

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 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2007

Clerk Grisco 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
- Sam Brown
- Kevin Little
- Emmanuel Imoukhuede
- Nathaniel Motton, Jr.
- Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; Lafayette Linear, Village Administrator; Vince Laoang, Director of Regulatory Services; Gregory Bates, Director of Parks & Recreation; Norm Burnson, Acting Police Chief; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer, Angela Simington, Recording Secretary; and the media.

Trustee Brown made a motion to appoint Trustee Ashmore as acting chairman in President Stricker’s absence. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Motton.

- AYES: (5) Ashmore, Brown, Little, Imoukhuede and Motton
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSTAIN: (0)
- ABSENT: (1) Sawyer III

Trustee Brown commented that there will be a Tax Assessment Outreach Workshop at Woodgate School at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007. He encouraged everyone to attend.

**COMMENTS BY  
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- a. Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Imoukhuede welcomed everyone to the Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Little commented that JCPenney will hold its Grand Opening on Friday October 5, 2007 at 8:45 a.m.

Trustee Motton commented that it is important that everyone support education and the school districts. He also commented that he would like the

Village to remember Little Rock 9.

Trustee Motton made a motion to direct the Village Administrator to prepare a Resolution in support of Little Rock 9. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Little,  
Motton, Sawyer III and Imoukhuede  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Usher commented that he attended the Woodgate/Cedar Creek *Night at the Races*. He commented on the importance of all Homeowners Associations getting involved in each others events. He commented that he attended a Dollars for Scholars meeting and it is a committed team. He proposed a Matteson Farmers Market next summer in an effort to eliminate various businesses selling fruit from their parking lots. He also requested an executive session be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to discuss the Trustee's Contract. He also commented that he was concerned about the response time residents are receiving with regard to inquires made at the Village Hall.

Trustee Ashmore commented that he envisions expanding the Dollars for Scholar's efforts and being able to offer more scholarships in the future.

A resident (for the record, Dorothy Reynolds) who desired to remain anonymous for safety reasons thanked Trustees Sawyer and Brown for their swift response with regard to an issue she had with a skunk in her yard as well as an issue she has with a neighbor's back yard containing excessive refuse.

Trustee Brown suggested the Village discuss a line-item in next year's budget which includes animal control/pest removal.

Trustee Little directed the Village Administrator to keep the anonymous resident informed with regard to action being taken against her neighbor.

Ms. Ann Essex of 202 Huntingwood read a letter she received from School District 159 thanking her for the donation of school supplies. She also announced that donations for Senior Citizens on behalf of Light House Ministries will be accepted through October 12, 2007 and that for further information donators can call 708-705-3035. She also announced a leadership workshop being held at the Matteson Holiday Inn on October 20, 2007, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Ashmore presented the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Motton made a Motion to pass the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Motton, Sawyer III  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*  
1. Regular Meeting of September 17, 2007

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

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARING CONTRACTS

1. The Board of Trustees approve the contract proposal with Huddleston/McBride in the amount of \$6,720.00 for the purpose of conducting a drain title investigation, which includes a summary of hydrology on the Butterfield Creek Headwaters property - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Trustees execute the Resolution specific to the maintenance of the landscaped medians on Cicero Avenue. – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

## ACTIVE AGENDA

Trustee Brown commented that he would like to put the decision to Rescind membership in the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce to allow more time

## A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular meeting of September 17, 2007

## B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Salary, Overtime and Accounts Payable

## C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

1. Consideration of an Agreement Proposal to Huddleston/McBride in the amount of \$6,720.00 for a Drain Tile Investigation and Proposal Summary of Hydrology on the Butterfield Creek Headwaters Property.

## D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Matteson to obtain from IDOT the Required Permits to Maintain Certain Cicero Avenue Median Landscaping in the Village of Matteson.

## 9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

## 10. ACTIVE AGENDA

### A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a

Resolution Rescinding the  
Village of Matteson's  
Membership in the Matteson  
Area Chamber of Commerce

for further discussion.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to table the adoption of a Resolution to Rescind the Village of Matteson's membership in the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Trustee Little.

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

Trustee Motton made a Motion to adopt a Resolution to Rescind the Village of Matteson's membership in the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Motton, Sawyer III  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Trustee Imoukhuede directed the Village Administrator to inform all businesses in the Village of the decision to rescind membership from the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Motton commented that he chooses to abstain on the matter between the Village and School District 159 because of his position on the School Board.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve the agreement for school use of land between the Village of Matteson and Elementary School District 159. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Sawyer III  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (1) Motton  
ABSENT: (0)

Mr. Awri McKee of 3113 Holden Circle, President of The Holden Park Homeowners Association stated that the sign for Holden Park is being requested for the following reasons:

1. To improve the aesthetics of the entrance into the subdivision
2. To let visitors know that Holden Park is in Matteson and not Park

- B. NEW BUSINESS
1. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Land Use between the Village of Matteson and Elementary School District #159.
  2. Consideration of an Additional Monument Sign of Holden Park.

Forest

3. The present signs are not visible from the main street

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to refer the request for an additional monument sign for the Holden Park Subdivision back to the Plan Commission. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Imoukhuede withdrew the Motion to refer the request for an additional monument sign for the Holden Park Subdivision back to the Plan Commission.

Several members of Village Board agreed that in an effort to coincide with the Plan Commissions recommendation that only five signs are erected, one of the existing signs on the Matteson property could be removed by the Village at Holden Park's expense.

Trustee Imoukhuede asked Mr. McKee if Holden Park is going to pay the cost of removing one of the signs. Mr. McKee said yes.

Trustee Imoukhuede asked Mr. McKee if he is in a position to make such a decision. Mr. McKee said he is able to ask the Homeowners Association for vote.

Trustee Motton commented the Plan Commission for its excellent job as a recommending body.

Attorney Perozzi stated that it is feasible for a permit for the new sign to be withheld until the Village is reimbursed by Holden Park Subdivision for the cost of removal of the old sign.

Trustee Brown made a Motion to approve the request for an additional monument sign for the Holden Park Subdivision with the condition that one of the signs on the Matteson property is removed by Village at the expense of the Holden Park Subdivision. Seconded by Trustee Little.

AYES:	(5)	Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Motton
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(1)	Sawyer III
ABSENT:	(0)	

## CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton commented that he is proud to be an elected official and a representative of the residents of the Village of Matteson.

Trustee Little commented that JCPenney will have its Grand Opening

Ceremony on Friday, October 5, 2007 at 8:45 a.m.

Trustee Imoukhuede commented that it is a bold move to step away from the Chamber of Commerce and that he looks forward to the future Village of Matteson Chamber.

Trustee Brown commented that there will be a Tax Assessment Workshop at Woodgate School on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Trustee Sawyer commented that the Dollars for Scholars fund raiser *Guns & Hoses* Basket Ball Tournament is Friday October 12, 2007.

Administrator Linear asked the Board its desire to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. It was agreed that there would be no Executive Session at this time.

There were no additional staff reports.

Trustee Motton moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:38 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Motton, Sawyer III

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk