

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 16th 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
Sam Brown
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Usher Sawyer III

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; 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:

Anthony Burton
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to approve the appointment of Brace Clement to the Housing and Human Relations Commission and Barrett White and Elliott Johnson to the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Trustee Little.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of one Housing and Human Relations Commissioner and two Economic Development Commissioners

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Brace Clement was sworn in to the Housing and Human Relations Commission by the Village Clerk, Barrett White and Elliott Johnson were sworn in to the Economic Development Commission by the Village Clerk.

President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of March 2, 2009-*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 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. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Trustee Brown made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2009 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of March 2, 2009.

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Board of Trustees to Approve an Ordinance Increasing the “Water Rate Fee” by 15% Concurrent with the Water Rate Increase from the Village of Oak Lawn that is a Pass Through from the City of Chicago effective January 1, 2009.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

none

ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer’s Reports for February 2009

Ms. Gibson presented the next item. (Consideration of approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Proposal to the Village of Matteson for Tax Increment Finance Qualification and Adoption from Ehlers).

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he is opposed to approving the item because the project should have gone through the bid process in order to give minority owned businesses a chance to bid on the project.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Proposal to the Village of Matteson for Tax Increment Finance Qualification and Adoption from Ehlers. Seconded by Trustee Little.

AYES: (4) Brown, Little, Sawyer III, President Ashmore
NAYS: (1) Imoukhuede
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Burton, Motton

Ms. LaVern Murphy presented the next item. (Consideration of approval a Resolution in support of the request for Class 8 Incentive application to the Cook County Tax Assessor's Office for the Development of a proposed shopping center at the Southwest Corner of Cicero Avenue and Route 30 by Matteson Lincoln Investments LLC).

Trustee Sawyer expressed his approval stating that *this is what good business is all about*. He also commended Staff for its due diligence in the completion of the project.

Trustee Imoukhuede reminded staff to be sure the school districts are informed about the class 8 status. He also asked that the developer consider hiring Matteson residents during construction of the project.

Trustee Brown congratulated the developer and said he is anxious to see development.

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B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

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

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of a request for a Class 8 Incentive for proposed shopping center at the southwest corner of Cicero Avenue and Route 30.

The owner/developer stated that he is happy the project is finally moving forward.

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to approve a Resolution in support of the request for Class 8 Incentive application to the Cook County Tax Assessor's Office for the Development of a proposed shopping center at the Southwest Corner of Cicero Avenue and Route 30 by Matteson Lincoln Investments LLC. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Mr. Smeaton presented the next item. (Consideration of approval of a Resolution to direct the Village Administrator to enter into a memorandum of agreement between Grand Truck Corporation and the Village of Matteson for improvements to the E.J.& E. right of way).

Trustee Sawyer III asked if the construction of an overpass was considered. Mr. Smeaton said yes, it was considered but the Village would have to pay the bulk of its construction cost. Mr. Smeaton stated that there are alternative routes that the residents can take so that they are not delayed by a slow moving train.

Trustee Brown stated that he'd like Staff to pursue other funding resources in the future for continued improvements to the area.

President Ashmore directed Staff to send a copy of the executed agreement to the Homeowner's Association Presidents of Old Matteson and Holden Park.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve a Resolution to direct the Village Administrator to enter into a memorandum of agreement between Grand Truck Corporation and the Village of Matteson for improvements to the E.J.& E. right of way as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Little had no report.

Trustee Imoukhuede reported that he attended the National League of Cities Conference, congratulated County Club Hills for its Summer Intern Award

2. Consideration of a Resolution directing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Grand Trunk Corporation and the Village of Matteson for improvements to EJ&E Railroad Right of Way.

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

and stated that he'd like Village of Matteson Staff to look into how our Village can win similar awards.

Trustee Brown reported that the Plan Commission will meet on March 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Sawyer III congratulated winners of the Good Neighbor awards and stated that he'd like to discuss Village signage at a future Workshop (in particular, the possibility of allowing electronic signage). He also thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting.

Attorney Perozzi had no report

Clerk Grisco reminded everyone that early voting will continue through April 2, 2009

President Ashmore reported that Trustees Burton and Motton as well as the Administrator were absent due to the National League of Cities Conference. He congratulated the winners of the Good Neighbor Awards and thanked Staff for its efforts. He reported that the Commissioners' Appreciation Dinner will be on March 27, 2009. He stated that a Plan Commission Signage Workshop is a good idea.

Ms. Twaman Tang of 5227 Southwick Court stated that she has a business which specializes in Community Development and she offered her service to the Village.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Lonnie Lynch of 4141 Oakwood extended an invitation to the Matteson Bears tryouts which will be held on March 28, 2009 at the Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Sawyer III made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

AYES: (4) Brown, Little, Sawyer III, Imoukhuede

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 16, 2009

03-16-2009

NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Burton, Motton

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk