

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 OCTOBER 2005

Clerk Grisco 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
- Allan Johnson
- Carol Marshall
- Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Trustee Sawyer arrived at 7:35 p.m.

President Stricker and Trustee Imoukhuede were absent.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator and Finance Director; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

In the absence of President Stricker, Trustee Ashmore moved to appoint Trustee Johnson as Temporary Chairman of the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

**APPOINTMENT OF
TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

- AYES: (4) Ashmore, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton
- NAYS:(0)
- ABSTAIN: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Imoukhuede and Sawyer

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions, including the Illinois Municipal League Conference held in Chicago.

**COMMENTS BY VILLAGE
OFFICIALS**

- a) Trustee Committee Reports

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

Trustee Motton reported that a meeting was held with Dr. Davis, Superintendent of School District 162, Village Administrator Lafayette Linear and representatives

from Harold Motors regarding the proposed annexation. At this point, they are waiting for a response from Harold Motors.

Trustee Sawyer arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee Marshall reported that three Matteson firefighter/paramedics were deployed to the New Orleans area to aid in the recovery after hurricane Katrina. Acting Fire Chief Nick Wilkens gave a brief synopsis of the activities performed by the firefighter/paramedics during their deployment and thanked the entire Matteson Fire Department for their cooperation in covering for those individuals during their absence. It was noted that, as of this date, the Matteson Police Department has not yet been called to respond.

Trustee Sawyer thanked all involved in making the recent senior event a success.

Temporary Chairman Johnson read a letter from Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. congratulating the Village of Matteson on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary and applauding Matteson's extraordinary efforts to maximize diversity and exercising leadership in regional issues.

Ms. Anne Taylor, 3746 215th Street, expressed her concern regarding the way the Board has recently been handling the Village Administrator position and questioned a personnel change that was made after the appointment of the current Village Administrator. Trustee Ashmore elaborated on the reason for the recent shift of personnel and noted that this change was not a promotion but merely a transfer between departments.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Dorothy Howard and Mr. Andrew Howard, 148 Huntingwood, addressed the Board regarding additional packaged liquor stores being permitted in the Village. Attorney Perozzi explained the various scenarios necessary for a referendum to be placed on a ballot and the difference between a referendum which would eliminate or limit the type of liquor sales in the Village and an advisory referendum which would not be binding. It was noted that under the current Municipal Code, there are no liquor licenses available. Therefore, no new packaged liquor stores would be permitted without the consent of the Board.

Ms. Lois Blume, 3716 West 216th Place, stated that the Matteson Historical Society will be holding their Second Annual Benefit Pork Chop Dinner on October 15 at Zion Lutheran Church in Matteson. The funds raised from this event will go toward the preservation and renovation of the old St. Paul's Church, which the Society has recently acquired. She also encouraged everyone to visit the main Museum at 813 School Avenue, Matteson.

Ms. Pryor, 141 Maryview Parkway, questioned what the status was on the renovation of Lincoln Mall and what stores would be moving in to the Mall. It was noted that while improvements have begun, names of specific stores interested in moving into the Mall cannot be released at this time. Interested individuals were encouraged to contact Ms. Tracy Munno at Lincoln Mall for more details.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, addressed several concerns including cars speeding on Central Avenue, a dead tree, litter, lack of a subdivision sign, and acquisition of a plat of survey. She was advised of the various departments to contact for assistance in these matters.

Ms. Brothers, 334 Central, expressed concern over cars speeding on Central Avenue and noted that neighborhood mailboxes have been damaged by wayward vehicles. She requested that perhaps a stop sign could be placed at the corner of Central Avenue and Raven Drive to slow the traffic down. Her concern will be passed along to the Police Department for review.

Mr. Christopher Smith, owner of Brookmere Subdivision, noted his concerns regarding recent Board actions and stated he felt that such actions could have a detrimental effect on future developments. Trustee Marshall stated that it is time for the Board to move forward. He was directed to forward any further questions and/or concerns to the Village Administrator.

Mr. Edward Long, 6047 Allemong, stated that the Board is doing the job they were elected to do; they are not to blame for the way information is being portrayed to the public. He encouraged all to support the elected officials.

Temporary Chairman Johnson presented the Consent Agenda. Attorney Perozzi requested that Item D1 be removed for clarity because it requires a two-thirds vote.

Trustee Motton moved that Item D1 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item D1. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - 1. Regular Meeting of September 19, 2005

- B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - 1. Salary, Overtime and

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 3, 2005

10-138-05

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Johnson, Marshall, Motton,
and Sawyer

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

Accounts Payable

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

- 1. Regular Meeting of September 19, 2005

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

- 1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Pass an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1906, being an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, entitled “Taxation”, of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, amending allocation of the Special Utility Tax Revenue Fund. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

C. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1906, to allow for the payment of Settlement cost related to the Municipal Intra-structure Maintenance fee litigation brought by wireless telecommunication companies and the payment of disaster relief contributions

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. *Removed*

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Quality of Life Budget for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to incorporate line items for the purchase of a Public Services salt shed, the settlement of litigation costs related to the collection of Utility Taxes and an Emergency Disaster Relief Account

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance amending the Quality of Life Budget for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to incorporate line items for the purchase of a Public Services salt shed, the settlement of litigation costs related to the collection of Utility Taxes and an Emergency Disaster Relief account. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Johnson, Marshall, Motton,
and Sawyer

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Imoukhuede

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed the bidding procedure that was followed and noted that an alternate bid was provided for the inclusion of an additional bucket for the machine.

A. CONSIDERATION OF
BIDS AND AWARDS
OF CONTRACTS

1. Purchase of Excavator

Finance Director Linear noted that this purchase is within the current fiscal year budget.

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the Excavator with alternate bid from Martin Implement Sales, Inc. for the total amount of \$71,019.00. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for Executive
Session

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining, for the purpose of updating the Board regarding contract negotiations with Firefighters of Matteson Local 3086, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the 150th Anniversary Birthday Dinner/Dance on October 21 and urged all to participate in this event.

Trustee Motton noted that during his campaign, he did not take any contributions from any developer, builder, or business owner in Matteson.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Sawyer encouraged all residents to get involved with the Village.

Trustee Marshall requested that all the negativism toward the Board be put in the past so that the Board can move forward with the business at hand.

Temporary Chairman Johnson noted that there will be a Plan Commission meeting on Thursday, October 6, and encouraged all to attend. He also stated that there is a spousal law provision whereby it is not a conflict to have an elected official's spouse work for the same municipality.

Village Administrator/Finance Director Linear noted that the Special Census will begin soon and urged all residents to cooperate with the census takers.

Clerk Grisco stated she also attended the IML Conference in Chicago and noted it was very informative.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:29 p.m. and enter into Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk