

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 17th 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
Usher Sawyer III
Nathaniel Motton, Jr. (arrived at 7:32 p.m.)

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Regulatory Services; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

The following Trustees were absent:

None

SWEARING IN:

Brian Payne was sworn in as Police Officer by Clerk Grisco. Edward Leeson was sworn in as Shift Commander by Clerk Grisco.

Trustee Ashmore congratulated both Mr. Payne and Mr. Leeson. He reported that he attended the Creekside Homeowner's Association Meeting and that it was well attended. He reported that the Administration and Finance Meeting will be held on March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Trustee Motton reported that he attended a conference in Washington along with the Village Administrator and obtained a significant amount of valuable information regarding Homeownership and will elaborate further in an article in the Matteson Avenue Newsletter.

President Stricker suggested that Trustee Motton assemble a report rather than an article so more information can be included. President Stricker said that Staff would make the report available to residents. Trustee Motton agreed.

SWEARING IN:

- a. Brian Payne – Police Officer.
- b. Edward Leeson –promoted to Shift Commander.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a. Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Little reported that the Economic Development Franchise Business Forum will be held on March 29, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend. He reported that Dollars for Scholars raffle tickets are available for purchase and that the Diversity Dinners will be held on April 17, 2008.

Trustee Imoukhuede reported that he attended the conference in Washington. He reported that he attended the ICSC Conference and recommended that all of his colleagues attend a future ICSC Conference if their schedule allows.

Trustee Brown expressed his condolence to the family of Dr. Brenda Moore. He reported that he has forms available for any residents who'd like to appeal their County taxes. He reported that the forms must be date stamped by March 31, 2008 and can be sent to his attention. He reported that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2008. He encouraged everyone to attend. He also commended Ms. Jamice Shipp for the excellent job she is doing with her Homeowner's Association.

Trustee Usher Sawyer, III thanked everyone for their prayers and support while his grandson was ill. He expressed his condolence to James Moore in the loss of his wife Dr. Brenda Moore. He reported that he had received a "nasty" email and stated that he would prefer to receive ideas from residents instead of negative comments. He requested that anyone who addresses him, call him by his title. He suggested that the Matteson Fest be moved and that no alcohol be served at the Fest. He stated that the Fest is not a money making event but a reason to celebrate and thank the residents of the Village for their support. He stated that there were no serious problems reported.

President Stricker stated that there were some incidents at the Fest last year but the Police Department responded quickly. He stated that Staff has been reviewing various other issues brought up by residents.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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1. Regular Meeting of March 3, 2008

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B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by
Omnibus Vote*

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1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

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C. NEW BUSINESS

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1. The Board of Trustees direct Attorney Perozzi to prepare an Omnibus Ordinance that will make changes to an Existing Ordinance and Resolution as presented. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Various Computer Equipment Owned by the Village and to be donated to the South Suburban Salvation Army as presented. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

1. Consideration of a Request to Direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Omnibus Ordinance that will make changes to an Existing Ordinance and Resolution.
2. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Various Computer Equipment Owned by the Village and Donated to the South Suburban Salvation Army.

D. OLD BUSINESS

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1. The Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 111, entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, relative to the number of Class “F” Alcoholic Liquor Licenses to be issued. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

1. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 111, entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, Cook County Illinois relative to the number of Class “F” Alcoholic Liquor License to be issued.

**7. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

President Stricker Presented the Active Agenda

Trustee Ashmore asked Ms. Gibson why there are hyphens next to some of the dollar amounts on the report. Ms. Gibson reported that the Village is currently going through an Audit. The hyphens represent negative amounts

A. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer’s Report of
February, 2008.

which will be adjusted once the Audit is complete.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2008. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer III.

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

Chief Burnson reported that the proposed lease will offer a significant cost savings, any updates in equipment are included as part of the lease and that at the end of the three years the lease will be renegotiated. Attorney Perozzi reported that he has no legal objections to the lease.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a three-year lease agreement with Moose Rapids Technologies for the amount of \$2000 quarterly, and a one time training cost of \$1500. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Chief Wilkens reported that additional information will be sent to the Village Attorney with regard to details of the Ordinance.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to direct the attorney to prepare an Ordinance that will present the fee schedule and terms of specialized rescue teams of the Fire Department, and all fees would apply to any area of our repose district and mutual aid as it may apply. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Administrator Linear was directed to discuss with Department Directors the possibility of requiring Store Owners to paint the handicapped parking symbol on the ground/pavement of all handicapped parking spaces.

B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Consideration of a Request Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Alarm Billing Software with the WINPACS Application from Moose Rapids Technologies for the Police Department.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Request to the Board of Trustees Directing the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance that will present the Fee Schedule and Terms of Specialized Rescue Teams of the Fire Department.

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 72, Entitled, "Parking Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of

Matteson, Relative to
Establishing Fines for
Violations of Handicapped
Parking Areas.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 72, entitled, "Parking Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, establishing fines for violations of handicapped parking, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident of Romeoville, Illinois, Ms. Autumn Chatham expressed her condolence to the family of Dr. Brenda Moore. She asked if there is anything the Board can do about the rising gas prices. President Stricker stated that the Board has no control over rising gas cost. Trustee Motton suggested that individuals purchase fuel-efficient vehicles.

Ms. Heidi Keenan of 3905 216th Street invited everyone to attend the Historic Old Matteson Homeowner's Association's inaugural Members Meeting on April 10, 2008 at the Memorial Park Field House at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Stricker reported that the Good Neighbor Awards Reception will be held on March 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday in Matteson.

Trustee Ashmore reported that the Administration and Finance Meeting will be held on March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Motton expressed his condolence to the family of Dr. Brenda Moore and suggested that a Resolution be created in her honor. He encouraged anyone who believes they may be going into foreclosure to call 888-995-HOPE as soon as possible. He stated that the SouthtownStar seems to only report negative Village news. He requested that the paper report good news as well.

Trustee Imoukhuede expressed his condolence to James Moore, the husband of Dr. Brenda Moore. He requested that staff issue a report of sales tax information to the Board on a monthly basis.

Trustee Brown reported that he has forms for residents needing to appeal County taxes and that the forms will be available at the Village Hall. He reported that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday March 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. He expressed his condolence to the family of his cousin Dr. Brenda Moore.

Trustee Sawyer III suggested that in the Summer months the Village have a

Farmers Market feature arts and crafts as well. He suggested the Market be held in the Mall Parking Lot or where the night club used to be. He reported that problems occur in every Village. He reported that Matteson Fest's change in hours will cause problems. He suggested that the Village should not have a Matteson Fest.

Administrator Linear stated that perhaps he can collaborate with Trustee Motton in writing the Homeowner Informational Report. Trustee Motton agreed.

Mr. Bates reported that he would be happy to meet with Trustee Sawyer privately to discuss the Matteson Fest hours. Trustee Sawyer III stated that a private meeting would not be necessary. Trustee Motton stated that he would like a phone call from Mr. Bates.

Clerk Grisco wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter.

President Stricker wished everyone a Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:17 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk