

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 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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
Sam Brown
Kevin Little
Emmanuel Imoukhuede
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:33 p.m.)

Trustee Nathaniel Motton, Jr. was absent

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 Ashmore welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and had no formal report.

**COMMENTS BY
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Trustee Little welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. He commented that the *IML* Conference was very informative. He commented that he met many retailers at *ICSC* who may fit well into the Village. He commented that he attended the Merchant's Meeting at *Lincoln Mall* and he stated that the Merchants are excited and he encouraged everyone to shop at *Lincoln Mall*. He commented that a list of new merchants will be available soon.

a. Trustee Committee
Reports

Trustee Imoukhuede welcomed President Stricker back and had no formal report.

Trustee Brown commented that he attended the Woodgate/Matteson Home Owners Association Meeting and was pleased to note that the meeting was attended by young, career-people. He commented that he was able to promote the Village at a recent *Main Street Realtors Association* Reception. He commented that the *Chicago Southland Chamber's Night at the Races* was a well-attended, excellent fund-raising event. He commented that he was pleased that his residential tax bill was 20% less than the previous year.

Trustee Sawyer, III welcomed President Stricker back. He commented that Trustee Ashmore did an excellent job in President Stricker's absence. He encouraged everyone to attend the November 17, 2007 *Dollars for Scholars* Bowling Fund Raiser.

President Stricker expressed his appreciation to the Board for handling the meeting in his absence, in particular Trustee Ashmore for acting as meeting chairman. He commented that when he watched the Board meeting on television, while at home, there was too much rustling of papers. He reminded everyone that the microphones are sensitive and they pick up the slightest noise. He expressed his gratitude for the cards, letters and phone calls he received while he was out.

Ms. Beverly Reynolds of 5243 Southwick Court Yards commented that the proposed [east side of berm] walking path location in Southwick will decrease resident privacy and safety.

**5 OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Burnson said that putting the path on the east side of the berm would be safer. He said that the east side gives clear site from the road way and the west side is dimly lit and would be unsafe for anyone using the path at night.

Mr. Laoang said that the west side belongs to ComEd and the property owners would have to enter into a lease agreement with ComEd. He said that the developer has put a stop on construction through winter so there is time to research other options.

President Stricker commented that the same issues that the Southwick residents have raised have come up with previously proposed paths in other subdivisions and years later, those concerns were unfounded.

Trustee Sawyer, III commented that he agrees with the Southwick residents and is concerned that there will be no additional lights, no police patrolling the path and no security. He said that many of residents have stated that they were not informed that the path would be constructed.

Trustee Ashmore asked if the Plans showed the walking path. Mr. Laoang said the Plans were approved by the Plan Commission.

Trustee Ashmore asked if the walking path is mandatory. Mr. Laoang said that other alternatives will be looked in to over the next few months.

Trustee Brown commented that Southwick has had many difficulties and issues and that the Village should do all it can to assist the residents in this issue. He said that he feels the Village "owes them one."

Ms. Brenda Reynolds of 5241 Southwick Court commented that homeowners

installed [paid for installation of] street lights and that she disagrees with Chief Burnson in that there is visibility from the road way. She also commented that the path would be too close to homes in the subdivision.

Ms. Sarah Wilson of 5242 Stone Ridge Court asked why the path is needed. She said she doesn't think the path is necessary and that she will not be using it.

Ms. Jane Shipp of 6229 Virginia Lane invited the Board and visitors to the Creekside Homeowner's Association Meeting which will be held on November 13, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She said that a Village Detective will talk about personal financial security. She also encouraged everyone to attend the *Dollars for Scholars* Bowling Fundraiser on November 17, 2007 at *Lakewood Bowl*, adding that tickets are \$20.00 for three games.

Trustee Imoukhuede, Trustee Sawyer, III and President Stricker expressed regret that they will not be able to attend the Creekside Homeowners Association Meeting, but that they offer their support.

Ms. Angela Blair of 5248 Southwick Court commented that street lights are out near Cicero and it is very dark. President Stricker directed the Public Works Department look into it.

Trustee Sawyer, III commented that if any residents need anything of the Village, Administrator Linear can be reached at 283-4916.

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brown.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
1. Regular Meeting of October 15, 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 Ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney for a variance from Section 159.0(g) (1) of

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Variance to Realty America Group, LP (21403 and 21449 Cicero Avenue)

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Variance to Davis

the Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in minimum lot size from 1.5 acres to 1.19 acres and 1.29 acres at 21403 and 21439 Cicero Avenue. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

2. The Board of Trustees approve the Ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney to reclassify .27 acres of land, located at 3762 216th Place, from R-5 to R-3. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*
3. The Board of Trustees approve a the Ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney for a variance from Section 159.30(g) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction of the minimum lot size for the properties located at 3762 216th Place as presented. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

Development Corporation
(3762 216th Place)
3. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Reclassifying from R-5 Medium High Density Residential zoning District to an R-3 Moderate Density Zoning District.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

10. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AWARDS AND CONTRACTS

1. Consideration of an Agreement Proposal with American Appraisals Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$4000 for Professional Valuation Services.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution and Letter of Protest to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and President Stroger opposing the proposed 2% increase in Cook County Sales Tax.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the Agreement between the Village of Matteson and American Appraisal Associates, Inc. to assist the Village in updating its Fixed Asset Schedule and Insurance Report for the fiscal years ending April 30, 2006 and 2007. Seconded by Trustee Usher, III.

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

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve the resolution opposing the proposed 2% sales tax increase by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and President Stroger. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Ashmore commented that both the IML and the ICSC were successful and he looks forward to future developments in the Village.

Trustee Little commented that the Village is excited about the proposed new Community Center and that updates will follow soon.

Trustee Imoukhuede commented that Walgreens will be completed soon and he looks forward to many future developments coming into the Village.

Trustee Brown commented that he is excited about the 20% reduction in his tax bill.

Trustee Sawyer, III commented that everyone get informed and get involved. He thanked residents and guests for coming to the Board Meeting and He commented that instead of receiving recycled vehicles from the Police Department, the Village's Code enforcers need new Jeeps and four-wheel-drives. He said that inspector vehicle(s) purchase should be considered with the new budget. He thanked employees of the Village for a job-well-done, especially Ms. Garrot and Ms. Gibson of the Finance Department.

Mr. Linear thanked residents and guests for attending the meeting and thanked the Board for its hard work.

President Stricker commented that the reduction in residential taxes is due to the tax levy as well as increased homes and businesses in the Village. He also stated that while the vehicles the Building Inspectors/Code Enforcers use are handed-down from other departments, those vehicles are safe, well maintained and regularly inspected.

There were no further staff comments.

Trustee Usher, III moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

ADJOURNMENT

AYES: (5) Ashmore, Imoukhuede, Brown, Little, and Sawyer III

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Motton

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk