

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 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 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  
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.  
Usher Sawyer, III

Trustee Marshall was absent.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator and Finance Director; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Robin Kelly, Community Affairs and Economic Development Director; Karie Friling, Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development; Vince Laoang, Regulatory Services Director; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

**COMMENTS BY  
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions.

a) Trustee Committee  
Reports

Trustee Ashmore reported that there will be a 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner/Dance on October 21 at the Matteson Holiday Inn and also a Town Mall meeting Tuesday, October 18, sponsored by and held at Lincoln Mall.

Trustee Johnson reported that representatives from the Building Department, as well as Mia Carter from the Police Department, attended the Apple/Oak Homeowners Association meeting to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns. He also noted that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday, October 20, and encouraged all to attend.

Trustee Motton reminded everyone of the upcoming Special Census. He reported that Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks and Recreation, has accepted a new position with the Carbondale Park District and wished him well. Trustee Motton also encouraged everyone to watch the Village's website for job openings.

Trustee Sawyer thanked all the seniors of the Season of Change for their participation and acknowledged various seniors for their thoughtfulness. Trustee Sawyer reported that the contractor working along Ridgeland Avenue, south of Ridgeland Manor, has been negligent in securing his excavation site. Village Administrator Linear noted that the contractor has been cited, and staff will continue to monitor the situation. He also advised the Board that information is being prepared for presentation at a future workshop to review the current dollar amounts for such fines.

President Stricker reported on future Cook County road improvements and reminded everyone of the Town Mall meeting at Lincoln Mall on October 18.

President Stricker read a statement announcing his decision to keep Norman Burnson as Acting Police Chief. In response, Trustee Imoukhuede noted that while it is the Village President's prerogative to appoint the Police Chief, with approval of the Village Board, the majority of the Board selected a different candidate for the position.

The 2005 Business Beautification Awards were presented by President Stricker and Toni Ashmore to McDonalds, Country Inn and Suites, Great Lakes Bank, and LaSalle Bank

There were 24 winners of the 2005 Residential Beautification Awards this year. Awards were presented by President Stricker and LaVerne Woods to various winners in attendance. Ms. Robin Kelly, Community Affairs and Economic Development Director, congratulated all recipients and noted that volunteers are needed for next year's program.

Ms. Brenda High, 706 Rose Lane, noted that better shuttle services are needed to the airport. It was noted that the current service is provided by a private entity; however, the Village will work to encourage businesses to bring improved services to the area. She also announced various performances/ competitions of the Rich Central Marching Band and invited all to attend and support the Band.

Pastor Leroy Johnson, 617 Appian Way, voiced his displeasure over some employment issues he has had with the Village. It was noted that Administrator Linear spoke with Pastor Johnson previously regarding this matter.

Mr. Larry Geanes, 202 Grafton Place, expressed his concerns regarding the appearance of the neighborhood. He also presented a list of resident concerns which he felt the developer was not addressing. Other residents were present in the audience regarding these same issues. Administrator Linear will look into the matter.

Trustee Sawyer stated he would like the Village to pursue the hiring of grant

**PRESENTATION**

a) Beautification Awards

**OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

writers to help fund a needed community center.

Mr. Rodger Jackson, 316 Grafton Place, enumerated situations in which he felt the builder had not been responsible in the way things were built and/or handled. He felt that the Village needed to increase the number of building inspectors in order to properly oversee the amount of new construction in town.

Mr. John Gibson, 444 Carrick Street, expressed his concern over the amount of new construction in the Village and questioned whether the Village was becoming "overbuilt". It was noted that if it is privately-owned land and the owner/developer meets all the requirements and codes of the Village, they can go forward with their development. However, the Village does have the power to control and manage that growth.

Trustee Imoukhuede pointed out that the agreement for the construction of a residence is between the homeowner and the builder. While the Village has the responsibility to ensure all building codes are met, aesthetic features may not be addressed in those codes. He suggested that perspective homeowners retain a private inspector to work for them in overseeing the construction of their home.

Darre Jones, 312 Grafton Place, requested that the Board prohibit Oxford from starting Phase IV until Phase III is completed. Staff will review the legalities on the matter. Mr. Jones also requested that the median on Cicero Avenue allow for a left hand turn from southbound 203<sup>rd</sup> Street onto Cicero Avenue. It was noted that Cicero Avenue is a State road; however, Regulatory Services Director Vince Laoang stated that the Village has applied to the State for a full access interchange. Mr. Jones questioned if a traffic light could be placed on Morning Glory and Cicero Avenue. Director Laoang noted that monies have been requested that would include the signalization of Cicero Avenue and Village Commons/Morning Glory as well as other intersection improvements in the Village. Mr. Jones voiced his concern over the placement of a fuel tank in front of a residence. Staff will look into the matter.

Ms. Ann Essex, 202 Huntingwood, invited the Board to her culinary session held at the Holiday Inn on November 12.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, requested information on Plan Commission meetings and urged her neighbors to pay attention to what goes on in the neighborhood. As to the lack of a subdivision sign for Feathercreek Subdivision, it was noted that generally the developer installs such a sign. Administrator Linear will research this issue.

Mr. Edward Long, 6047 Allemong, questioned if the Village Clerk had

selected a Deputy Village Clerk. It was noted that the Board approved the appointment of Janet Dinnocenzo as Deputy Village Clerk. In response to questioning from Trustee Imoukhuede, it was noted that there is no Deputy Village Treasurer.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

- A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
  - 1. Regular Meeting of October 3, 2005
- B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
  - 1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
  - 1. Regular Meeting of October 3, 2005
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**8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None**

**9. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - 1. Treasurer's Report – September, 2005

Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear presented the Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2005. It was noted that the General Fund reserves are moving forward; however, Mr. Linear cautioned that this figure fluctuates with the billing and collection cycles.

Trustee Motton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration of a Plat of Dedication for a Public

Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development Karie Friling noted that the dedication of Manor Drive was requested by New Faith Baptist

Church in accordance with the Development Agreement on file between the church, Amlin Residential and the Village of Matteson. It was noted that consideration was given to making Manor Drive a one-way street; however, in the interest of public safety and response time for the Fire and Police Departments, it was felt that it should be a two-way street with no parking.

Street, Manor Drive

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the Plat of Dedication for a public street, known as Manor Drive, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board table the request to proceed with the hiring process for the appointment of two Firefighter/Paramedics. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

2. Firefighter/Paramedic

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he would like further evaluation of this item at a future workshop, and requested the Finance Director and the Human Resource Director to present budget figures to provide for a clearer picture.

Trustee Johnson stated that the two positions are currently in the budget and stated he felt the Village should move forward.

Fire Department Shift Commander Pat Gericke noted that currently there are two firefighter/paramedics on worker's comp leave, which the Village is not funding. He stated that it appears that they will not be able to return to work and that is the reason for the request at this time. He noted that a delay in the process would result in additional overtime being paid out to current staff.

Trustee Sawyer stated that inasmuch as the new budget preparation is beginning and the Village is pursuing the possibility of increasing staff in the Building and Public Works Departments, he would like this item tabled for further review and consideration.

AYES: (4) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Motton, and Sawyer  
NAYS: (1) Johnson  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (1) Marshall

Village Administrator/Finance Director Linear noted that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to improve the Water System (collectively, the Project) including but not limited to the acquisition, construction and installation of a new standpipe and

3. Consideration of an Ordinance authorizing for the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds of the

reservoir, SCADA improvements, water mains and other improvements and extensions, together with engineering, legal, financial and administrative expenses related thereto. In order to finance the cost, it will be necessary for the Village to issue up to \$3,500,000 in Water Revenue Bonds.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance authorizing for the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Village Administrator/Finance Director Linear stated that in conjunction with the sale of Water Revenue Bonds, an Engagement Letter authorizing Chapman & Cutler to act as the Village's Bond Council is required.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that in the future, the Village should seek RFP's for this service.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Engagement Letter authorizing Chapman & Cutler as Bond Council for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Water Revenue Source) Series 2005. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(11) – Litigation, for the purpose of discussing probable litigation, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000

4. Consideration of an Engagement Letter Authorizing Chapman & Cutler as Bond Council for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Water Revenue Source) Series 2005

- C. OTHER BUSINESS
1. Request for Executive Session

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner/Dance at the Holiday Inn on October 21 and urged all to attend.

Trustee Johnson reminded everyone of the Plan Commission meeting on Thursday, October 20 and urged all to attend. He also noted that staff is looking into changing the dollar amounts for fine assessments.

Trustee Motton reiterated the need for revising the fees assessed for fines. He thanked the residents for their attendance and suggested that acknowledgement of the White Sox' winning season be placed on the Village marquee.

Trustee Sawyer commended Rich Township on the Fashion Show they sponsored for the Food Pantry and also Rev. Jackson for his initiative in helping people return to Louisiana to work. Trustee Sawyer also urged all residents to get involved in their Village and stay informed.

Trustee Imoukhuede thanked all the residents for attending the meeting and congratulated Mr. Linear on the fine job he is doing as Village Administrator.

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

President Stricker noted that Believers Church hosted a Grand Opening a week ago and welcomed them into the community.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:40 p.m. and enter into Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk