

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 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator and Finance Director; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a) Trustee Committee Reports

Board members extended their condolences to family and friends on the passing of Rosa Parks, civil rights activist; Don Zielinski, President of the Maple Brook Homeowners Association; Patricia Minkel, a resident of Matteson who was killed in an auto accident; and Marty O’Neill, the husband of Georgia O’Neill, President of the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce. A moment of silence was had in remembrance of them.

Trustees Ashmore, Johnson and Marshall thanked all those who helped and participated in the Village’s 150th Birthday celebration.

Trustee Motton made a motion that a resolution be prepared in commemoration of Rosa Parks. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Motton announced that there will be an Administration/Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, November 17.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board direct Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director, to contact the PAR Group to discontinue the search for a Village Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

Upon questioning from Trustee Marshall, Trustee Motton noted that the reason for this move was because he felt Mr. Linear, the current Village Administrator, is very qualified to handle the position.

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

Trustee Motton congratulated Village Administrator Linear and noted that the Administration/Finance Committee will discuss the Finance Director position at their meeting on November 17.

Trustee Sawyer requested that handicapped parking in the Village parking lot be monitored more closely. He also questioned the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Village Clerk and requested that the Village Clerk discuss the matter with her Deputy. Trustee Sawyer noted that he would like to have regular meetings with the Public Works Department to improve communication.

Trustee Marshall stated that Matteson is a great place to live and shop and expressed her desire for the Village to move forward on a positive note.

Trustee Imoukhuede expounded on the great impact Rosa Parks made for all people and congratulated Village Administrator Linear on his permanent appointment.

President Stricker congratulated Village Administrator Linear and wished him well with his new permanent appointment. He also announced that the Rich Central High School Marching Band will be participating in the Cotton Bowl celebration in Dallas, TX. Any financial assistance to support that endeavor would be appreciated.

President Stricker and Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear presented School Districts 159 and 227 with TIF surplus checks.

PRESENTATION

- a) TIF "Surplus" Checks to School Districts 159 and 227

Mr. Edward Baker, 843 Oxford, stated that his girlfriend was recently in an

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accident in Matteson, and he felt the responding officers were unnecessarily rude. Acting Police Chief Burnson will look into the matter.

Mr. Lester Brown, 4608 Abby Lane, voiced his concern regarding construction traffic utilizing 203rd Street in order to develop Butterfield Four. Mr. Joe Keane, developer of Butterfield, stated that he is willing to listen to alternate routes, but no viable alternative has been presented. Staff will look into the matter. Mr. Keane agreed to keep 203rd Street clean.

Ms. Sherry Peterson, 5646 Cornell Way, stated she felt that property standards in the Village were deteriorating and added that another code enforcement officer is needed in order to keep up with the growth of the Village. It was noted that the current code enforcement officer is doing an excellent job, but additional staff is needed. This matter will be discussed during budget review.

Mr. Joseph Vincent, former Village Trustee, addressed the Board regarding Trustee cell phone issues that the local newspaper has been reporting on recently. It was noted that not all facets of the matter were brought out in the newspaper. Board members also expressed disappointment in the fact that the STAR Newspaper has been focusing on negative issues and reported very little on the Village's 150th Anniversary celebration.

Mr. Darrell Hill, 208 Grafton Place, voiced his support for the Board.

Mr. Claude Grace, 605 Homeland Road, reiterated the need for additional code enforcement as it relates to property maintenance. He also questioned whose responsibility it was to maintain the property on Sommersville Court that has been set aside by the developer for a future park. He noted that during the past year, the homeowners have paid a private contractor to maintain the area. The Village Administrator will look into the matter.

Mr. Milfred Moore, 534 Quail Run Road, President of the Matteson Public Library, questioned why the Library was not included in receiving excess TIF money. It was noted that the "mock" checks that were presented this evening were given to the two largest participants; however, the other taxing bodies will also be receiving excess TIF money.

Mr. Edward Long, 6047 Allemong, questioned whether recorded tapes of Board and Commission meetings should be maintained. Village Attorney Perozzi stated that there is no requirement to maintain any type of taping for open session meetings, and it is his recommendation that the tapes of open session meetings not be kept once the minutes are approved. However, Attorney Perozzi noted that closed session meeting tapes must be kept.

In response to questioning by Mr. Long, Trustee Marshall noted that while

she did move recently, said move was within the corporate limits of the Village of Matteson. Mr. Long also expressed his disappointment in the lack of press coverage on the Village's 150th Anniversary celebration.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, thanked the Matteson Police Department for their diligence in patrolling the neighborhood. She noted that lights are out along Village Commons. Administrator Linear will contact Public Works regarding this matter.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. 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. Regular Meeting of October 17, 2005
- B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
 - 1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

Administrator Linear noted that the Final Plat for Butterfield Place, Unit Four Subdivision establishes 38.51 acres which includes 76 single-family detached homes, 11.50 acres of open space which preserves the Butterfield Creek and the surrounding floodplain, 2 detention areas, a 1.0 acre park to be deeded to the Village of Matteson, and connectivity to the existing streets – 203rd Street to the west in Butterfield Place, Unit Three and Academy Avenue to the south in Butterfield Place, Unit One.

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the Final Plat for Butterfield Place, Unit Four, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- 1. Regular Meeting of October 17, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

9. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of a Final Plat for Butterfield Place, Unit Four Subdivision

It was noted that the previous issues that were brought before the Board have been addressed.

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

Administrator Linear noted that during Engineering review of Butterfield Place, Unit Four, it was discovered that an easement was needed on the park site for Butterfield Place, Unit Three. This easement is for a sanitary sewer extension to serve future development to the north of Butterfield Creek and is a requirement for engineering approval.

2. Consideration of a Grant of Easement to the Village of Matteson

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board approve a Grant of Easement to the Village of Matteson, as presented. 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 Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing the total number of Class E Liquor Licenses by one. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

3. Consideration of an Additional Class "E" Alcoholic Liquor License, that being for the Sale of Beer and Wine only for Consumption on Premise in Conjunction with Food Service

It was noted that the creation of this liquor license would allow for the sale of beer and wine for consumption on premise in conjunction with food service for the Mabovi African Restaurant located at 4455 W. Lincoln Highway.

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

Ms. Beatrice Konku-Mantey, owner of Mabovi Restaurant, thanked the Board for their consideration.

Trustee Marshall moved that the Village Board direct the Police and Fire Commission to begin the hiring process immediately for the appointment of two (2) Firefighter/Paramedics. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

- B. OTHER BUSINESS**
1. Request to Direct the Fire & Police Commission to Hire Two (2) Firefighter/

Paramedics

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

2. Request to Direct the Fire
& Police Commission to
Hire Three (3) Patrol
Officers

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Matteson Fire and Police Commission to hire three (3) Patrol Officers to replace those vacated positions. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Clerk Grisco thanked everyone who served on the 150th Anniversary Committee.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the Housing and Human Relations Commission meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

Trustee Johnson reminded everyone of the Plan Commission meeting on November 17, 2005.

Trustee Motton reminded everyone of the Administration/Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2005.

Trustee Sawyer reminded everyone that there will be a Ridgeland Manor neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 and requested Department Heads to attend. He also noted that a wellness workshop is being planned for the Seasons of Change seniors in the near future.

Trustee Imoukhuede thanked all the residents for their attendance at the meeting. He also announced that the Boy Scouts of America will be honoring Lt. Governor Pat Quinn at the Matteson Holiday Inn on November 14, 2005.

President Stricker reminded everyone of the NAACP Dinner at the Matteson Holiday Inn on Saturday, November 12, 2005.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk