

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 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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.

Acting Fire Chief Nick Wilkens introduced Michael Nicholson. Clerk Grisco swore in Michael Nicholson as Firefighter/Paramedic for the Village of Matteson. The President and Board of Trustees congratulated Mr. Nicholson on his new appointment.

SWEARING IN

a) Full-Time Firefighter/
Paramedic Michael
Nicholson

Acting Fire Chief Wilkens noted that the Village of Matteson was presented with a Plaque of Recognition by the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association and Northwest Building Official and Code Administrators in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board for its continued support and effort for the 13D sprinkler ordinance requiring residential sprinklers in all new construction.

PRESENTATION

a) Presentation of a plaque to the Board of Trustees in recognition of their commitment to the residential sprinkler ordinance

President Stricker read a Proclamation proclaiming and recognizing St. Lawrence O'Toole School for outstanding academic excellence in achieving the 2006 National Blue Ribbon Award from the United States Department of Education. The Board congratulated the School for their achievement.

b) Presentation of a Proclamation to St. Lawrence O'Toole for being chosen by the United States Department of Education as a 2006 National Blue Ribbon School

Ms. Patricia Frejlich, Principal of St. Lawrence O'Toole School, thanked the Board for their recognition.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a) Trustee Committee
Reports

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions.

Trustee Ashmore thanked everyone who participated in the Shop Matteson Extravaganza and reported that there was a very good turnout for the event which hopefully heightened everyone's awareness of the importance of shopping locally.

Trustee Motton commended the students from School District 162 for their excellent Science Fair projects of which he had an opportunity to judge. He also questioned the status of eliminating bus and semi-truck parking at Matteson Towncenter. It was noted that under the agreement between the owner and the Village, once the owner posts "No Parking" signs, the Police Department can issue tickets.

Trustee Sawyer acknowledged African-American business owners in the area.

Trustee Marshall congratulated Michael Nicholson, the newly appointed firefighter/paramedic. She also reported that the Housing and Human Relations Commission will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Imoukhuede reported his attendance at the Inspectors Conference wherein the plaque that was presented earlier was given and stated that Matteson was well recognized.

President Stricker reported that this was the last day to file petitions for the upcoming Consolidated Election in April and encouraged all candidates to get involved with the entire community.

Mr. Kevin Little, 605 Appian Way, stated he had recently met with Tracy Munno who was very dynamic and passionate about the redevelopment of Lincoln Mall and suggested that her enthusiasm be shared with residents. It was noted that the Board has been working very closely with Ms. Munno. She has spoken at many homeowners group gatherings as well as numerous Board meetings. Mr. Little also requested that prior to making a decision on the passage of an ordinance restricting smoking in public places, that the Board seek input from local businesses. Trustee Motton noted that this matter was discussed at a workshop, which was open to the public.

Mr. Micheal Harper, 3118 West Heritage Blvd., stated he would like to see the Board table the proposed smoking ordinance to allow for public input.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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, Marshall, Motton
and Sawyer
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Johnson

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

1. Regular Meeting of January 16, 2007
2. Special Meeting of January 22, 2007
3. Closed Session Minutes of the July 17, 2006 Board of Trustees Meeting to be held for confidentiality purposes

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

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the 20 Ton Tilt Trailer from Martin Implement for the total amount of \$18,195. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Administrator Linear stated that as a member of the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition, the Village of Matteson has been given the opportunity to participate in grants for the construction of interpretive gazebos along Lincoln Highway. The grant is funded through the Scenic Byway Program established by the Federal Highway Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant, the City of Dixon is to become the lead agency for the construction of the interpretive gazebos. In order for the Village of Matteson to participate, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dixon is needed for the construction and conveyance of said gazebo. The cost of the gazebo is approximately \$18,000, with the Village's portion being approximately

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9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

10. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the City of Dixon for the Construction and Conveyance of a Gazebo

\$2,500. It was noted that, for uniformity, the Village does not have input as to the design of the gazebo; however, the Village will have site selection.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the City of Dixon for construction and conveyance of an interpretive gazebo through two grants funded through the Scenic Byway Program. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Marshall moved to table the proposed ordinance concerning smoking restrictions in public places pending a public workshop to allow local businesses and residents to voice their opinion - said workshop to be held on February 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

Trustee Imoukhuede noted that this matter was discussed in depth at the last Board workshop, wherein the Board took the Cook County ordinance and changed it to suit the Village's environment. He welcomed and encouraged all to participate in the upcoming workshop.

Trustee Ashmore stated that whatever ordinance is passed, he would only be in favor of it if the businesses that are on the list that was given to the Board would be exempt so that they are not adversely affected by the ordinance.

Trustee Motton stated this matter was a health issue, and he would vote against anything short of what the County has adopted.

Trustee Sawyer stated that his reasoning for tabling this issue was that after reading over the proposed ordinance, he noticed there were several mistakes made and he would like to straighten out the language prior to passage. He noted that he would not be in favor of anything that would affect the livelihood of others.

President Stricker stated he felt the workshop would be beneficial in that it will provide businesses and individuals an opportunity to voice their views on the matter prior to Board action.

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

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 96 entitled "Health and Sanitation" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, concerning Smoking Restrictions in Public Places

ABSENT: (1) Johnson

Notice of the workshop will be sent to the various homeowners associations and also placed on cable television.

Trustee Ashmore reminded everyone of the Housing and Human Relations Commission meeting to be held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton commended School District 162 for their recent science fair and stated that Colin Powell Middle School will be holding a science fair in the future.

Trustee Sawyer reminded everyone that there are Village offices other than that of Village Trustee that are available for residents to be involved in and added that not everyone will agree all the time but individuals interested in making a change should get involved.

Trustee Marshall encouraged everyone to attend the Board Workshop on Monday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that he felt smoking is dangerous to the health of every resident and by passing a clean air ordinance, the Village will be doing its best to ensure good health for all.

Administrator Linear congratulated St. Lawrence O'Toole School on their achievement as a 2006 National Blue Ribbon Award winner.

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Murray encouraged residents to make themselves aware of the location of the shut off valve by their water meter to prevent excessive damage in the event of a frozen or broken water pipe.

Budget Officer Greg Meyers stated that beginning February 14, the 2007/2008 vehicle stickers will be available for purchase at the Village Hall.

Clerk Grisco noted that this was the last day for filing candidate petitions for Village Trustee and that 10 petitions had been filed.

President Stricker reminded everyone to check in on their neighbors occasionally to ensure they are able to cope with the cold weather.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:51 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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
February 5, 2007

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