

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 1ST DAY OF MARCH 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  
Emmanuel Imoukhuede  
Allan Johnson  
Carol Marshall  
Nathaniel Motton Jr.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Robert Wilcox, Fire Chief; Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the Star Newspaper.

CONSIDERATION OF  
MINUTES

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

REGULAR MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 17, 2004

Trustee Imoukhuede requested the following correction: Page 02-030-04, the next to the last paragraph, replace "*the bidding process*" with "**competitive bidding.**"

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2004 with the noted correction. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

CONSIDERATION OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SALARY, OVERTIME AND  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE  
OFFICIALS

a) President Stricker read a Proclamation proclaiming March 7-13, 2004 as Girl Scout Week.

PROCLAMATION – GIRL  
SCOUT WEEK – MARCH 7-  
13, 2004

b) President Stricker read a Proclamation welcoming the Xinos and Kudos Regional Youth Conference which will be held on April 15-18, 2004.

PROCLAMATION –  
WELCOMING THE XINOS  
AND KUDOS REGIONAL  
YOUTH CONFERENCE

c) President Stricker submitted the name of Veloid Cotton for appointment to the Housing and Human Relations Commission.

HOUSING AND HUMAN  
RELATIONS COMMISSION  
APPOINTMENT  
RECOMMENDATION

Trustee Marshall moved to appoint Mr. Veloid Cotton to the Housing and Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The President and Board of Trustees welcomed Mr. Cotton to the Commission.

The President and Board of Trustees reported their activities during the past week.

Trustee Ashmore announced the next Administration/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Trustee Marshall announced the Good Neighbor Award program will be held on

March 7, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Trustee Motton, as liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission, requested information on the basketball program, specifically, 1) what the registration fees cover – uniforms, trophies, etc.; 2) as to the Booster Club, what the candy sales, etc. cover; and, 3) information on the banquet budget.

Discussion ensued regarding Trustee attendance at homeowners' association meetings. Attorney Perozzi clarified that Trustees are not restricted to any particular section of the Village. Administrator Mekarski noted that the Village sponsored only one forum regarding Home Rule, that being the one held at Lincoln Mall on Thursday, February 26, 2004. Administrator Mekarski was instructed to contact all homeowners' associations and request that they extend invitations to all Trustees when requesting Village participation.

President Stricker announced there will be a SSMMA Transportation Meeting on March 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Mr. Long questioned whether both pros and cons of Home Rule were presented at the various homeowners association meetings. Members of the Board were polled regarding the specific meetings they attended, with the general feeling that both sides of the issue were addressed. Mr. Long stated he felt if all Trustees are not invited to a meeting, then none should attend.

OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Ms. Janet Manson, Superintendent of Recreation, presented the bid results for the Leisure Guide and School Newsletter for the next two years, wherein the bid proposals were combined. In this scenario, the low bidder was In-Print Graphics.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS  
AND AWARDING OF  
CONTRACTS

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees approve the lowest combined bid proposal as submitted by In-Print Graphics of Alsip, Illinois for the Typesetting & Design and the Printing of the Leisure Guide (2 year contract) in the total amount of \$6,552.00 per issue. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

LEISURE GUIDE BID  
RESULTS (2 Year Contract)

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees approve the lowest bid proposal as submitted by In-Print Graphics of Alsip, Illinois for the School Newsletters (2 year contract) in the total amount of \$321.00 per issue. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

2) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2003/04 and reviewed the significant adjustments that were made to the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that the imposition of the utility tax was necessary to maintain the Village's good bond rating.

REVISED FY 03/04 BUDGET

Discussion ensued regarding the Chicago Southland Alliance membership line item. It was noted that \$1,500 from that account was used for NAACP representation and \$5,000 is the revised amount for the EEC (formerly known as Chicago Southland Alliance).

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board reduce the amount of Line Item No. 0100004-61100, Chicago Southland Alliance, to \$6,500 with the remaining \$10,500 to be placed in the unencumbered fund balance. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

It was requested that this specific line item be discussed at a FY 04/05 budget work session.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board approve the Revised Budget for all Corporate purposes of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year commencing the first day of May, 2003 and ending on the thirtieth day

of April, 2004 with the correction noted. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton  
NAYS:(0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

3) Trustee Marshall, liaison for the Housing and Human Relations Commission, presented a report from the Commission regarding the Tanner-Glaze Rodeo. The Commission did not recommend Village sponsorship due to the financial obligation the Village would incur.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility and financing of the rodeo.

TANNER AND GLAZE  
WESTERN FESTIVAL

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board table this item until the next workshop for further review after which it will be returned to the Board for action. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton  
NAYS:(0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Staff was directed to send a letter to Mr. Vasser, under the signatures of the President and Board of Trustees, advising him of the status of his request.

4) Attorney Perozzi stated that under the Board's direction, the proposed ordinance was prepared to increase the number of Class "F" liquor licenses by one to facilitate a request from Aldi, Inc. to sell packaged liquor.

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 "F" Alcoholic Liquor Licenses to be issued. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

CONSIDERATION OF AN  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 111, ENTITLED  
"ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"  
OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES RELATIVE  
TO THE NUMBER OF  
CLASS "F" ALCOHOLIC  
LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton  
NAYS:(0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

ISSUED

5) Fire Chief Wilcox briefed the Board on the history and current status of Fire Department Engine 8. It was recommended that said engine be deemed surplus property to be either donated to a rural fire department or sent to a salvage yard.

Discussion was held wherein it was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the Public Safety Committee.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved to table this matter for further review. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede acknowledged the Boy Scouts who had been present during the meeting and voiced his support of the organization.

Trustee Motton requested that staff contact Village vendors regarding possible donations towards the proposed new Village sign. He also requested that the previously mentioned basketball program report be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

Parks & Recreation Director Ramsey noted that a Baseball Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6.

Administrator Mekarski advised that the regularly scheduled March 8 Board Workshop has been cancelled; however, workshop sessions will be held on March 22 and March 29 to discuss the FY 04/05 budget. It was noted that the Comcast pilot program to videotape Board meetings will begin in April.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a 6:00 p.m. workshop on March 15 to discuss the Lincoln Mall business deal.

Administrator Mekarski advised the Board of a tentative meeting of the Ridgeland Manor Homeowners Association on Saturday, March 6. Specific details will be forwarded when available.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF  
AUTHORIZATION TO  
DISPOSE OF FIRE  
DEPARTMENT ENGINE 8

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 1, 2004

03-044-04

Trustees at 9:37 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,  
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk