

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 19th 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; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; 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.

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Trustee Ashmore reported that there will be a 150th Birthday Dinner/Dance on October 21 at the Matteson Holiday Inn.

- a) Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Village Board move up the Executive Session from the end of the agenda and enter immediately into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1), Personnel, for the purpose of evaluating and possible termination of employment of the Acting Village Administrator, with a need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of the Employment of the Acting Village Administrator
- 2. Request for Executive Session

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

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

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

ROLL CALL

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees shall appoint Lafayette Linear as the Village Administrator and Director of Finance and assume all the duties and roles thereof and salary thereof, effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees now appoint Mr. Robert Wilcox to the position of Director of Public Services. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Marshall noted that while Lafayette Linear is now the Village Administrator, the PAR Group will be looking for a permanent Village Administrator.

Trustee Sawyer thanked all involved in making the recent senior event a success and noted that he is looking forward to holding such an event on a quarterly basis.

Discussion ensued regarding the petition submitted to the Board at their last meeting from residents opposing any new liquor stores.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board direct the Village Attorney to prepare information to the Board that would be useful in the preparation of an ordinance to initiate an advisory referendum question regarding restrictions on the sale of liquor.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a) Trustee Committee
Reports (*continued*)

Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Mr. Martin Grzesiak, 6220 Beechwood Road, presented the Board with information regarding Triad, noting that Triad is a senior citizen group in Matteson organizing to become a viable instrument in the community.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent of Matteson School District 162, gave a brief presentation on the excellent progress the District has made over the past few years, as well as its future goals and objectives. She expressed the District's concern over the loss of revenues due to businesses relocating out of the District and asked the Board's help in aggressively working to bring businesses back into Matteson School District 162. It was noted that the Board will be working closely with SD 162 to develop an agreement with those businesses that are relocating from one school district to another wherein funds could be made available to District 162.

Dr. Nathaniel Horn, 4203 Cedarwood Lane, stated that he expressed his concerns at the previous Board meeting and wanted to know what action the Board intended to take regarding the matter. It was noted that one of the actions the Board could take would be to censure the particular Trustee at a public meeting. However, it was felt that the information presented at the last meeting did not warrant such action at this time.

Dr. Horn noted that he intended to pursue the matter by writing letters to various individuals and organizations detailing the incident and the lack of action by the Board.

Ms. Ann Essex, 202 Huntingwood, expressed her disappointment that no elected officials attended the block captain event that was held this past Saturday. It was noted that while some Trustees did not receive the invitation, others had previous commitments. The Board assured her that every attempt is made to have representation at the various functions throughout the Village.

Ms. Beverly Sokol, 20412 Fairfield, Olympia Fields, thanked the Village of Matteson for its past leadership in promoting regionalism. She requested that the Board consider a tax-sharing program for District 162 as a result of the proposed annexation that is on the Board's agenda this evening.

Mr. Delbert and Mrs. Agnes Scheid, 5630 W. 211th Street, noted they had no objection to the proposed annexation of Harold Motors. However, they expressed concern over the placement of lighting on the premises and requested that the lighting be set back to be in line with the existing Auto Mall lighting.

Mr. Linzey Jones, Village President of Olympia Fields, addressed the Board and noted that the Village of Olympia Fields is opposing the relocation of Harold Motors from Olympia Fields to Matteson. He requested that the two villages work together to promote economic development along Lincoln Highway and aid in bringing tax dollars to School District 162.

Ms. Iris Edwards, 162 Willow Road, was concerned that the Board tabled the liquor license issue and questioned what the timeline was for placing a referendum question regarding liquor sales on the ballot for the next election. She was assured there would be a sufficient amount of time. She requested that no new liquor license of any kind be granted by the Board until it is discussed further.

Mr. James Dermody, 26057 Ruby Street, Monee, IL, stated that the Fire Department does not support the Board's decision to remove Bob Wilcox from the office of Acting Village Administrator.

Mr. Veloid Cotton, 123 Old Mill Road, questioned why the Village continues to use the PAR Group to search for various employees and suggested that if it is necessary to contract with an outside firm, that a different firm be used since the PAR Group has not been very successful. He stated he felt it would be most advantageous to do an in-house search first. It was his belief that if the Board does not work together, then no one appointed to the Village Administrator position will work out.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sawyer requested that Items C2 and C6 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of Items C2 and C6. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Regular Meeting of September 6, 2005

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Accept the proposal from Pavement Systems Inc. of Blue Island, IL for the Community Center parking lot improvements as outlined in the specifications in the amount of \$14,715. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
3. Accept the bid and award the contract for sidewalk replacement project to J & J Newell Concrete Construction Co., Inc. at the unit prices submitted totaling \$94,490. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
4. Accept the bid submitted by Natgun Corporation for the amount of \$1,814,700 for the 3 million gallon reservoir construction. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
5. Accept the proposal from Robinson Engineering Ltd. for preliminary and construction engineering not to exceed the amount of \$8,000 for the well improvements. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
7. Authorize the engineering for a new salt structure and the Finance Director to identify a funding source for both engineering and construction of a salt building for Public Works. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pass an Ordinance authorizing the sale by public auction of personal property owned by the Village of Matteson. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pass an Ordinance amending the Matteson Zoning Ordinance regarding approval process for minor variances. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of September 6, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. Community Center Parking Lot Improvements
2. *Removed*
3. Sidewalk Program Replacement in Various Locations
4. Water System Improvements 2005
5. Well Improvements
6. *Removed*
7. Salt Building – Public Works

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Matteson

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an

Ordinance Amending the
Zoning Ordinance
Regarding Approval
Process for Minor
Variations

**7. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

2. Purchase of Excavator

6. Emergency Messaging
System

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

**A. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Treasurer's Report –
August, 2005

Trustee Sawyer stated he would like the Village Administrator/Finance Director to go over the figures to ensure it is the best price for the Excavator. He also requested that Human Resource Director Robert Crouch, along with Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development Karie Friling, review the Emergency Messaging System proposal to see if there is a more viable plan for that type of system.

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board of Trustees table Item C2 - the request for the purchase of an Excavator and Item C6 - the request for acceptance of a proposal for an Emergency Messaging System. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear noted that the PAR Group has agreed to redo the search for a new Village Administrator at no cost to the Village. He also stated that it is the Village's intent to utilize the new Human Resource Director to perform future searches for the Village.

Finance Director Lafayette Linear presented the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2005.

Trustee Motton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees pass a Resolution for formal approval of First American Bank to provide banking services for the Village of Matteson and the establishment of an Emergency Disaster Relief commercial savings account. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution for formal approval of First American Bank to provide banking services for the Village of Matteson and the establishment of an Emergency Disaster Relief Commercial Savings Account
2. Consideration of an Amendment to Ordinance No. 1906 to allow for the Payment of Settlement Cost related to the Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Litigation brought by Wireless Telecommunication Companies and the Payment of Disaster Relief Contributions
3. Consideration of the Annexation of 14.832 Acres of Unincorporated Land located at the Southwest Corner of US 30 and Central Avenue into the Village of Matteson

Attorney Perozzi explained the class action suits and recommended that an Ordinance be drafted for approval.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1906, to allow for the payment of Settlement costs related to the Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance fee litigation brought by wireless telecommunication companies and the payment of disaster relief contributions. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

President Stricker questioned whether the Village could still negotiate agreements with the petitioner if the annexation agreement were passed at this meeting. Attorney Perozzi noted that a Special Use Permit would still need to be approved for the proposed development. He added that the Class 8 request has been deleted from the annexation agreement; therefore, the developer will have to come before the Board if they wish to pursue that as well.

Mr. Mark Huddle, attorney representing Harold Motors, stated that Harold Motors is requesting that the Board approve their request for Class 8. He noted, however, that if the Board wished to exclude that item from the annexation agreement, they would still like to continue with the annexation approval. Attorney Huddle noted that, given the current economics in the area, if Harold Motors did not relocate to Matteson, the dealership would dissolve. As to the lighting issues, he assured the Board that those concerns would be addressed.

Upon questioning from Trustee Sawyer, Village Planner Rebecca Greiman stated that the Harold Motors project is in full compliance with all the Village ordinances and codes.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance annexing said property and prepare a resolution to approve the Annexation Agreement with the condition that Article XIII be removed from the

agreement prior to recordation. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the classification of 14.832 acres of land located at the southwest corner of US 30 and Central Avenue to MXD, Mixed-Use Commercial, contingent on annexation. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:52 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

4. Consideration of the Classification, upon Annexation, of 14.832 Acres of Land located on the Southwest Corner of US 30 and Central Avenue to MXD, Mixed-Use Commercial District

Respectfully Submitted,

ADJOURNMENT

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk