

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 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005

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
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Allan Johnson
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Robert Wilcox, Acting Village Administrator; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Vince Laoang, Regulatory Services Director; Karie Friling, Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development; Robin Kelly, Community Affairs and Economic Development Director; Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

President Stricker read a Proclamation proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2005 as U. S. Constitution Week.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a) Proclamation –
Constitution Week

A moment of silence was had for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Board members extended their thoughts and prayers to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and devoted their Committee Reports to expound on relief efforts.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the President and Board of Trustees authorize the Finance Director, Lafayette Linear, to send a donation from the Village of Matteson's Quality of Life Fund on behalf of all residents of the Village of Matteson, Illinois, in support of the Gulf Coast relief effort payable to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$5,000 to be sent out by overnight mail no later than the close of business on Thursday, September 8, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

b) Trustee Committee
Reports

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

09-118-05

September 6, 2005

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

Trustee Motton announced that there will be an Administrative/Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8 at the Village Hall and requested that Human Resource Director Robert Crouch be in attendance.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board direct Human Resource Director, Robert Crouch, to contact the PAR Group for the purpose of a search for the position of Village Administrator and Mr. Crouch should contact the PAR Group on September 7, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Human Resource Director, Robert Crouch, to have a representative from the PAR Group to attend the Village Board Workshop on September 12, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Acting Village Administrator to place on the next Board meeting's agenda of September 19, 2005, the following items that were approved by the Plan Commission in reference to Harold Motors. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

President Stricker read a letter from Olympia Fields Mayor Linzey Jones requesting a meeting with Matteson officials regarding the proposed relocation of Harold Motors to the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Motton elaborated on the benefits of bringing Harold Motors to the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to reflect that the Board's direction be that the Village Clerk place said items on the Board agenda instead of the Acting Village Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Roll call on the amended motion: *that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Clerk to place on the next Board meeting's agenda of September 19, 2005, the following items that were approved by the Plan Commission in reference to Harold Motors.*

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

Trustee Sawyer moved to return Parks and Recs Department back to its original function and that Mr. Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director, work with the two departments, head up and review the Parks and Recs Department and put in place the respective department heads to run those departments. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a motion to table this matter to allow for detailed discussion in executive session under personnel, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

Trustee Sawyer addressed a concern regarding dirt placed in a playground in the Ridgeland Manor Subdivision and requested staff to look into the matter and report back to the Board. He also requested a report on the status of the Building Department investigation and the status of building inspections for Dusties Buffet/Kenny's Ribs.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Marshall introduced individuals from Louisiana who are temporarily being housed at various homes in the Village of Matteson.

Mr. Mark Parrish thanked the Board for their aid and concern for the Katrina victims. He introduced members of his family who gave their account of their experiences during the Katrina hurricane disaster.

Ms. Yvonne Griffin and Ms. Janice Smith, New Faith Baptist Church, reported on the church's relief efforts for the victims of Katrina.

Mrs. Dorothy Howard, 148 Huntingwood, Matteson Village Coalition, presented the Board with a petition opposing any building or licensing of any new liquor stores in the Village of Matteson. Trustee Imoukhuede requested that all Board members receive a copy of the petition.

In response to inquires by the Board, it was noted that volunteer Village of Matteson staff members are on a waiting list to be deployed to the Gulf Coast area if and/or when they are needed.

Dr. Nathaniel Horn, 4203 Cedarwood Lane, read a prepared statement regarding an incident that took place between his wife and a Village Trustee and requested that the Board take appropriate action. It was noted that the Board will review the matter in Executive Session.

Pastor Leroy Johnson, 617 Appian Way, noted he applied for an inspector position with the Village and felt he was well qualified. He requested to know why he did not get the job. It was noted that the President and Board of Trustees are not involved in that hiring process; however, staff will look into the matter.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis, owner of Dusties Buffet/Island Chicken/Kenny's Ribs, stated that he was issued a temporary occupancy permit to open his establishment. He noted that to date, over half of the items necessary for a permanent occupancy permit have been completed. He added that his original plans included parking spaces on the east side of the building. However, he noted that it would be very costly for him to provide those spaces and he did not feel they were necessary.

Staff will meet with

Mr. Lewis in an effort to finalize the project.

Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims invited the Katrina Hurricane victims to utilize the Cook County medical facilities as needed.

Mr. Rupert Evans, 616 Appian Way, representative of Butterfield II Homeowners

Association, noted concerns have been raised regarding neon lighting that is currently being used by a new business along Cicero Avenue. Staff will contact the business owner to see if an arrangement could be made to place the lights on some sort of dimmer or timer. Mr. Evans was also concerned over the fact that the developer is in the process of beginning Butterfield IV; however, Butterfield II is not yet completed as far as tree placement and signage. Staff will review the matter.

The Senior Pastor of Kingdom International Ministries, noted he was a truck driver and offered his services to aid in the relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda. He requested that Item C1 be removed from the Consent Agenda in that it requires a corporate majority vote.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item C1. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

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

1. Public Hearing of August 15, 2005
2. Regular Meeting of August 15, 2005
3. Special Meeting of August 29, 2005
4. Special Meeting of August 30, 2005

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Subdivision Monument Signs for Gleneagle Trail Subdivision with the following conditions: that the signs be constructed of limestone; that the signs be constructed as promised on the submitted plans; and that the wording on the signs be revised to read, “Gleneagle Trail of Matteson”. –
Approved by Omnibus Vote

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Public Hearing of August 15, 2005
2. Regular Meeting of August 15, 2005
3. Special Meeting of August 29, 2005
4. Special Meeting of August 30, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Removed*

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Subdivision Monument Signs for Gleneagle Trail Subdivision

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board pass an Ordinance authorizing a lease of Village owned water tower and ground space for property located at 21607 Oak Street. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

AYES: (7) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Johnson, Marshall,
Motton, Sawyer, and Stricker
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board accept the bid submitted by Trine Construction Corporation of West Chicago in the amount of \$2,285,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees approve an amendment to Section 159.82 (K) of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance and direct the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees table the request for approval of a text amendment to Section 159.22(B) of the Matteson Zoning Ordinance until the applicant submits the requested documents to Village Staff regarding the proposed project. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

**7. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing a Lease of Village Owned Water Tower and Ground Space with U.S. Cellular

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

**A. CONSIDERATION OF
BIDS AND AWARDING
OF CONTRACTS**

1. 2005 Water Main Improvements

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Revision to Section 159.82 (K) to Create a Provision for Minor Variances
2. Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Revision to Section 159.22(B) to Allow Amusement Facilities within the I-1 District with a Special Use Permit

Trustee Ashmore noted he will not support any type of activity that promotes violence; and, therefore, he would oppose this type of business being located in the Village of Matteson.

Trustees Johnson and Imoukhuede also voiced their concern over this type of business.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees convene into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel, for the purpose of reviewing candidates for the position of Police Chief, with no need to reconvene, and also Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel, for the purpose of reviewing employee performance, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for Executive Session

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

Trustee Imoukhuede requested that avenues be researched to improve the aesthetics of the medians in town. Acting Village Administrator Wilcox noted that the State has been contacted regarding that issue and it is hoped that alternative funding will be made available to properly maintain the medians.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Sawyer requested that an appreciation letter be sent to Cook County Highway Department, Mr. Larry Williams, for allowing County staff to cut the grass on Cicero Avenue even though it is a State right-of-way.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted that the grass is overgrown on the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Lincoln Highway and creates an eyesore. Staff will look into the matter.

Trustee Marshall stated she was very proud of the Village in that everyone is working together to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board approve the purchase of a banner to be used for a senior event on September 15, 2005 at the Village Mall. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

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

In response to questioning from Trustee Imoukhuede, it was noted that the banner is estimated to cost approximately \$418.

Trustee Motton commended Trustee Sawyer for taking the lead role in assisting senior citizens.

Trustee Sawyer questioned the status of the grass cutting contracts. Trustee Sawyer moved that, in the absence of other bids and contracts, that the Board allow Mr. Long to continue cutting grass for the Village. It was noted that Mr. Long is currently cutting grass for the Village. This item will be addressed during budget discussions.

In response to questioning from Trustee Johnson, Acting Village Administrator Wilcox noted that it is anticipated that TIF funds from the development of the property to the north of the Village Hall will be utilized to improve the landscaping around the Village Hall.

Trustee Ashmore invited everyone to the Annual Unity Day celebration on Sunday, September 11, at the Village Hall and the Housing and Human Relations Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8, at the Village Hall. He also announced the opening of the new White Castle on Cicero Avenue and noted that 98% of the employees at the Matteson location live in the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Motton requested that staff coordinate their efforts with various other organizations in providing aid to the Hurricane Katrina survivors.

Acting Village Administrator Wilcox noted that the Matteson Inn has offered to provide 20 rooms to house Hurricane Katrina survivors.

Acting Fire Chief Wilkens stated that the Fire Department has been instructed not to go down to New Orleans until officially requested. It was noted that the first wave from this area has been dispatched, with the Village of Matteson being on the second wave.

Clerk Grisco reminded the seniors who are planning to attend the senior function on September 15 to RSVP.

President Stricker noted that the Ingalls Family Care Center will be holding an Open House ceremony at their new facility in Flossmoor on September 28.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m. to closed session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1) - Personnel, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 11:25 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Andre Ashmore
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Allan Johnson
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees place as Interim Village Administrator Karie Friling and Deputy Village Administrator Lafayette Linear and to also give Bob Wilcox one month's severance pay for termination from the Village effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

Trustee Ashmore made a motion to table the motion on the floor until the next regular Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

Trustee Motton noted that positive changes need to be made in the Village.

Trustee Ashmore noted that he was in favor of the PAR Group doing a search for a Village Administrator; however, he felt that due to the late hour and the amount of issues currently under consideration, it would be beneficial for the Board to review the matter again when they are fresh.

Trustee Johnson noted he is unhappy with the new organizational chart.

Trustee Sawyer noted he was in agreement and would stand behind Trustee Motton's motion.

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:39 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk