

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 3rd DAY OF MARCH 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
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; George Pfothenauer, Deputy Chief of Police; Vince Laoang, Director of Regulatory Services; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustee was absent: Usher Sawyer III

PRESENTATION:

President Stricker read aloud the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Youth Day as well as the Girl Scout Week Proclamations.

PRESENTATION:

- a. Proclamation declaring March 8, 2008 as Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Youth Day.
- b. Proclamation declaring March 9-15, 2008 as Girl Scout Week.

Trustee Ashmore requested that a *red light cameras* workshop be presented at a future Administration and Finance Meeting. He requested that Staff review the Village's current policy regarding cameras inside stores in an effort to increase public safety.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a. Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Motton expressed his condolence to the family of Lee Grant Cook of *Believers Church*. He stated that he looking forward to the future discuss regarding *red light cameras* as well as having the opportunity to discuss and express the pros and cons. He requested that Lincoln Mall come to a future Board Meeting to give the Board and public an update on the progress with the Lincoln Mall redevelopment.

Trustee Little reported that he attended the Small Business Meeting at Harris Bank. He reported that the Meeting was informative and he encouraged anyone interested to contact Cynthia Baker, Branch Manager of Harris Bank, to make plans to attend the next quarterly meeting. He encouraged family members of any soldier who is currently serving overseas to give the Village information regarding the soldier so that the soldier can be honored upon safe return back to Matteson.

Trustee Imoukhuede welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. He stated that as Chairman of Public Safety Commission he welcomes cameras at the stop signs and that the Commission is working with Chief Burnson regarding the issue.

Trustee Brown reported that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday March 6, 2008 at 7:30 at the Village Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend.

President Stricker reported that he, the Village Administrator and the Senior Planner are composing a formal letter to CN expressing issues related to the EJ&E acquisition. He reported that he met with Maggie Crotte and the Department of Transportation. He was informed that Rt. 30 will be resurfaced from Central to Cicero and that he expressed the desire to have the resurfacing extended to Harlem Avenue as well improvements to US 30 and I57 in order to enhance traffic flow and safety.

Administrator Linear reported that the letter to CN will be posted on the Village's Website.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees direct Attorney Perozzi to draft an Ordinance declaring fifty-three computer parts as surplus property and donated to South Suburban District Salvation Army. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustees approve the engagement letter authorizing McGladrey and Pullen, LLP, perform an audit of financial statements for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 for the Village of Matteson – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
3. The Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance, Amending Chapter 111 of the Village of Matteson, Code of Ordinances, increasing the Class “F” Liquor License by one. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Request to Direct the Village Attorney to Draft an Ordinance to Declare as Surplus, Designated Computer Equipment and Provide Staff the Authority to Dispose of this Equipment in a Lawful Manner.
2. Consideration of an Engagement Letter, Authorizing the Village Administrator to retain the services of McGladry & Pullen, LLP to conduct an audit of the Village of Matteson’s Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
3. Consideration of an additional Class “F” Liquor License.

**7. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago.

President Stricker Presented the Active Agenda

Administrator Linear reported that in an effort to demonstrate our commitment to being environmentally responsible, the Village has the opportunity to adopt a resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that the Village has always been a leader in the being conscious of the environment by using the Blue Recycling Bags. He stated that this resolution is step in the right direction to move to a higher

level.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve a resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region compact of Metropolitan Chicago. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
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Mr. Laoang reported that all required public improvements for Ridgeland Manor Subdivision, Units 9 & 10 have been completed and that the retention facility at the north end of Unit 9 shall be owned and maintained by the subdivisions homeowner's association.

2. Consideration to accept the required public improvements to Ridgeland Manor Subdivision Unit 9 and Unit 10.

The Board asked the Administrator to research converting ownership of all retention ponds in the Village back to the Village. Attorney Perozzi stated that the policy must be the same for all subdivisions.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to accept the required public improvements for the Ridgeland Manor Subdivision Phases 9 and 10. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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NAYS: (0)
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Ms. Sonya Norwood of 6106 Alexander said she enjoyed the great collaboration between the school board and the Village over the years.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Courtney Alexander of 5629 Crestwood stated that he applauded the way the Village's Fire and Police Departments handled the recent situation at Woodgate School. Mr. Alexander expressed having an issue with the Community Service Officer and spoke to Deputy Chief Pfothner in private regarding his concern.

Mr. Calvin Stone, Mr. Charles Alexander and Mr. James Kliderman of the American Legion expressed their desire to have the Village partner with them again in the annual Memorial Day Parade. President Stricker directed them to follow up with Staff.

Administrator Linear expressed condolence to Fireman Angelo Brown in the loss of his wife. He encouraged everyone to keep the families of Village Staff Harold Kummehne and Trustee Usher Sawyer, III in their thoughts as

CLOSING COMMENTS

young family members are ill. The Board requested that Staff forward home address of Mr. Brown and Mr. Kummelehne to them so that cards can be sent.

Ms. Gibson reported that vehicle stickers can be renewed and utilities can be paid on-line.

Clerk Grisco wished everyone a happy Pulaski Day.

Trustee Ashmore thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting

Trustee Motton applauded the Matteson Fire and Police Department for their handling of the recent Woodgate School incident. He suggested a Healthy Eating/Healthy Living competition whereby communities compete in a weight loss challenge. He wished his son a happy birthday. He commented that being an elected official can sometimes be difficult and he is humbled by the experience.

Trustee Little stated that he has the highest regard for Ms. Norwood in her service to the School District. He stated that while the School Board and Trustee Board are separate, both can work together and that he hopes positive dialogue between the two bodies continues.

Trustee Imoukhuede applauded the Matteson Fire and Police Department for their handling of the recent Woodgate School incident.

Trustee Brown thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting. He encouraged everyone to exercise the right to vote.

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:38 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk