

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 NOVEMBER 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.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Frank Myers, Village Administrator; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Robert Park, Police Chief, Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

CONSIDERATION OF
MINUTES

a) President Stricker presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2004 for additions, deletions, or corrections.

REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 18, 2004

Trustee Ashmore moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Motton requested that on Page 10-177-04 – third paragraph, Board comments be included after the public comment from Ms. Deborah Murray.

Trustee Ashmore withdrew his motion – Trustee Brown did not withdraw his second.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2004 be tabled to be corrected to reflect the verbatim statements of all the Board members regarding the statement by the President of Southwick Homeowners Association. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT –
SEPTEMBER, 2004

a) Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, presented the Treasurer's Report for September, 2004.

Trustee Ashmore moved to accept the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Mr. Linear noted that the Charter One General Fund is the Village's general operating fund and is in a deficit for the majority of the year due to the timing of the receipt of property tax funds which are used to fund the Village's day-to-day operations. He noted that an update on the Village's financial status will be prepared in the near future for Board review.

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

SALARY, OVERTIME AND
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

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

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE
OFFICIALS

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions including the NAACP Annual Dinner/Dance. They also welcomed Mr. Frank Myers, the new Village Administrator, and reminded everyone of the November 2

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE
REPORTS

election and encouraged all to vote.

Trustee Ashmore reported that the Administration/Finance Committee met on October 29 and noted that minutes were provided to the Board.

Trustee Johnson reported that the weekly Development/Staff meeting was held wherein work in progress at various subdivisions and Public Works was discussed. He reported that the street lights are working in Newbury. Additionally, the street lights in the Oakwood, Academy, Campus area are out due to a contractor accidentally severing the cables. Also, several complaints were received regarding street sweeping. Staff is looking into the matter.

Trustee Brown reported that he was made aware, through an Economic Development Workshop, of various programs that are available to aid small businesses in obtaining loans, technical assistance, training, etc. He also reported that the Economic Development Team met and reviewed various programs and goals for future economic development activities within the Village.

Mr. Charles Sheppard, 5227 Stoneridge Court, stated he was having problems with his builder. Staff was directed to follow up on the matter and to provide the Board with a brief synopsis of the issues Mr. Sheppard is having with the developer.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alicia Edwards, 5230 Stoneridge, stated that in order to resolve her issues with the developer, she had to hire an attorney. It was noted that the Board intends to hold a conference to discuss these issues that have recently been brought to their attention.

Ms. Brenda Reynolds, 5241 Southwick Court, noted that while the Village has been in contact with her since the last Board meeting, the developer has not.

Residents were advised that they can contact the Village Administrator, President or any member of the Board at any time with their various concerns rather than wait to be heard at a Board meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS
AND AWARDING OF
CONTRACTS - *None*

1) Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Fire and Police Commission to promote a Sergeant from the existing eligibility list.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSION TO
PROMOTE A SERGEANT

Seconded by Trustee Motton.

Chief Park noted that with the resignation of Deputy Chief Filkins and the resulting promotion of Sergeant George Pfothenauer to the position of Deputy Chief, a vacancy was created in the position of Patrol Sergeant.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Marshall

OLD BUSINESS - *None*

OTHER BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE
SESSION

2) President Stricker noted that an Executive Session has been requested under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(5) – Purchase of Real Estate, with no need to reconvene. Attorney Perozzi stated he received correspondence late Friday afternoon concerning possible imminent or probable litigation and requested a closed session meeting under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(11), with no need to reconvene.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn, at the end of this meeting, to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(5) – Purchase of Real Estate and Section 2(c)(11) - Litigation, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Marshall

Trustee Motton requested that Attorney Perozzi research the new State regulations as it pertains to the placement of election signs to see if an amendment is needed to the Village's current Ordinance.

Trustee Brown congratulated Trustee Imoukhuede on being featured in an article published by the STAR Newspaper regarding immigrants in the United States

The President, Clerk and Board of Trustees encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday.

Administrator Myers thanked the Board for their warm welcome and stated he was looking forward to working with the Village Board.

Trustee Imoukhuede thanked all the staff members who helped out during the search for a new Village Administrator, including Ms. Kingma, Chief Park, and Mr. Linear.

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk