

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 MAY 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
- Nathaniel Motton Jr.

Trustee Marshall was absent for roll call.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Robert Park, Police Chief; Robert Wilcox, Fire Chief; Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 19, 2004

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SALARY, OVERTIME AND

submitted.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Marshall

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE
OFFICIALS

President Stricker presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 2 through 8, 2004 as Municipal Clerks Week.

PROCLAMATION –
MUNICIPAL CLERKS
WEEK – MAY 2 – 8, 2004

President Stricker presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 16 through 22, 2004 as Public Works Week.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC
WORKS WEEK – MAY 16 –
22, 2004

President Stricker presented a Proclamation proclaiming May, 2004 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION –
MOTORCYCLE
AWARENESS MONTH –
MAY, 2004

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

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Trustee Imoukhuede commended the Fire and Police Departments for their prompt response to a recent family emergency.

Trustee Brown reminded everyone of the Plan Commission meeting on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

President Stricker noted that the Parks and Recreation Department conducted their Annual Arbor Day Program at Miller Gardens and dedicated a tree in memory of Mr. Fredrick Smith.

Trustee Marshall arrived at 7:58 p.m.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Police Chief Park introduced Officers Becker, Evans, Brady, and Brnicky and gave a brief background on each. Village Clerk Dorothy Grisco swore in Joshua R.

POLICE OFFICERS JOSHUA
R. BECKER, CHARLES S.

Becker, Charles S. Evans, Anthony S. Brady, and Blair A. Brnicky as Police Officers for the Village of Matteson.

EVANS, ANTHONY S.
BRADY, AND BLAIR A.
BRNICKY

Fire Chief Wilcox introduced Firefighter/Paramedics Russo and Farley and Lieutenant Kukulski and gave a brief background on each. Village Clerk Dorothy Grisco swore in Tracy Russo and Thomas Farley as Firefighter/Paramedics for the Village of Matteson and Daniel Kukulski as Lieutenant for the Village of Matteson.

FIREFIGHTER/PARA-
MEDICS TRACY RUSSO
AND THOMAS FARLEY

LIEUTENANT DANIEL
KUKULSKI

APPOINTMENT OF
VILLAGE OFFICERS

President Stricker nominated the following individual or firm names for appointment:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY,
TREASURER, ASSISTANT
TREASURER, DEPUTY
VILLAGE CLERK

Village Attorney Joseph R. Perozzi
McGrane, Perozzi, Stelter,
Gerardi, Bauer & Ross

Treasurer Betty L. Jung

Assistant Treasurer Rita J. Miotti

Deputy Village Clerk Rita J. Miotti

Trustee Marshall moved to accept the nomination of Joseph R. Perozzi as Village Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Marshall moved to accept the nomination of Betty L. Jung as Village Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Discussion ensued wherein it was the consensus of the Board that Matteson residents should be given an opportunity to fill the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Deputy Village Clerk.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the appointments of Assistant Treasurer and Deputy Village Clerk be tabled to the next meeting to allow time to seek out individuals residing within the Village who may be interested in serving in such capacities. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

It was noted that in order to maintain internal audit control, it would not be advisable to have the Finance Director serve as Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

There was no public comment.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS
AND AWARDING OF
CONTRACTS

CONSIDERATION OF A
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF PAYMENT
COLLECTION AGREEMENT
WITH FIRS TECH

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN
INCREASE IN THE WATER

1) Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Village Board pass a Resolution authorizing the Village of Matteson to execute a "Payment Collection Agreement" with FirsTech, Inc. as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

Ms. Rita Miotti, Contract and Management Services Coordinator, gave a brief background on the proposed Payment Collection Agreement.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

2) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, noted that the City of Chicago has raised water rates to suburban users by three percent for each of the calendar years beginning January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2005. To offset these increases that are

USAGE RATE

being passed along, staff is recommending that the current water usage rate be increase by three percent for the period beginning July 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 and an additional three percent beginning January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 50, entitled "Public Works" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, increasing the water usage rate as outlined. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

Trustee Brown noted that these increases are straight pass-through increases; there are no excess monies or profit being collected for the Village.

Under the advice of Attorney Perozzi, Trustee Johnson withdrew his motion and Trustee Ashmore withdrew his second in order to restate the motion to eliminate an ending date for the water usage rate fees.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 50, entitled "Public Works" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, increasing the water usage rate to \$3.88 per 100 cubic feet of water usage for the period of July 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 and to \$4.00 per cubic feet of water usage for the period beginning January 1, 2005 and thereafter. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

Trustee Imoukhuede requested that staff calculate the rate per gallon and report back at the next meeting.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

3) Ms. Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development, noted that the Final Plat will finish out Providence Manor and would permit the development of 36 single family homes. She noted that no Certificate of Occupancy will be issued for Phase Four until the road providing secondary access to Central Avenue through the New Faith Baptist Church property is built.

CONSIDERATION OF A
FINAL PLAT FOR
PROVIDENCE MANOR,
PHASE FOUR

Trustee Brown moved that the Board approve a Final Plat for Providence Manor, Phase Four, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,

Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

4) Chief Wilcox explained that this promotion would maintain the status-quo and does not reflect a new position.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board direct the Fire and Police Commission to fill the vacant position of Fire Lieutenant from the existing Lieutenant Eligibility List. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AUTHORIZATION FOR
FIRE & POLICE
COMMISSION TO
PROMOTE ONE
FIREFIGHTER/PARA-
MEDIC TO LIEUTENANT

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

5) Mr. Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works, noted a resolution is required by IDOT for disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of Street Maintenance.

IDOT RESOLUTION FOR
MAINTENANCE OF
STREETS

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board pass the Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, for the amount of \$360,000. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Motton requested that the State/County be contacted regarding the maintenance of the medians on Lincoln Highway and Cicero Avenue, particularly the elimination of weeds.

In response to questioning from Trustee Brown, Mr. Laoang gave a brief description of those streets scheduled to be resurfaced.

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

6) President Stricker noted that the proposed resolution would oppose the closure of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center due to budget cutbacks and recognize the Center as a vital community resource.

RESOLUTION AGAINST
THE CLOSURE OF TINLEY
PARK MENTAL HEALTH
CENTER

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution against the closure of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

Trustees Brown, Imoukhuede and Motton emphasized their strong support for the retention of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(11) – Probable Litigation, and Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Trustees Ashmore and Brown congratulated all involved on the receipt of the ICMA Best Practices Award.

Trustee Marshall reported her activities during the past week. She noted that the First Time Home Buyers Seminar will be held on May 12 in the Village Hall Community Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Marshall advised the Board that the May/June edition of the *Matteson Avenue* is being prepared and requested that any information they wished to be included be submitted to LaVerne Woods within the next couple of weeks. She also stated that the earlier action taken by the Board regarding the appointment of an Assistant Treasurer and Deputy Village Clerk in no way reflects on the ability of Rita Miotti but rather expresses the Board's desire to promote change. She commended Ms. Miotti for her past service in those capacities.

Trustee Motton stated that his duty as Trustee is to do the work of the Village by serving the public.

Administrator Mekarski gave a brief synopsis of his trip to Annapolis and the Village's campaign to fight retail redlining. He urged the Board to continue the dialog on unconscious racism.

Ms. Kingma reported on the status of the Ridgeland Manor and Holden Park resident concerns that were raised at a previous meeting, noting that most issues have been resolved. A more detailed written memo will be forwarded to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Laoang, on behalf of the Public Works staff, thanked the Board for their recognition of Public Works Week.

Clerk Grisco stated she was disappointed with the Board's decision to table the matter rather than appoint Rita Miotti as Deputy Village Clerk. Clerk Grisco stated that Ms. Miotti's vast knowledge of the position and the fact that she is readily available in the absence of the Village Clerk makes her an excellent candidate for the position.

The Board convened to Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:39 p.m.

Clerk Grisco called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

Andre Ashmore
Allan Johnson
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Sam Brown
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton Jr.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees approve a salary adjustment for David Mekarski in the amount of \$1,500, covering the period from March 5, 2004 to his last day of employment being May 25, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board direct the Village President to contact the firm of PAR Group to assist in the search for a new Village Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

President Stricker encouraged anyone presently employed by the Village to submit their name as well.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Village Attorney Perozzi noted that in accordance with the Municipal Code, in the absence of the Village Administrator, the Deputy Village Administrator assumes all responsibilities and duties of the previous Administrator until further action by the Board.

APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM VILLAGE
ADMINISTRATOR

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that in the absence of Interim Village Administrator Hildy Kingma, Police Chief Robert Park, with the assistance of Finance Director Lafayette Linear, will assume the Village Administrator responsibilities. Seconded by Brown.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:47 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 3, 2004

05-086-04

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk