

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 April 20, 2009
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6 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the
7 following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, and Michaels, Village Attorney
8 Paul Stephanides, and Mayor Kitching. Absent: Trustees Collins and McGreal.
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10 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching displayed the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award
11 presented to Frank Hiter by Sheriff Tom Dart on April 15, 2009, at the Chicago Cultural Center.
12 Mayor Kitching congratulated Frank and thanked him for his many hours of volunteer work.
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14 Mayor Kitching introduced Ermin Arslanagic, Account Executive, Government Solutions,
15 Johnson Controls. Mr. Arslanagic reported since Professor Warren Johnson founded the
16 company to manufacture his invention, the electric room thermostat, the company has expanded
17 remarkably. Since its start in 1885, Johnson Controls has grown into a global leader in
18 automotive experience, building efficiency and power solutions. The company provides
19 innovative automotive interiors that help make driving more comfortable, safe and enjoyable.
20 For buildings, it offers products and services that optimize energy use and improve comfort and
21 security. Johnson Controls also provides batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles,
22 along with systems engineering and service expertise.
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24 Mr. Arslanagic's team deals with legislative performance contracting, which started 25 years
25 ago. Performance contracting allows the firm to quantify potential energy and operational
26 savings, guarantee them over a number of years and deliver projects that are funded through
27 some form of energy or operational savings. Mr. Arslanagic explained potential grants that are
28 available to fund energy saving projects. Johnson Controls determines if the savings are
29 sufficient to fund the project, there is no initial cost to the Village.
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31 Mayor Kitching reported on an article from the Southtown Star newspaper stating that "the \$9
32 billion state capital bill signed into law contains tens of millions of dollars for repaving local
33 streets this spring. This bill will create an estimated 60,000 jobs. The bill's price tag includes \$3
34 billion from the state and \$6 billion in federal stimulus money. One of the routes listed in the
35 article scheduled for resurfacing include Pulaski/Crawford Avenue from 103rd to 115th Street and
36 115th to 127th Street." The Village Engineer has not seen any details on this project as yet.
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38 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen extended a special thank you to Sharon McDowell for a
39 wonderful job with the E-recycling Program. This event was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009,
40 and the response was fantastic. Residents responded with many thank you's, comments on how
41 great it was and asked the Village to do it again. We are contemplating another event in the fall.
42 Residents turned in computers, monitors, fax machines, cell phones and televisions. The total
43 collected filled 10 pallets, each 4 x 4 and 7 ft. high. The truck was full. Thank you to Sharon
44 McDowell, Judy DeLuise, Public Works employees David DeWolfe and Rick Rybarski and to
45 Trustee Kevin Michaels for the help given to the Clerk's Office to make this event such a
46 success.
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48 Clerk Venhuizen presented the March 2009 IDOT MFT allotment totaling \$42,287.32.
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50 Clerk Venhuizen reported the Alsip Chamber of Commerce and the Alsip Industrial Association
51 formed the Alsip Scholarship Fund in 1992, to help educate the future workforce of Alsip. To
52 date approximately \$125,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through donations from
53 companies and organizations in Alsip. The Program is open to high school seniors or graduates
54 who are Alsip residents and to employees or children of employees of Alsip companies that are
55 members of the Alsip Chamber of Commerce or the Alsip Industrial District Association. The
56 applicant must be a high school graduate or returning to school full time to obtain a degree or
57 state approved license or certification. Applications will be available March 1, 2009 and are due
58 April 30, 2009. Donations can be made to the Chamber.
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60 ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.
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62 ENGINEER REPORT: No report.
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69 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) List of bills dated April 13, 2009 totaling
70 \$725,294.50. b) Request for approval to engage Clifton Gunderson LLC to perform the Village
71 audit for the fiscal year 2009, for a fee of \$66,500 which represents a 3% increase. Funds for the
72 audit are included in the 2010 budget. c) Request for approval to accept Chapman & Cutler as
73 the bond counsel for the 2009 Road Bond issuance. Three bids were received for this project and
74 Chapman & Cutler was the low bidder at \$9,700.

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76 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval of an
77 Ordinance Regarding the Alsip Professional Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreement Dated
78 May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2012. b) Request to approve incentive pay in the amount of \$24,241.62
79 for the period of 5/1/08-4/30/09. c) Request to approve holiday pay for the fiscal year 2008-2009
80 in the amount of \$21,930.48. d) Two letters of appreciation; 1) Letter from Midlothian Mayor
81 Murawski, William J. Sheehy III, Fire Chief, Vincent Schavone, and Chief of Police Vincent
82 Schavone thanking the entire staff of the Alsip Fire Department for their assistance and
83 participation during the return of Sgt. Christopher Abeyta to his hometown and for their
84 continued support throughout the ceremonies while putting Sgt. Abeyta to rest. 2) Letter and
85 donation of \$150.00 (deposited into corporate account) from Kay Donnelly for the kindness and
86 assistance given by Firefighter/Paramedics Hachnlein, Homel, Pinto and Lt. Kelly while
87 transporting Mrs. Donnelly to Christ Hospital.

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89 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro reported: a) The Alsip Police Department
90 submitted an application for the Cops Grant which would pay for six police officers over three
91 years. If successful, the Village of Alsip would receive an estimated two million dollars. b) The
92 Alsip Police Department is in the process of hiring Celine Ferrar for the for the dispatch center, a
93 replacement position. Ms. Ferrar is an Alsip resident, mother of three and her husband is
94 currently serving in Iraq.

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96 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) March 2009
97 Monthly Report. b) Report that the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad sent notification of railroad
98 crossing repairs on Central Avenue near 122nd Street starting April 27, 2009. c) Presentation of
99 the Public Works new unit #17 update.

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101 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for approval of a
102 request from Mission Covenant Church, Blue Island, Illinois for approval to hold two
103 fundraising events to raise money for 2009 summer camps and conferences for children. The
104 fundraising events are car washes to be held in the back portion of the Eggman Restaurant at
105 Pulaski and 127th on Saturday, April 25, 2009 and Sunday May 17, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00
106 p.m.

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108 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Report that inspections are going
109 well and complaints are taken care of on a daily basis. b) Presentation of a list of fines for April
110 Court calls from the Health Department totaling an estimated \$1,000. c) Recommendation of
111 payment of the bill for repair of the car totaling \$736.87, and \$80.00 bill for pest control.

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113 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented the March, 2009 Water Department Monthly
114 Report.

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116 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented a list of licenses dated April 13, 2009.

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118 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: No report.

119 120 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

121 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval of a contract with
122 Diamond Pool for 22 weeks of service cleaning and maintaining two pools at the following
123 costs: Heritage I pool, \$5,165, plus chemicals and Heritage II pool, \$7,114, plus chemicals.
124 Proposals were received and Diamond Pool was the lowest price. Diamond Pool has performed
125 satisfactorily for the Village in the past. b) Report that the bidding process has begun for the
126 purchase of a 2009 Gas Powered Ford F-350 truck. The legal notice was placed in the
127 newspaper, and specifications are available at the Clerk's Office with a bid opening date of April
128 22, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. c) Report that the windows were completed at Heritage I on April 7, 2009;
129 Gilkey did a fine job with installation and cleanup.

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134 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Report on the meeting of the
135 Insurance Committee. b) Request for approval of renewal of the Property and Casualty Insurance
136 with our current providers, Scottsdale Insurance and ESIP Insurance for the Village and Fire
137 Departments respectively, per the recommendation of the Village's insurance broker firm
138 Boyles, Flagg and Seaman, Inc., The renewal reflects a 13.9% decrease from our current
139 premiums for the same coverage. c) Report of the review of the Village's health insurance
140 renewal.

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142 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of
143 longevity salary adjustments for retiring Fire Deputy Chief and Police Lieutenant. b) Request for
144 approval of an Ordinance Establishing Compensation and Rate of Pay for Certain Employees of
145 the Village of Alsip. c) Request for approval of an Ordinance Amending the Hotel and Motel
146 Occupancy Tax Rate. This Ordinance increases the tax rate on hotel rooms, bringing the Village
147 in line with surrounding communities. c) Request for approval of an Ordinance Amending
148 Chapter 11 (Garbage and Refuse) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip to Add New
149 Article III (Collection Services).

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151 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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153 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Godfrey reported an update will be given at the next meeting.

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155 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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157 Mayor Kitching asked for any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda; there were none.
158 Clerk Venhuizen made the necessary additions to the Consent Agenda.

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160 CONSENT AGENDA

- 161 A. Approval of minutes of April 6, 2009 Board meeting.
162 B. Approval of minutes of April 13, 2009 Committee meeting.
163 C. Approval of a list of bills dated March 30, 2009 totaling \$725,294.57.
164 D. Approval of a list of licenses dated April 13, 2009.
165 E. Approval of an ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ALSIP PROFESSIONAL
166 FIREFIGHTERS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT DATED MAY 1, 2009
167 TO APRIL 30, 2012. **Ordinance No. 2009-4-1**.
168 F. Approval of an ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND RATE OF
169 PAY FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP.
170 **Ordinance No. 2009-4-2**.
171 G. Approval of an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOTEL AND MOTEL
172 OCCUPANCY TAX RATE. **Ordinance No. 2009-4-3**.
173 H. Approval of an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 (GARBAGE AND
174 REFUSE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP TO ADD
175 NEW ARTICLE III (COLLECTION SERVICES). **Ordinance No. 209-4-4**.
176 I. Acceptance of the March 2009 IDOT MFT allotment totaling \$42,287.32.
177 J. Approval to engage Clifton Gunderson LLC to perform the Village audit for the fiscal
178 year 2009, for a fee of \$66,500 which represents a 3% increase. Funds for the audit are
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199 P. Approval of renewal of the Property and Casualty Insurance with our current providers,
200 Scottsdale Insurance for the Village and ESIP insurance for the Fire Department,
201 reflecting a 13.9% decrease from our current premiums for the same coverage.
202 Q. Approval of longevity salary adjustments for retiring Fire Deputy Chief and Police
203 Lieutenant.
204 R. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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206 Motion by Trustee Graczyk to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee
207 Michaels. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey and Michaels. Motion
208 carried.

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210 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Godfrey thanked everyone for attending the Little League
211 Opening Day parade and festivities.

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213 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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215 Motion by Trustee Graczyk to enter into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment,
216 compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body;
217 seconded by Trustee Godfrey. Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey and
218 Michaels. Motion carried.

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220 Mayor Kitching reported the Board was moving into closed session and a vote on the contract for
221 the Finance Director will be taken when the meeting is called back to order. The Board moved
222 into closed session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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224 Mayor Kitching called the meeting back to order at approximately 8:30 p.m. and called for a vote
225 on the contract for the Finance Director.

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227 Motion by Trustee Graczyk to approve the contract for the Finance Director as amended to keep
228 the salary adjustment in line with the current Village contracts and non-salary employees which
229 is equal to 3%; seconded by Trustee Michaels. Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro,
230 Graczyk, Godfrey and Michaels. Motion carried.

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232 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Michaels to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Godfrey.
233 Motion carried at 8:35 p.m.

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235 Respectfully submitted,

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240 Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois