

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF MATTESON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL  
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS  
ON THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 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**

- Sam Brown
- Emmanuel Imoukhuede
- Kevin Little
- Nathaniel Motton, Jr.

Trustees Ashmore and Sawyer were absent.

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

**COMMENTS BY  
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

President Stricker read a Proclamation recognizing Jackie Robinson.

- a) Proclamation/Resolution – Recognizing Jackie Robinson

Trustee Motton moved to pass a Resolution recognizing Jackie Robinson as one of the greatest baseball players to ever play the game. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

- AYES: (4) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSTAIN: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

- b) Trustee Committee Reports

Board members reported their attendance at various meetings and functions.

Trustee Motton noted that the Matteson Youth Baseball League held their End-of-Season Annual Picnic on Saturday and commended all on an excellent season.

Trustee Little reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission held a meeting wherein they toured several parks. He noted that there was no serious damage to Memorial Park following the Matteson Fest. He also stated that discussion was had regarding developing a master plan for our parks. The development of this master plan will be the focus of discussion at future Parks & Recreation Commission meetings; he encouraged all to attend those meetings.

Trustee Brown reported that the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall and invited all to attend.

Mr. Vernon Harrison, 638 Primrose Circle, speaking on behalf of First Gas, Inc., stated that issues have been raised regarding the sale of produce at the establishment at 4750 Lincoln Highway and offered to address any concerns that the Board may have. It was noted that such a secondary activity requires a special permit. The owner has been made aware of the requirements and is currently in the process of obtaining said permit.

Ms. Marilyn Fitzgerald, 752 Old Farm Road, voiced her concerns regarding vehicles driving through the neighborhood with loud music and garbage being thrown throughout the area. It was noted that without a license plate number, it is difficult to catch the perpetrator; however, the Police will monitor the situation and continue to patrol the area. All residents were encouraged to take an active role in patrolling their neighborhood and it was suggested that residents utilize their homeowners association for ways to deal with concerns such as these

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda. Trustee Motton moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (4) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*  
1. Regular Meeting of June 18, 2007

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

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting of  
June 18, 2007

### **B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Salary, Overtime and  
Accounts Payable

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

**8. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request for Class 6b Incentive on the TTR Matteson, LLC (formerly Meritex) Warehouse Property

Mr. Zachary A. Kafitz, Attorney for TTR Matteson, LLC reviewed their request for a Class 6b property tax incentive for substantial rehabilitation on the warehouse at 21800 S. Cicero Avenue. It was noted that only the new added value would qualify for the property tax abatement.

Ms. LaVern Murphy, Economic Development Coordinator, stated that the Economic Development Commission reviewed this item and fully supports it.

Trustee Imoukhuede requested that Matteson residents be given consideration for any employment opportunities that arise for this project. Mr. Kafitz indicated that he would relay this message to the owner and felt that that would certainly be their intent. They are very interested in forming a strong relationship with the Village.

In response to questioning from Trustee Motton, it was noted that construction on this project will begin as soon as all approvals are granted.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Attorney to prepare a resolution approving a Class 6b property tax abatement for the rehabilitation of TTR Matteson, LLC warehouse located at 21800 Cicero Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Motton.

AYES: (4) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

2. Consideration of a Budget Line Item Adjustment to Fund Summer Jobs Program

Administrator Linear noted that the Administration & Finance Committee is recommending approval of the creation of a pilot program to provide summer jobs for Village of Matteson youths between the ages of 16 and 22. It is anticipated that the program will employ ten youths from July 19 through August 31, 2007 for approximately six hours per day. Work to be performed would be basic clean up/maintenance work of Village and Park property.

Funds are available in the Recreation Department/Matteson Fest budget to fund this program. A new line item would need to be created in the General

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Fund entitled Youth Summer Jobs Program and authorization given to transfer \$18,000 into this fund to support this program.

Trustee Brown moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village Administrator to amend the Village’s budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 to effect line item changes for the purpose of creating a pilot Summer Youth Jobs Program. Seconded by Trustee Imoukhuede.

AYES: (5) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton and Stricker  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

**B.OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Motton moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(11) – pending, probable or imminent litigation, with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

1. Request for Executive Session

AYES: (4) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

Board members thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Trustee Motton stated he does drive throughout the community and is very proud of the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Brown wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Condolences were extended to Nancy Kolanowski on the loss of her father, Robin Kelly on the loss of her mother, and to the family of Donald Neighbors, former Marya Yates teacher.

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:22 p.m. and, after a short recess, convene to Executive Session with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

**ADJOURNMENT**

AYES: (4) Brown, Imoukhuede, Little, Motton  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)

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ABSENT: (2) Ashmore and Sawyer

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk

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