m.)

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; George Pfothenauer, Acting 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:
None

President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of February 17, 2009-*Approved by Omnibus*

Vote

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C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustee approve an Ordinance creating a variance to Section 159.55(F)(1) of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance for the Asian Fusion Restaurant. – *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 Marketplace of Matteson. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Ordinance Creating Variance to Section 159.55F(1) of Zoning Ordinance for Asian Fusion Restaurant.

2. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Extension Agreement for regulation of parking at Marketplace of Matteson.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

none

ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Consideration to direct Attorney to Draft Resolution Authorizing Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with Ehlers & Assoc. for Auto Mall TIF.

The Administrator presented the next item. Trustee Motton asked why the project did not go to bid. The Administrator stated that the Village has used Ehlers & Associates before. Trustee Motton asked how the relationship between Ehlers & Associates and the Village has been. The Administrator said the relationship is good. Trustee Motton said that it is his understanding that contracts of \$20,000 or more are to go through the bidding process and that this project, considering that there is no great emergency, should go to bid as well.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he agrees with Trustee Motton and that in the best interest of the residents and in an effort to open doors for other firms, the process should have gone to bid. He suggested that the item be tabled until the item goes through the bidding process.

Trustee Burton stated that when this item was discussed at a Board workshop, it was discovered that there are two other firms similar to Ehlers and that it would not be cost effective to hire one of those other two firms.

Trustee Sawyer III stated that it seems that the Village keeps repeating past decisions instead of trying to do things better.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to table the request to enter into contract with Ehlers & Associates until the project goes through the bidding process. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (3) Sawyer III, Motton, Imoukhuede
NAYS: (4) Burton, Brown, Little, President Ashmore
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Burton made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Ehlers & Associates to assist in the development, qualification, and adoption of a Tax increment Finance District on the Matteson Auto Mall in the amount of approximately \$26,500; which is not including taxing bodies meetings. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (4) Burton, Brown, Little, President Ashmore
NAYS: (3) Sawyer III, Motton, Imoukhuede
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The Budget Officer presented the next item. Trustee Sawyer III asked if there is any way the Village could not impose the water rate increase on residents. President Ashmore stated that the increase is due to the fact that the supplier has increased its fee. President Ashmore stated that the Village does not make a profit and that the Village has carried this fee for a few months.

B. NEW BUSINESS
1. Consideration to Direct Attorney to Draft Ordinance Increasing Water Rate fee by 15%.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending Chapter 52, entitled "Water" of the Code of Ordinances, of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, to increase the Water rate by 15%, which is a pass through from the Village of Oak Lawn. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

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

Imoukhuede

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

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

Trustee Motton reported that he will be attended the National League of Cities Conference March 14 through 18, 2009 and that that one of topics for discussion is President Obama's Stimulus Package and how it may benefit the Village. He stated that a resident complained about the poor treatment he received from the Customer Service/Finance Department and stated that the issue needs to be addressed.

Trustee Burton reported that he will be attended the National League of Cities Conference March 14 through 18, 2009 and that there will be an Administration and Finance Meeting on March 24, 2009.

Trustee Little reported that there will be a special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held on March 3, 2009 and that Diversity Dinner Registration forms are available for anyone who'd liked to participate.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that TIF Districts serve a purpose, that he has always supported Mr. Miller (of the Auto Mall) and would like the matter to be handled fairly. He stated that various Campaign signs have been removed from residents' property without authorization from the property owners. He stated that everyone has a right to free speech and removing those signs is a violation of that right.

Trustee Brown reported that the March 5th Plan Commission Meeting is canceled and that the March 19, 2009 Meeting will proceed as scheduled. He reported that there will be a property tax workshop on Wednesday at Arcadia School and that all are encouraged to attend. Trustee Motton asked what the turnaround time is once an application is filed. Trustee Brown stated that homeowners should receive a letter stating that their taxes have either been lowered or they've stayed the same, six weeks after the townships closing date.

Trustee Sawyer III stated that vehicles are being towed from apartments on Lindenwood Drive by a towing company located in Dolton and that he'd like the Land Lord's Association to consider using a towing company within the Village in an effort to support local vendors. He stated that he does not agree with decisions being made concerning the Community Center. He stated that he'd like to make a motion that the Police Chief previously decided on by the Board be approved and that a stipulation be added to the Police Chief's contract stating that should President Ashmore not win the election April 2009 that the newly elected Village President can remove the Chief after one

year if the Village President is not satisfied with the Chief's performance of duties.

President Ashmore reported that the Village is following the normal hiring process regarding the positions of Police Chief and Fire Chief and that those positions should be filled within approximately six months. He stated that Trustee Sawyer III's Motion was out of order and that three of the Trustees on the board presently were not on the board at the time that previous Police Chief was approved.

Attorney Perozzi had no report.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Grisco had not report.

Ms. Gayle Howard-Johnson of 4206 Lindenwood stated that this was her first Board Meeting, that it was *eye opening* and that she plans to attend future meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS
1. Request for Executive Session

Mr. Melvin Williams of 601 Kevin Way stated that he appreciates the elected officials and wishes there were more accord among the officials.

Trustee Motton 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 with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 2, 2009

03-02-2009

ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk