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VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 4, 2010

Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona and Quinn, and Mayor Kitching. Also present Village Attorney Todd Hayden.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported on receipt of a thank you letter which read as follows: We would like to thank your firemen and policemen for standing in the 100 degree weather honoring our family member Christopher Wheatley. Chris was Tim's godson/cousin who died as a fireman doing the job he truly loved. With the support of everyone we have been able to move forward and remember Chris in a most thankful and precious way. It was very touching to see our community out there that day supporting someone they did not know but felt a connection to. We saw small children and our elders saluting signs held up thanking Chris; people waiting to say goodbye as we drove by. That is what makes us Americans. Also, the brotherhood was the most impressive thing we have ever seen. We are proud and thankful everyday. Much Gratitude, Tim and Chris Mannix.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen read the following into the record: In January, 2010, changes were made to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, better known as FOIA. The goal was to make it easier to obtain information and to promote transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government.

It has become apparent that the Board should be receiving a monthly report regarding the receipt of FOIA requests. The number of requests has multiplied from a manageable 12 in the month of January to 109 in the month of September. A total of 256 requests for information have been received since January 1<sup>st</sup> and many of these requests have been for multiple information items covering up to five years accumulation.

As we have been attempting to comply with the new requirements, we have run into time consuming and costly challenges. The Village Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and the Mayor's Assistant have been assigned to control these requests and to notify the appropriate departments that information is required. All departments have been affected.

The requirement to produce information within 5 business days has been our biggest challenge. Every department has spent many hours processing and copying the information requested. Many requests are for multiple items and areas. Our technology, staff and time are limited – especially with the recent economic challenges. This is especially apparent when one individual submits 5 – 10 or 90 requests at one time. This serves to bring a halt to our regular daily activities in more than one department, and service to our residents and businesses suffers. This has been costly to the Village in time spent and copies produced.

Some of the information requested has been questionable and has required consultation with the Village legal counsel, so as not to release information that may be prohibited from disclosure by Federal or State law or rules and regulations. This has been an increased expense to the Village.

In the future this report will be made to the Board monthly and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. We cannot ask why people want this data, but our hope is that their need to request so many copies far outweighs the cost to the Village of Alsip taxpayers.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Lang, Village Engineer, presented: a) Request for approval of an IDOT Resolution for Improvement regarding the appropriation for the 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Laramie Avenue to Cicero Avenue storm sewer installation. This is an IDOT paperwork correction only. No new funds are being spent. b) Request for approval of an IDOT Resolution for Improvement regarding the 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Kostner Avenue to Pulaski Road concrete sidewalk construction.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of a list of bills dated October 4, 2010, totaling \$730,748.48.

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69 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Reminder that the Fire Prevention  
70 Week annual open house will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Station #1 from 1:00 p.m. to  
71 4:00 p.m., and all are invited. b) Letter of thanks of to Alsip Fire Station #1 from Mrs. Lisa West,  
72 Principal, Hamlin Upper Grade Center, which read as follows: On behalf of the administrators,  
73 faculty, and students of District 125, I wish to thank you for your participation of our Patriot Day  
74 assembly held on Friday, September 10, 2010. This event provided an invaluable opportunity for  
75 the students at Hamlin Upper Grade Center to reflect upon the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and  
76 to honor those who continue to serve and fight for our freedom today. In particular, I would like to  
77 personally thank Deputy Chief Tom Stycznski, Lt. Dave Freist, Firefighter Robert McEvelly,  
78 Firefighter Greg Monnet, and Firefighter Nick Strand for their assistance with this special event.

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80 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

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82 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) August 2010 Public  
83 Works monthly report.

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85 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request to approve the  
86 recommendation of the Electrical Committee for the Village of Alsip to enter into a three (3) year  
87 agreement with Energy Choices in order to take advantage and lock in the current low rates. This  
88 would result in a \$50,473 annual savings to the Village. b) Report that the Electrical Committee  
89 also discussed the possibility of allowing additional codes, besides the Chicago code, for electric  
90 within the Village and determined that at this time we will remain status quo with the Chicago code.

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92 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

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94 SEWER & WATER: No report.

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96 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated  
97 September 27, 2010.

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99 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: No report.

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101 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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103 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to award the  
104 Heritage II roof and gutter bid project to All American Exterior Solutions, Lake Zurich, in the  
105 amount of \$924,000. This was previously approved by consensus at the September 27, 2010  
106 Committee meeting. Funds for this project are available from the Bonds issued in August, 2009.

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108 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal reported an Insurance Committee meeting is  
109 scheduled for next Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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111 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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113 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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115 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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117 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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119 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda; there were  
120 none.

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122 CONSENT AGENDA

- 123 A. Approval of minutes of September 20, 2010 Public Hearing for the Proposed Pulaski Road  
124 Corridor TIF District.  
125 B. Approval of minutes of September 20, 2010 Board meeting.  
126 C. Approval of minutes of September 27, 2010 Committee meeting.

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134 D. Approval of a list of bills dated October 4, 2010, totaling \$730,748.48.  
135 E. Approval of a list of licenses dated September 27, 2010.  
136 F. Approval of an IDOT RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT (STORM SEWER  
137 INSTALLATION, 119<sup>TH</sup> FROM LARAMIE AVE. TO CICERO AVE.)  
138 **Resolution No. 2010-10-R-1.**  
139 G. Approval of an IDOT RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT (CONCRETE SIDEWALK  
140 CONSTRUCTION, 119<sup>TH</sup> FROM KOSTNER AVE. TO PULASKI AVE.)  
141 **Resolution No. 2010-10-R-2.**  
142 H. Approval for the Village of Alsip to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Energy  
143 Choices in order to lock in current low rates.  
144 I. Approval for the Village of Alsip to award the Heritage II roof and gutter bid project to All  
145 American Exterior Solutions, Lake Zurich, in the amount of \$924,000. This was previously  
146 approved by consensus at the September 27, 2010 Committee meeting. Funds for this  
147 project are available from the Bonds issued in August, 2009.  
148 J. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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150 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee  
151 Michaels. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona,  
152 and Quinn. Motion carried.

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154 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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156 NEW BUSINESS: In response to a question from Trustee Quinn, Village Attorney Todd Hayden  
157 reported changing salaries for officials elected in 2011 is 180 days prior to taking office.

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159 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro. All in  
160 favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

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166 Deborah Venhuizen  
167 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois