

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF MATTESON PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS
ON THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2007

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
Carol Marshall
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
Usher Sawyer, III

Trustee Johnson was absent.

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Greg Bates, Director of Recreational Programs; Gregory Meyers, Budget Officer; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Nick Wilkens, Acting Fire Chief; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the media.

President Stricker read a Proclamation proclaiming February 1-4, 2007 as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. District of Illinois Convention Week.

PRESENTATION

- a) Proclamation Declaring February 1 – 4, 2007 as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. District of Illinois Convention Week

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, and welcomed the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity members present in the audience.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a) Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Ashmore reported that the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration was well attended and thanked all involved in making it a memorable event.

Trustee Motton invited all to attend the Colin Powell Middle School Dedication on January 21, 2007.

Trustee Marshall reported that the Housing and Human Relations Commission will be hosting a Roundtable Forum on May 5, 2007.

President Stricker presented the name of Eric Wallace for appointment to the Plan Commission/Zone Board of Appeals.

b) Recommendation – Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Nomination

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Eric Wallace to the Plan Commission/Zone Board of Appeals. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

President Stricker submitted the name of Mora Pulce for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

c) Recommendation – Parks & Recreation Commission Nomination

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Mora Pulce to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

Trustee Sawyer requested that he be included in the interviewing process for future Parks and Recreation Commissioner appointments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry McWherter, 834 Purdue Lane, President of the Glenridge/Cricket Hill/Oxford Estates Homeowners Association, stated that some property maintenance issues that were previously brought before the Board were still unresolved. It was noted that the Village is currently pursuing a number of property maintenance issues in court. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Les Duncan, 23 Petunia Circle, noted that he was a smoker and requested that the Board not impose a smoking ban on all businesses. He felt that such a restriction would create a financial hardship for some local businesses. It was noted that this is an agenda item for discussion by the Board later in the meeting.

Mr. Michael Williams, 619 Academy, stated he was an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member and thanked the Board for their recognition. He noted that the Illinois District Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will be holding their Annual District Convention at Governors State University from February 1 – 4, 2007, with the Matteson Holiday Inn being the host hotel.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

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

1. Regular Meeting of January 2, 2007

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the Letter of Intent and instruct the Village Administrator to continue negotiations with

Hexion

with the understanding that a final agreement will be provided to the Board for review prior to any further action taken by this Board. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the employee benefit package for the plan year 02/01/07 thru 01/31/08. The specific and aggregate insurance coverage will remain with Majestic/Standard Security and the administration will remain with CCMSI, with no increase in costs. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
2. The Board of Trustees direct the Fire and Police Commission to begin the selection process for the next qualified candidate from the current eligibility list. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of January 2, 2007

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Letter of Intent to Hexion, Specialty Chemical, Commencing the Negotiation Process between the Village of Matteson and Hexion

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of the Village Sponsored Employee Health Insurance Renewal Program
2. Consideration of a Request for the Village Board to Direct the Fire and Police Commission to begin the Selection Process for a Firefighter
3. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 of the Village Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance to Decrease by One the

3. The Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the Village Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance to decrease by one the number of Class “F” licenses from six to five. –
Approved by Omnibus Vote
4. The Board of Trustees direct the attorney to prepare a resolution for financial incentives of sales tax rebate for the proposed retail shopping center development at the corner of Route 30 and Harlem Avenue contingent upon approval of the annexation agreement and commercial development. –
Approved by Omnibus Vote
5. The Board of Trustees direct Attorney Joseph Ourth to draft an ordinance reflecting the support of the Village of Matteson’s acceptance of the application for Bannockburn Stonegate, LLC, to the Cook County Assessor’s Office for Class 8 property tax incentive. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Number of Class “F”
Licenses from Six to Five

4. Consideration of a Request Directing Attorney Perozzi to Prepare a Resolution for Economic Development Incentives for the Development of a Proposed Retail Shopping Center
5. Consideration of a Request Directing Attorney Ourth to Prepare an Ordinance whereby the Village Board Supports the Application of Bannockburn Stonegate Development, LLC to Cook County Assessor’s Office for a Class 8 Designation

**8. ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA - None**

9. ACTIVE AGENDA

**A. CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Treasurer’s Report,
December, 2006

Budget Officer Greg Meyers read the Treasurer’s Report for December 31, 2006.

Trustee Motton moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 31, 2006, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that following extensive research, the Environmental Committee of the Board met, discussed in detail, and formulated the recommended wording for the proposed Clean Air Ordinance that is before the Board.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated he was not against individuals smoking; however, in doing so, they should not be allowed to infringe on other people's freedom to breathe clean air.

Trustee Ashmore stated he had no problem with the proposed ordinance in theory; however, he requested that staff put together a list of businesses in town that have smoking areas for Board review prior to finalizing the ordinance.

Trustee Sawyer questioned the definition of clean air and stated that consideration should be given as to how a ban on smoking would affect the livelihood of others.

Trustee Motton stated that, as an elected official, he represents the people and must take a stand on what he believes is best for the community. He noted that initially the clientele may decline for certain establishments; however, it was his belief that once people adjust to the change, they will return.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees direct Attorney Perozzi to prepare a Clean Air Ordinance, using the example given with the corrections made as defined. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

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

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees pass an Ordinance approving the incentive agreement between the Village of Matteson and J.C. Penney. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive

1. Request Authorization for the Board of Trustees to Direct Attorney Perozzi to Prepare a Clean Air Ordinance

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving an Agreement Among and Between the Village of Matteson and the J.C. Penney Store

C. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for Executive

Session under Section 2(c)(21) – Review and Disclosure of Prior Closed Session Minutes, for the purpose of reviewing and determining the status of prior closed session minutes, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

Session

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

Trustee Imoukhuede recognized members of the League of Women Voters who were present in the audience. He also stated that he was informed that the Red Lobster Restaurant in Matteson does the highest sales of all their restaurants in the five surrounding states, and they are anticipating expanding their facility this summer.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton recognized Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Ricky Marks. Mr. Marks addressed the Board and thanked them for approving the recommendation of Mr. Pulce as a new member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He noted that the Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month and encouraged everyone to attend.

Administrator Linear reminded everyone of the Shop Matteson campaign event on Saturday, January 20, at the Matteson Holiday Inn.

Deputy Fire Chief Wilkens thanked the Board and residents for their cooperation during a recent hazardous condition that occurred near the intersection of Route 30 and Interstate 57. He also congratulated full-time firefighter Mike Nicholson and paid-on-call firefighter Kevin Gough for placing #1 in their graduating classes in the South Cook County EMS program. Deputy Chief Wilkens reminded everyone of the new State law which took effect January 1, 2007 requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings heated with fossil fuel.

Budget Officer Meyers thanked the Board for the Proclamation supporting the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, of which he is a member.

Mr. Rives Castleman, general partner for the Lincoln Mall redevelopment, thanked the Board and staff for their support and cooperation in putting together an incentive agreement for J.C. Penney and gave a brief synopsis of the status of the redevelopment project.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:42 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 16, 2007

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