

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 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 22, 2008

President Stricker 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

Andre Ashmore
Kevin Little
Sam Brown

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; Norm Burnson, Acting Chief of Police; George Pfothenauer, Deputy Police Chief; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Richard Smeaton, Senior Planner; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary; and the Media.

The following Trustees were absent: Emmanuel Imoukhuede, Nathaniel Motton, Jr., and Usher Sawyer III

President Stricker read aloud the Proclamation in Recognition of the Life and Achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRESENTATION

- a) Proclamation in Recognition of the Life and Achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- b) Girl Scouts of South Cook County 2008 Cookie Program Proclamation

President Stricker read aloud the Girl Scouts of South Cook County 2008 Cookie Program Proclamation and encouraged everyone to support the Girl Scouts Organization.

Trustee Ashmore welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. He reported that he attended the Creekside as well as Applewood Homeowner's Association Meetings. He thanked everyone who participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program. He reported that Victory Church, Rev. Barrow, Colin Powell School all did an excellent job. He expressed his condolences to the families of Mayor Eugene Sawyer and President Stroger. He summarized his experience working with President Stroger and stated that he will be attending the funeral on January 23, 2008.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a. Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Little reported that the Housing & Human Relations Commission will be meeting on January 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Trustee Brown reported that the Plan Commission met on January 17, 2008 and discussed updates to the Economic portion of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Brown commended Mr. Smeaton, the Plan Commission and Staff for their hard work. He stated that he was impressed with Dr. Barrows and the Speech she presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony on January 21, 2008 and he encouraged everyone to continue to instill Dr. King's dream into the youth. He expressed his condolences to the family of Mayor Sawyer and President Stroger. Trustee Brown encouraged everyone to volunteer one hour a month to the betterment of the community.

President Striker reported that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration was well attended. He said that the P.A. System at Lincoln Mall was not working properly during the program and that issue needs to be addressed at a later date.

There were no comments from the Public.

**6. OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

- A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
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 2. Public Hearing of January 7, 2008
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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Revised Ordinance Adopting the Smoke Free Illinois Act as presented. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the employee benefit package for the plan year 02/01/08 through 01/31/09 as presented. In an effort to minimize costs, the specific aggregate excess loss coverage will be awarded to ULLICO/Canada Life. Administration will remain with Sage Technologies, with a no increase in fixed cost. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
3. 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*

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Revised Ordinance Adopting the Smoke Free Illinois Act.
2. Consideration of the Village Sponsored Employee Health Insurance Renewal for 02/01/08 through 01/31/09
3. Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging the CSCVB as our Bureau of Record.

**8. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS.

1. Treasurer's Report,
December 2007

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration OF A Resolution Declaring Official Intent Regarding Certain Expenditures to be reimbursed from Proceeds of Obligation.

President Stricker Presented the Active Agenda

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the December 2007 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Little made a Motion to approve the Resolution declaring official intent regarding certain expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of obligation. Seconded by Trustee Brown

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NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Sawyer III, Motton, Imoukhuede

Ms. Gibson stated that representatives from legal council, Chatman Cutler, were present as well as Mr. Al Gracy who is the Village's representative regarding the Bonds.

Trustee Brown said he wanted to reiterate, as he stated at the last Board Meeting, that taxes will not need to be increased nor will there be a need for a referendum in order to finance the proposed Community Center. All of the funds will come from funds generated through the normal course of business.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Acting Chief Wilkens stated that the process of buying a new Ambulance takes approximately one year. He stated that Marque Ambulance has agreed to build the new ambulance for \$9,390.00 less than the joint purchase bid from the previous bidder.

President Stricker commended Chief Wilkens and Staff for doing a great job in presenting the proposal in such an organized manner.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to authorize the Fire Department to purchase a replacement ambulance through Marque Ambulance Service for the budgeted price of \$158,610.00. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Administrator Linear reported that neither Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc. nor its agents responded to the Villages request for information regarding EPA's decision. President Stricker asked what obligations the Village has regarding the property meeting EPA Standards. Administrator Linear stated that Hexion did not let the Village know whether or not any EPA remediation is required. Attorney Perozzi said that once the property goes back on the market, the Village will have the opportunity to reconsider purchasing the property. Trustee Brown said he is relieved that the deal did not go through

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issue of General Obligation Bonds of the Village of Matteson not to exceed \$10,000,000

3. Consideration of the Board of Trustees to Authorize the Fire Department to Purchase a Replacement Ambulance to be Constructed by Marque Ambulance

4. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement of Termination and Mutual Release of a Contract to Purchase Real Estate from Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.

because he was not certain it was a good purchase. Trustee Ashmore commended Staff for its follow-through. Administrator Linear stated that credit is also due to Attorney Perozzi for his due diligence.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement of termination and mutual release of a contract to purchase certain Real Estate from Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Brown made a Motion to convene to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2c(21)-Review and Disclosure of Prior Closed Session Minutes, for the purpose of reviewing and determining the status of prior closed session minutes, with no need to reconvene.

C. OTHER BUSINESS
1. Request for Executive Session

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

Trustee Ashmore thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting. He encouraged everyone to vote either during early voting or on the day of the election, February 5, 2008. He stated that this primary election is important to the State, County as well as the Village.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Little said that he hopes for more Board Meetings like the one held today where issues are handled smoothly and happy mediums are reached by everyone in attendance. He reported that he was impressed with the keynote speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony on January 21, 2008 and he reminded everyone that the February 5, 2008 election is an important one.

Trustee Brown encouraged everyone to take a moment to reflect on what our forefathers endured so that we can have the right to vote. He thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting. He encouraged everyone to volunteer one hour a month toward the betterment of the community.

Administrator Linear thanked everyone for attending to the Board Meeting.

Acting Chief Wilkens said he discourages the use of space heaters but if it is absolutely necessary to use one, that residents take precaution. He

discourages the use of a propane torch on frozen pipes suggesting that a hair dryer would be a safer option and an even safer one would be to call a plumber. He encouraged everyone to be careful when using electric blankets. He stated that residents can call the fire department for more safety tips.

There were no other staff reports.

Clerk Grisco stated that she was impressed with Dr. Barrow's speech at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 21, 2008. She reported that she attended the recent Police Officers Awards Ceremony and she congratulated the Police Officers for the awards they received at the Ceremony.

President Stricker reminded everyone that the last day for early voting at the Village Hall is January 31, 2008.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk