

05/11/2009

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 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2009

President André 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  
Anthony Burton  
Emmanuel Imoukhuede  
Bridget Dancy  
Sheila Chalmers-Currin

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; George Pfothenauer, Acting Police Chief; Brian Mitchell, Director of Human Resources; Nick Wilkens, Fire Chief; and Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:  
None

President Ashmore read aloud the Proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2009 National Public Works Week and the Proclamation declaring May, 2009 at Motorcycle Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2009 National Public Works Week
- b. Proclamation declaring May, 2009 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve the appointment of Renee Thornton to the Housing and Human Relations Commission, Milfred Moore to the Economic Development Commission and Kevin Wilbur and Heidi Keenan to the Fire & Police Commission. Seconded by Trustee Chalmers-Currin.

**SWEARING IN**

- a. Housing and Human Relations Commission
- b. Economic Development Commission
- c. Fire and Police Commission

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Renee Thornton was sworn in to the Housing and Human Relations Commission, and Kevin Wilbur and Heidi Keenan were sworn in to the Fire & Police Commission by Clerk Grisco.

President Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Little made a Motion to pass all items on the Consent Agenda except items 2 & 3. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

### A. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Special Events Permit for Rehfeldt Meyer American Legion to conduct their annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2009-*Approved by Omnibus Vote.*

2. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Village Board of Trustees" concerning the final authority for preparing, placing and/or removal of all items from the agenda for all meetings of the Board of Trustees as presented – *removed.*

3. The Board of Trustees approved the ordinance amending Chapter 31, entitled "Village Officials" of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Offices of the Village Administrator and Deputy Village Administrator as presented – *removed.*

4. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the creation of the Office of Director of Human Resources, as presented. -*Approved by Omnibus Vote.*

5. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the creation of the Office of Director of Recreational Programs as presented. -*Approved by Omnibus*

### A. NEW BUSINESS

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2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the creation of the Office of Director of Human Resources

3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the creation of the Office of Director of Recreational Programs

*Vote.*

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Imoukhuede asked for clarification regarding the items removed from the Consent Agenda.

President Ashmore stated that originally the formulation and final approval of the Agenda items was the President responsibility, it was moved to the Administrator's duty a few years ago and is simply being restored to the way it was previously.

Attorney Perozzi stated that the Village Officials section of the Villages Code of Ordinances needed a minor change to comply with the Illinois Statute.

Trustee Imoukhuede, made a Motion to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Village Board of Trustees" concerning the final authority for preparing, placing and/or removal of all items from the agenda for all meetings of the Board of Trustees as presented and to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 31, entitled "Village Officials" of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Offices of the Village Administrator and Deputy Village Administrator as presented. Seconded by Trustee Little.

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve half of the project relating to the bid for the Project No. 09-31809, Sanitary and Water Main Extension. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

The Chairman of the Fire & Police Commission Vince Patterson was asked to explain what the state requires regarding requiring fireman be also certified

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

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2. Ordinance amending Chapter 31, entitled "Village Officials" of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Offices of the Village Administrator and Deputy Village Administrator

**ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

1. Consideration of Bid for Project No. 09-31809; Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extension.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Lieutenant

Eligibility List and Final Testing for hiring of a Certified Paramedic.

paramedics. He stated that while the State of Illinois does not require that individuals who are hired are certified paramedics, it saves the Village cost and it also adds to the safety of the residents if a certified paramedic is at the scene of the emergency.

President Ashmore directed the Public Safety Commission, of which Trustee Imoukhuede is the Chairperson Trustee, to start investigating methods of partnering with Community Colleges concerning a Fire and Police training/recruiting program.

It was agreed by several members of the board that the Village take a more proactive approach in the Fire and Police hiring process.

It was suggested that the Village periodically make note of how many individuals are nearing retirement and begin filling and recruiting for those positions so that they are filled in a timely fashion.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to Direct the Fire and Police Commission to Promote one Firefighter/Paramedic from the Lieutenant Eligibility List and move forward with the final testing procedure for a Certified Paramedic from the current Firefighter Eligibility Candidate Roster. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Dancy made a Motion to approve the Chairperson Trustee Committee appointments as presented. Seconded by Trustee Little.

C. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEES

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

President Ashmore directed staff to put a copy of the 2009 Public Notice of Meetings and the Committee assignments list in the Trustee's next mailing.

Trustee Burton congratulated the newly appointed Commissioners, reported that the Economic Development Commission will meet at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2009 at the Village Hall and that the Plan Commission will meet on May

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

21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Little reported that the Housing and Human Relations Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2009 at the Village Hall.

Trustee Imoukhuede applauded the Police and Fire Department for their hard work.

Trustee Chalmers-Currin reported that she attended the recent Parks and Recreation event held at O'Toole School and that she looks forward to working with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There were no further comments/reports from elected officials, attorney, Administrator or the Public.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Brown made a Motion for Executive Session under the open meeting act, Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c)(5) – general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Little.

**REQUEST FOR  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Little made a Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Burton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

AYES: (6) Brown, Little, Burton, Imoukhuede, Dancy  
Chalmers-Currin  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk