

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 5th DAY OF DECEMBER 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; Robert Crouch, Human Resource Director; Karie Friling, Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a) Trustee Committee
Reports

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions.

Trustee Ashmore thanked everyone for their kind remembrances on the passing of his wife's grandmother. Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the annual Holiday Fest on December 7 at Believer's Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend. He also announced that there will be a Community Affairs/Economic Development Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at the Village Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

In response to questioning from Trustee Motton, Attorney Perozzi confirmed that there is no conflict of interest in Trustee Motton serving on both the Village Board and the School Board. He noted that if some issue were to arise that would be in conflict, Trustee Motton should abstain from voting on that particular matter.

Trustee Motton questioned Attorney Perozzi regarding permanent residency and whether, given various scenarios, an elected official can live outside the Village limits. Attorney Perozzi noted that permanent residency is a matter of intent as well as a matter of evidence and gave several examples of what generally is used for residency verification. Upon further questioning from

Trustee Motton, Attorney Perozzi stated that if there were a residency issue, it should be brought before the Board of Trustees and discussed in Executive Session for determination.

Trustee Motton noted that Matteson Liquors is relocating within the Village and questioned who has the authority to approve the liquor license transfer. Attorney Perozzi stated that the Liquor Control Commissioner has that authority by State Statute.

Trustee Motton requested that the Village Administrator/Finance Director review and report on the amount of dollars the Village has received from the various federal and state agencies over the past four years.

Trustee Sawyer reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission has requested an update on the status of the new Community Center as well as an update on the Cowhey Property. Staff will provide information for their perusal. Trustee Sawyer also noted that over the weekend he addressed some concerns in the Southwick Subdivision and thanked staff members for their assistance.

Trustee Sawyer stated that he will be spearheading a voters' registration drive on Saturday, December 10, 2005.

It was noted that staff is looking into ways to improve the public comment portion of the Board meetings. It is anticipated that a change will be made at the first meeting in January.

Ms. Wendy Evans, 5226 Stoneridge Court, noted that she has had ongoing problems with Southwick Development. She will submit a list of her concerns to Village staff tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, 5244 Stoneridge Court, noted that the problems they were experiencing last year with their new home have not yet been resolved; their house is still very cold. Staff is currently looking into these issues and has scheduled a meeting with the builder.

Mr. Jim O'Keefe, Vice President of First American Bank Matteson facility, 20704 Cicero Avenue, noted that they were advised of an illumination issue with their signs. He stated that the concerns of the neighbors have been addressed and alterations were made to the brightness of those signs.

Mr. & Mrs. Sirvonzell Everett, 808 Bradley, expressed concerns regarding a recent Sun-Times newspaper article wherein the quality of the local schools was questioned. Board members took exception to that statement and expressed their full support for the excellent education being offered by the

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PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matteson school districts and noted that a rebuttal to that article is being prepared.

Former Village Trustee Edward Long, 6047 Allemong, questioned whether there was a drop-off location in the Village for donating toys and food during the holiday season. It was noted that items can be dropped off at the Village Hall for distribution. Staff will follow-up to see that the public is made aware of this opportunity.

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 November 21, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS
1. Pass an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for Flaherty & Collins Properties, as presented. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. Pass an Ordinance approving a front yard setback Variance for Flaherty & Collins Properties, as presented. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of November 21, 2005

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Manors of Matteson

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Front Yard Setback Variance for Manors of Matteson

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

8. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Economic Development Incentives (Class 8 property tax designation) for AMBICA Hotels (Rohit Patel) to develop a new Hampton Inn & Suites in Matteson, Illinois

Ms. Karie Friling, Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development, noted the developer, Ambica Hotels, has requested Class 8 Property Tax Designation and Sales Tax Abatement for a proposed Hampton Inn & Suites at the corner of Lake Superior Drive and Matteson Avenue. She noted that while the Economic Development Commission recommended conditional approval of the Class 8 Property Tax designation, both staff and the Commission recommend denial of the request for sales tax incentives.

Mr. Rohit Patel, of Hampton Inn & Suites, gave a brief synopsis of the proposed development, noting that the proposed project will consist of a four-story building with amenities such as an indoor swimming pool, fitness room, business center and conference rooms.

Mr. Patel was encouraged to be an active partner with the Village and other local taxing bodies.

Trustee Ashmore moved that the Board of Trustees conditionally approve the Class 8 Property Tax Designation, based on proof of franchise approval and evidence of bank financing, and direct the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary resolution. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

2. Consideration of a Variance to allow outdoor storage for Meritex Properties located at 21800 S. Cicero Avenue

Ms. Karie Friling, Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development, noted that Meritex Developments is proposing to utilize approximately one acre of the existing parking lot for outdoor storage for a new tenant for the warehouse building located at 21800 South Cicero Avenue. The proposed new tenant, NuTemp Inc., is a leader in the commercial HVAC and industrial refrigeration industries.

The Plan Commission recommended approval of the outdoor storage variance with the following conditions:

- Consistent with the submitted site plan
- Limited to one acre
- The storage area must be surrounded by a fence made of vinyl or brick not to exceed 14 feet
- The items stored within the area must not exceed the height of the fence
- Approval of the variance must be tied to the proposed user, NuTemp only
- Additional landscaping must be installed along Gateway Drive to

buffer the storage site effectively.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees approve a variance request for Meritex Properties to allow outdoor storage with the above-mentioned conditions, and direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance.

Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

3. Consideration of
Temporary Accounting
Services Contract

Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear stated that after review of several applications from temporary accounting agencies and applicants, Mr. Jeffrey Johnson was selected to provide temporary accounting services for the Village.

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees execute a Temporary Accounting Services Contract between the Village of Matteson and Jeffrey Johnson. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

B. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Sawyer moved to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing that the Village Administrator, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, provide the order of Board agendas and approval of all items to be placed on the agendas. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

1. Request for Executive
Session

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1) Personnel, for the purpose of reviewing the Administrator's Employment Contract and for the purpose of updating job descriptions, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

Board members offered their condolences to Trustee Ashmore on the passing of his wife's grandmother.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that the education of the children is taken very seriously.

Trustee Sawyer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He extended his condolences to Plan Commissioner Dr. Laurice Geanes and her husband on the passing of his brother.

Trustee Motton noted that Mr. Edward Long is a former Village Trustee and requested that future Board minutes reflect that title. He also extended condolences to several families who have recently lost loved ones.

Trustee Ashmore thanked all for their words of kindness. He reminded everyone of the Holiday Fest on December 7 at the Believers Church and encouraged all to attend.

Village Administrator/Finance Director Lafayette Linear announced that there will be a public hearing regarding the sale of water bonds prior to the regular Board meeting on December 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:25 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk