

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 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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  
Allan Johnson  
Carol Marshall  
Nathaniel Motton, Jr.  
Usher Sawyer, III

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

**COMMENTS BY  
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions, including the Annual Commissioners Appreciation Dinner, and thanked all the Commissioners for the dedication.

a) Trustee Committee  
Reports

Trustee Ashmore reported that Best Buy presented the Matteson Public Library with a \$5,000 grant and thanked Best Buy for their community involvement.

Trustee Johnson reported that the Plan Commission will meet on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. and briefly reviewed agenda items to be discussed.

Trustee Sawyer noted that his Seasons of Change and H.A.V.E. Committees are meeting to discuss future endeavors. He also reported that the spring/summer Parks and Recreation programs have begun and commended staff on an excellent job.

Trustee Marshall reported that the Fire Department has been commended for an outstanding EMS call in which as a result of their efforts, a patient was successfully resuscitated. Also, she stated that Election Judges are needed for

the April 17 election; anyone interested should contact the Cook County Clerk's Office. Trustee Marshall noted that Lincoln Mall Manager Tracy Munno was highlighted in the January/February 2007 issue of the Chicago South Suburban Woman Newspaper wherein it expounded on the forward movement and progress of Lincoln Mall.

Trustee Imoukhuede announced that Mr. James Floyd, retired Executive Director of the Cook County Housing Authority, resides in Matteson and hoped the Village would be able to utilize his services in the future.

President Stricker read the names of the honorees recognized at the Commissioners Dinner. He also noted that the Matteson Best Buy store has been identified as number one in the Chicagoland area, number one in the northern half of the State of Illinois, and number three in the nation.

President Stricker read a prepared memo he submitted to the Village Clerk wherein he vetoed three recent Walgreen proposals passed by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on March 19, 2007, those being an ordinance reclassifying the proposed site from an R-3 Moderate Density to a C-4 Highway Commercial property, an ordinance for the issuance of a special use permit to operate a drive-thru pharmacy, and the adoption of a resolution of support to be sent to Cook County to approve an application for a Class 8 certification. He expounded on his reasoning for this action and urged the Board to consider upholding the vetoes.

Attorney Perozzi advised that State Statute provides that the Board cannot take formal action on this matter until the next regular meeting following the regular meeting at which the veto is presented, which would be April 16, 2007.

Trustee Imoukhuede stated that this item has been discussed exhaustively and evaluated by the Police and Fire Departments as well as IDOT. He noted that Walgreens agreed to comply with all requests that were made of them and added that the Walgreens development would be a tremendous economic gain to the Village.

Trustee Johnson stated that he opposes the Walgreens project due to safety concerns over the traffic that would be generated by this development.

Trustee Sawyer questioned what future development the Board envisioned for that location if the Walgreens proposal were to be denied. He stated he felt Walgreens would add to the economic development of the Village, and any issues regarding water drainage would be handled during the planning stage of the development.

Trustee Motton noted that the proposed Walgreens development was

reviewed and approval recommended by the Plan Commission and the Economic Development Commission. He added that the traffic study prepared by a private firm did not indicate any problem with the traffic flow.

Trustee Motton stated it was his belief that the developers have been cooperative in meeting any additional requirements imposed on them for the project. Acting Fire Chief Wilkens indicated that the Fire Department's request for an additional right-only turning lane was not accommodated.

Mr. VanSetten, 3636 217<sup>th</sup> Street, stated an incident occurred during the last snowfall where a young child was allowed to operate a snowmobile. He felt a law should be established prohibiting young children from driving motorized apparatuses. Acting Police Chief Burnson discussed the matter with Mr. VanSetten outside of the meeting room.

Mrs. Deborah Cotton, 123 Old Mill Road, stated that the White Hen Pantry located on Vollmer Road has had a boarded up window for quite some time and is an eyesore to the community. It was noted that citations have been issued. The Board directed staff to follow-up on the matter and pursue whatever avenue is necessary to speed up the process.

Ms. Caine, 322 Central Avenue, stated she does not receive *The Matteson Avenue* publication. It was noted that the newsletter is addressed to "Postal Patron;" therefore, the Post Office should deliver a copy to every residence. As to her inquiry regarding street parking regulations, it was noted that if extenuating circumstances arise, a call should be placed to the Police Department requesting a waiver. However, in no case can traffic flow be inhibited or fire hydrants blocked.

