

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 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 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  
Kevin Little  
Emmanuel Imoukhuede  
Sam Brown (arrived at 7:33 p.m.)  
Nathaniel Motton, Jr. (arrived at 7:34 p.m.)  
Usher Sawyer III (arrived at 7:40 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; George Pfothenauer, Deputy Police Chief; Gloria Gibson, Budget Officer; Angela Simington, Recording Secretary.

Trustee Ashmore welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and wished all happy holidays. He reported that the Cedar Creek Homeowners Association Christmas party was well attended.

**COMMENTS BY  
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

a. Trustee Committee  
Reports

Trustee Little wished everyone happy holidays. He expressed his regret in not being able to attend the Cedar Creek Homeowners Association Christmas Party. He reported that the Woodgate/Matteson Homeowners Association Christmas party was well attended. He reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Matteson Community Center. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Imoukhuede wished everyone happy holidays. He reminded all to not operate any motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Trustee Brown wished everyone happy holidays. He reported that the Woodgate/Matteson Homeowners Association Christmas Party was well attended. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Essex on doing a fine job with the Association. He reported that the Cedar Creek Homeowners Association Christmas Party was well attended.

Trustee Motton said he was unhappy with the slow response of public works in removing the snow over the past weekend. He said that some residents voiced their complaints to him as well. He also said that every Village owned vehicle should have a GPS Tracking system installed.

Mayor Stricker said that he couldn't make it to any of the holiday celebrations during his recovery and that he should be able to make it to more events in a few weeks. He said he would like the police to issue tickets to vehicles parked on the streets so that plow trucks can pass through. He encouraged Board members and staff to ride with the plow trucks to experience snow-plowing first-hand. He asked the board to encourage residents to contact the Village Administrator with any complaints, issues or concerns they may have regarding village business.

Trustee Motton said that he did contact Mr. Linear as well as the police dispatcher regarding the snow being removed but noted that there was still a significant delay in snow removal.

Trustee Sawyer, III welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He expressed his regrets in not being able to attend any of the holiday festivals but he thanked everyone for sending him invitations. He encouraged all to get involved in what is going on in the Village and for Homeowners to start attending other Homeowner's Associations Meetings to stay informed. He said that he's spoken to the Village Administrator several times about snow removal. He applauded Trustee Motton for voicing his opinion about snow removal and encouraged residents to do the same.

Tom Planera Attorney for Monarch Design Construction said that his client has retracted its Plans regarding the property at the N.E. Corner of Lincoln Highway and Central but would like to continue with rezoning of the property from R-2 to C-4 but the agenda item has not come before the Board yet. Attorney Perozzi said that the Village has until February 13, 2008 to make a decision regarding the rezoning otherwise another public hearing will need to be held. The board directed staff to send a letter to Monarch Design to let them know what has been decided.

John Rangle of 3900 West 212<sup>th</sup> Place asked if there is a time line for hiring a Community Development Director. He requested that the time and place for the hearings regarding the EJ & E Railroad acquisition be made public. He requested that if there is a list of resident/village concerns being made known to EJ& E that he'd like the Village to be a "Quiet Zone" so that trains do not sound their horns while traveling through the town. He also asked if anyone from the Village has been assigned to represent the interest of the Village.

President Stricker said that some of the hearings may not be public but that staff will find out and post those hearing notices that are public. He said that

## **5. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senior Planner Mr. Smeaton has been attending the meetings regarding the proposed acquisition.

Trustee Little asked that staff keep the board informed regarding the Community Development Director hiring process. The Village Administrator stated that the firm hired to find candidates has narrowed it down to ten and those names and resumes should be sent soon.

Trustee Sawyer III said that he'd also like the board to be informed regarding the hiring of an Assistant for the Village Administrator which was approved some time ago.

Charles Percy Alexander Sr. of 36 Willow Road asked if the address to the American Legion could be added to the new resident packet and he suggested that a sign be posted on the main road to direct people to the legion.

President Stricker presented the Consent Agenda.

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

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

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – *Approved by Omnibus Vote*  
1. Regular Meeting of December 3, 2007.

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C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS  
1. The Board of Trustees approve the five year lease agreement from Whalen Office Solutions for the bid of \$254.00 FMV per month for the five-year lease agreement as well as Maintenance Agreement, which includes all color and black toner for \$325.00 annually, as outlined in the document proposal. - *Approved by Omnibus Vote*

C. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS  
1. Consideration of a Request Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Lease Agreement for a Multifunction Color Copier for the Village Hall.

2. The Village Board authorize the execution of the renewal contract between the Village of Matteson and the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association, as presented, with an effective date of January 1, 2008. -  
*Approved by Omnibus Vote*

2. Consideration of a Request for Renewal of the General Liability and Workers Compensation Insurances through the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association.

**7. ITEMS REMOVED  
FROM CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*None*

**8. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

1. Treasurer's Report, November 2007

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve the November 2007 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Mr. Brazley of William Brazley Associates presented alternative drawings for the Community Center which included a gym and removed some of the other rooms. Some of the concerns and comments from the board were: 1. Without a Gym at the proposed Community Center, sharing a Colin Powell school's gym would limit access for residents needing to use the gym during the day. 2. The rooms that were removed were to be leased out to physical therapists. 3. The multi purpose room and some other portions of the facility could be leased out to produce income. 4. It was also noted that the Village still owns the old community center and it can be leased out or used for any other purpose as needed.

The Village Administrator was directed to look into the possibility of purchasing more land to the south of the proposed community center.

Trustee Little made a Motion to direct Wm. Brazley and Associates to proceed with the Architectural Detail Drawings to include an alternate plan which includes a gym. Should the alternate plan not meet the cost criteria;

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to direct Wm. Brazley and Associates to Proceed with the Architectural Detail Drawings for the Village of Matteson Community Center Project.

the Village Board may reject the alternate and revert to the original drawings presented at the workshop of December 10, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Brown

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

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a "Participant Agreement" with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer for inclusion in the State Treasurer's internet payment services program. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer, III.

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

Ms. Gibson said that residents should be able to purchase vehicle stickers on-line by the time the stickers become due. The public will be made aware of the availability of on-line access via the Matteson Avenue Newsletter. The Trustees commended Ms. Gibson on a job well done.

Trustee Imoukhuede made a Motion to approve a resolution to open an Accounts Payable Disbursements account with Harris Bank, N.A. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Trustee Ashmore made a Motion to approve a resolution authorizing Charter One Bank, N.A., Harris N.A., IMET, JP Morgan Chase N.A., LaSalle Bank ABN AMRO and The Illinois Funds to update the schedule of personnel that are authorized to sign for financial transactions on the Accounts Payable, Certificate of Deposit, Drug Forfeiture – Justice/State/Treasure, General, General Operating, Investment, Lockbox, Health Insurance – Parent/Flex/Claims, Money Market, Motor Fuel Tax, Payroll Accounts and Third Party Collateralization. Seconded by Trustee Sawyer, III.

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution to be authorized to execute "Participant Agreement" with Office of the Illinois State Treasurer for an Internet payment service program for Village bills, i.e. water bills, vehicle sticker renewals, at no cost to the Village of Matteson.
2. Consideration of a Resolution to open up an Accounts Payable Disbursement Account with Harris Bank, currently the Village has two accounts that include General Operating and Payroll.
3. Consideration of a Resolution for Approval of Charter One Bank N.A., Harris N.A., IMET, JP Morgan Chase N.A., LaSalle Bank ABN AMRO and The Illinois Funds to Update the Schedule of Authorized Signers on Village of Matteson's Accounts Payable, Certificate of Parent/Flex/Claims, Money Market, Motor Fuel Tax, Payroll Accounts and Third Party Collateralization.

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

Trustee Ashmore wished everyone a happy holiday and said that he looks forward to the new year.

## CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Motton wished everyone a happy holiday. He stated that he has been a police officer for 20 years and the only person who can speak about his job is his Chief or the Mayor of the Village he is employed. He asked for an apology from President Stricker with regard to comments he made previously concerning Trustee Motton's employment. He stated that he has never made any comments concerning President's Stricker's job or personal life. He said he would be contacting the media and will be contacting the Chief of Police of the town he has been employed for past twenty years. He stated that his due diligence, effort and hard work is the reason he is still employed there.

Trustee Little reminded the board that it is important to keep meetings professional and that healthy debate is ok as long as it pertains to the agenda items. He wished everyone happy holiday.

Trustee Imoukhuede said that members of the board's employment should never be topic of discussion at a Board Meeting. He said that he respects Trustee Motton. He expressed his regrets to Cedar Creek and Woodgate/Matteson Homeowner's Associations for not being able to attend their holiday celebrations. He reminded everyone to not drink and drive and wished all a happy holiday.

Trustee Brown suggested that "a code of conduct at public hearings" be an agenda item at the next Strategic Planning Meeting. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Trustee Ashmore said that comments attacking a board members character should never addressed at a board meeting.

President Stricker suggested that everyone know the facts about any issue before voicing an opinion. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Clerk Grisco wished everyone a happy holiday and she thanked Woodgate/Matteson Homeowner's Association for invite to their Christmas Celebration which was well attended.

The Village Administrator wished everyone happy holidays.

D. OTHER BUSINESS  
1. Request for Executive  
Session

Mr. Bates wished everyone happy holidays.

Attorney Perozzi wished everyone happy holidays.

There were no additional closing comments from staff.

Trustee Imoukhuede moved that the Board of Trustees convene to Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1)- to discuss Personnel – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance with no need to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Trustee Sawyer, III made a Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Ashmore.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk