

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 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004

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
Sam Brown
Allan Johnson

Trustees Motton and Marshall were absent for roll call. Trustee Imoukhuede was not in attendance.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the Star Newspaper.

CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2003 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 15, 2003

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Stricker
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Imoukhuede, Marshall, and Motton

b) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 22, 2003 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

PUBLIC HEARING OF
DECEMBER 22, 2003

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 22, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Stricker
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Imoukhuede, Marshall, and Motton

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 29, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

SPECIAL MEETING OF
DECEMBER 29, 2003

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Stricker
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Imoukhuede, Marshall, and Motton

CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2003.

TREASURER'S REPORT –
NOVEMBER, 2003

Trustee Motton arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Trustee Ashmore moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for November, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Imoukhuede and Marshall

SALARY, OVERTIME AND
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

b) President Stricker presented the Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable as submitted.

Trustee Ashmore moved to accept the Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Imoukhuede and Marshall

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE
OFFICIALS

a) President Stricker read a Proclamation proclaiming the dates for the 2004 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Time and urged everyone to support their efforts.

PROCLAMATION – 2004
GIRL SCOUT COOKIE

SALE TIME

PROCLAMATION –
MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY

President Stricker also read a Proclamation proclaiming January 19, 2004 as Martin Luther King Day in the Village of Matteson and urged everyone to recognize it as a day of service throughout Matteson, as well as a day to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He noted that there will be a special Program held at Lincoln Mall on January 19 at 9:00 a.m. and invited all to attend.

Trustee Marshall arrived at 7:44 p.m.

Trustee Ashmore reported his attendance at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on December 16 and the Grand Opening of the campaign office for Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. and State Senator Barack Obama on January 3. He noted that there will be an Administration/Finance Committee meeting on January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and invited everyone to attend.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Trustee Brown also noted his attendance at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on December 16.

All Trustees wished everyone a happy and successful New Year.

President Stricker reported his attendance at an Eagle Scout Code of Honor ceremony held at New Faith Church on December 27. He also noted receipt of a letter from State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka promoting various programs.

Trustee Motton complimented the Public Works Department and staff members for their prompt response regarding recent snow removal concerns.

School District 227 President, Bette Owens, noted that the purpose of the presentation was to improve communication between the schools and the community. Dr. Brian Knutson, Superintendent, gave a power point presentation on the District's projected goals and financial status.

PRESENTATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

There was no public comment.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no bids or contracts.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS
AND AWARDING OF
CONTRACTS

1) President Stricker noted that the proposed increase in the number of Class

OLD BUSINESS

“D” liquor licenses is intended to facilitate a request from Kenny’s Ribs & Dusties Buffets Matteson, Inc. to serve liquor at their new location at 4023 Lincoln Highway.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees approve 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 “D” Alcoholic Liquor Licenses to be issued. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

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 “D” ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE ISSUED

2) Ms. Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development, explained that the renaming of Cornfield Drive to Cornfield Road was for consistency.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance renaming Cornfield Drive in Gleneagle Trail Subdivision to Cornfield Road in the Village, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A VILLAGE STREET

3) Ms. Kingma noted that Lot 1 in Phase One of the Ridgeland Manor Subdivision is not buildable. The developer wishes to deed the property to the Village; however, staff recommends the following improvements be completed by the developer prior to Village acceptance:

- The base and lid of the sanitary sewer manhole located in the berm of Lot #1 (east side) have been knocked off. This manhole must be dug up, repositioned, installed and the area around the manhole must be restored.
- The fire hydrant on Lot #1 has been hit and pushed over. This hydrant must be dug up, straightened and checked for leaks. The auxiliary valve must be at grade and the area around the hydrant must be restored. The height of the hydrant must meet the requirements of 16” to 24” vertical clearance from grade to the center of the steamer port. If the height does not meet this requirement, a vertical extension on the hydrant will be

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE DEEDING OF LOT 1, LOCATED IN PHASE ONE OF THE RIDGELAND MANOR SUBDIVISION TO THE VILLAGE OF MATTESON

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required.

- The ditch line south of Old Plank Road Trail, on the east side of Ridgeland Avenue does not have positive drainage south to the creek. This problem is causing ponding within this ditch line and must be repaired.
- All of the required vegetation (i.e. seeding, trees, monument sign landscaping and grading) must be established prior to an inspection from Village Staff. After the vegetation is established and inspected, the deed of Lot #1 may be accepted by Village Staff.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees approve a request to deed Lot #1, located in Phase One of Ridgeland Manor Subdivision, when all required improvements are completed to Village standards. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

4) Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition that the Village be a home rule unit to the voters of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 16th day of March, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

Administrator Mekarski summarized some of the points discussed at a prior Board workshop relative to the need and advantages of becoming home rule. President Stricker requested that staff prepare a written statement for public distribution, but cautioned that it must be of an informative nature only.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE DATE FOR A HOME RULE REFERENDUM

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

5) Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(21) – Review and Disclosure of Prior Closed Session Minutes, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

OTHER BUSINESS

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE

Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

SESSION

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the Administration/Finance Committee meeting on January 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Marshall noted an error in the regular Board of Trustee Minutes of December 15, 2003, on Page 12-0120-03, fourth paragraph, Trustee Allen should read Trustee Johnson.

Trustee Motton noted that the reason for Trustee Imoukhuede's absence was that he was out of the country.

Administrator Mekarski reminded the Board of the special work session on home rule on January 14 sponsored by SSMMA.

Ms. Kingma reminded the Board that Public Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 6:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 7:15 p.m.

As to the Village informational sign, Administrator Mekarski noted that site location and other specific details are currently being discussed.

Mr. Linear reported that the bond sale was successful and closed as expected.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:40 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and
Motton
NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 5, 2004

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