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 March 19, 2007

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – *Approved by*

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of  
March 19, 2007

### B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and  
Accounts Payable

### C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an  
Ordinance Granting  
Variance to Section 159.22  
of the Zoning Ordinance to

*Omnibus Vote*

- 1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

allow Multiple Family Development that is less than the required 15 units per acre at Southwick Courtyards of Matteson Unit 5

C. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. The Board of Trustees pass an ordinance for a variance of Section 159.22 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a multi family development within the MXD District with less than

the

required 15 units per acre for property located at Southwick Drive and Bloomsbury Lane. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

- 2. The Board of Trustees pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit as required by Section 159.22 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a Multiple Family Development in the MXD District located at Southwick Drive and Bloomsbury Lane. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

- 2. Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to allow a Multiple Family Development to be located at Southwick Drive and Bloomsbury Lane as required by 159.22 of the Zoning Ordinance

D. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

- 1. The Board of Trustees accept the lowest Bid Proposal for Porta-Potty services as submitted by Drop Zone Portable Services, Frankfort, IL in the amount of \$14,620. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D.CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

- 1. Porta-Potties for Neighborhood Parks & Matteson Fest

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

**8. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A.CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

- 1. Consideration of a proposal to Survey Present and Future Sites for Fire Stations in the Village of Matteson

Trustee Marshall moved that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal submitted by Terra Engineering of Chicago, IL for Alternative 2, at a cost of \$11,700. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

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

B.OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Linear noted that subsequent to the last Board meeting wherein the Board directed the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance allowing AT&T to obtain permits to install video telecommunications equipment in the Village easements and right-of-ways, staff has been apprised that not all residents in the Village are presently being served with DSL capabilities. Also, staff is conducting in-depth review of pending legislation referred to as HB1500, Cable and Video Competition Law. This legislation is being opposed by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association in its present form for a variety of reasons which include AT&T's pursuing the privileges to transfer rights and responsibilities from the local government to the State government. Therefore, staff is recommending that this item be tabled pending further review.

The Board noted that the Attorney General's office also had some serious reservations regarding this matter. Staff was directed to review Village ordinances and agreements regarding the pursuit of competition in this field.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees table the ordinance allowing AT&T to obtain permits to install video telecommunications equipment in the Village easements and right-of-ways. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Public Works Superintendent Mike Murray gave a brief synopsis of the Street Resurfacing Program noting that curbs will be replaced and complete street resurfacing done. He noted that this year concentration is being placed on the streets listed due to the water main work that had been done in that area.

Trustee Sawyer moved that the Board of Trustees authorize staff to proceed with the FY 07-08 Street Maintenance Program prior to the start of the FY 07-08 Budget; and vote to formally commit the amount of \$530,000 for the FY 07-08 Street Maintenance Program in order to satisfy the Illinois Department of Transportation's Motor Fuel Tax Funding requirements. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

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

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Allowing AT&T to Obtain Permits to Install Video Telecommunications Equipment in the Village Easements and Right-of-Ways

C.NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Resurfacing Program Funding (MFT) FY 07/08

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 2, 2007

04-44-07

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

CLOSING COMMENTS

Board members and staff wished everyone a Happy Easter/Resurrection Sunday.

Trustee Johnson reminded everyone of the Plan Commission meeting to be held on Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Public Works Superintendent Murray reminded everyone that if they are planning any digging in their yards, that underground utilities should be located first. He noted that J.U.L.I.E., the call system for underground utility locations, has a new nationwide three digit number, that being 811, to call for underground locates.

Budget Officer Meyers stated that Ms. Carolyn Adams, Illinois Lottery Director and a very good friend of his, recently passed away and asked that everyone remember her family in their prayers. The Board expressed their sympathies.

Clerk Grisco thanked the Commissioners for their dedication in serving the community. She also reminded everyone that Early Voting is available to all Cook County residents, except City of Chicago proper, through April 12, 2007.

President Stricker noted that State Representative Rita will be holding a special hearing in Blue Island on April 12 regarding a potential interchange at the intersection of I-294 and I-57.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 2, 2007

04-45-07