

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 May 3, 2010
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6 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll
7 with the following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona
8 and Quinn, Village Attorney Todd Hayden, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen.
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10 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching presented: a) A Resolution Opposing the Reduction
11 of Local Government Distributed Funds. b) Request for approval a Resolution Authorizing
12 the Layoff of Village Personnel. Mayor Kitching requested deferral of this item until after
13 the closed session this evening.
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15 CLERK'S REPORT: No report.
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17 ATTORNEY REPORT: No report. Trustee Quinn questioned the sale of the Burr Oak
18 Cemetery and the new owner possibly being the current owner of Restvale Cemetery in
19 Alsip, and objected because of past problems experienced by the Village with Restvale.
20 Discussion was held on various steps that can be taken that included filing an objection in
21 bankruptcy court, filing an objection through the Friends of the Court and/or working
22 through Sheriff Dart's office. Chief Radz reported contact from Cook County today at 3:00
23 p.m., asking the Village Board's overall stance on the resale if Sheriff Dart's office needed
24 the Village as allies.
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26 ENGINEER REPORT: No report.
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28 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of a list of bills
29 dated April 26, 2010 totaling \$453,512.93. b) Request for approval of Application for 6b
30 classification from Berry Plastics Corporation for building located at 5750 West 118th Street.
31 c) Request for approval of Application for 6b classification renewal from Berry Plastics
32 Corporation for building located at 11600 S. Central Avenue. c) Request for approval of
33 Statement of Conflict of Interest for Alsip Pulaski Road Corridor Tax Increment Financing
34 District. It was reported this item does not need Board approval and was removed from the
35 Consent Agenda. (Item H)
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37 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to
38 trade one year of generator service with Metro Power in exchange for the old generator from
39 Fire Station One valued at approximately \$600, and Metro Power will disconnect the old
40 unit and move it to the loft doors for retrieval at no cost. b) Request for approval of
41 Memorandum of Understanding with Alsip Professional Firefighters Local 3074.
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43 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.
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45 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) Report that
46 NICOR will be performing gas service replacements at various locations throughout the
47 Village, which includes replacement of the copper line with a plastic line from the gas main
48 in the parkway to the gas meter mounted on the home or business. Project starts in May and
49 runs through the summer months at over 100 locations in the Village, with addresses on the
50 website. Trustee Daddona requested Chief Radz prepare a report for the next meeting
51 breaking down the income of \$612,000 from the Red Light Camera Program.
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53 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for approval
54 for the use of advertising teardrop (4) flags at Cash City Jewelry & Loan at 12213 South
55 Cicero Avenue for the months of May, June and July, during regular business hours. b)
56 Request for approval to forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission a request for a
57 variance to have a 20' x 24' extension put on garage located at 4633 West 128th Place, to
58 store race car. c) Request for approval of a Resolution from GC America for the signing of
59 linen for the grant of easement.
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61 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.
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63 SEWER & WATER: No report.
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69 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) Request for approval of a list of licenses
70 dated April 26, 2010.

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72 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to
73 forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission a zoning change from R2 to R3 for property
74 located at 12748 S. LaCrosse.

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76 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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78 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval of a 3 year
79 contract with JRK Landscaping at a cost of \$43,360.00 for the first year of service,
80 \$43,680.00 for the second year of service and \$45,720.00 for the third year of service. These
81 prices include all seven properties that were included in the bid. Trustee Michaels tabled this
82 item until next week to allow the attorney to address questions from the other bidders. Item
83 P removed from the Consent Agenda. b) Request for approval of a one year contract with
84 Metro Power for generator maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. This company was
85 used last year with a significant amount of savings and there is no increase in fees for this
86 year.

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88 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented: a) Request for approval to ratify
89 the consensus of the Board approving the renewal of the Village's Property & Casualty
90 coverage with Scottsdale and ESIP at a total cost of \$314,000.

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92 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of
93 the ASCAP Music License Agreement at an annual cost of \$305.00. b) Request for approval
94 of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ½ ("Personnel"), Article II ("Employee
95 Requirements and Benefits") Section 15 ½-33.2 ("Employee and Retiree Health Insurance
96 Plan") of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. c) Request for approval of an
97 Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Plan Commission), Section 2-
98 202 (Composition: qualifications; appointment), of the Municipal Code for the Village of
99 Alsip. Trustee Quinn questioned the outage of streetlights on Cicero Avenue from 115th
100 Street to 119th Street that have been out for weeks. Public Works Superintendent Cullen
101 explained the lighting problem is being worked on and both ComEd and the Village are
102 responsible for the problem.

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104 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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106 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Daddona presented: a) Request for approval to not repair Marine
107 1 at a cost of \$5,250.00 due to the age of the boat.

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109 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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111 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.
112 Mayor Kitching removed Item C until after executive session; Trustee Quinn removed Item
113 D because there was no special meeting; Trustee Godfrey removed Item H did not need
114 Board approval; Trustee Quinn removed Item I until after executive session; Trustee
115 Michaels removed Item P tabled until next week; Trustee Quinn removed item U, and Item
116 S changed to read \$305.

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118 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to establish the Consent Agenda as modified; seconded by
119 Trustee Shapiro. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels,
120 Daddona, Quinn.

121 Motion carried.

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123 Motion by Trustee McGreal to remove Item T from the Consent Agenda; seconded by
124 Trustee Quinn. Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees: Godfrey, McGreal, Daddona and Quinn.
125 Voting "nay": Trustees Shapiro and Michaels. Motion carried 4-2.

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127 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee
128 Michaels.

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- 134 CONSENT AGENDA
- 135 A. Approval of minutes of April 19, 2010 Board meeting.
136 B. Approval of minutes of April 26, 2010 Committee meeting.
137 C. ~~Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Layoff of Village Personnel. (Removed)~~
138 D. ~~Approval of minutes of Special Board of Trustees meeting of April 13, 2010.~~
139 ~~(Removed)~~
140 E. Approval of a list of bills dated April 26, 2010 totaling **\$453,512.95**.
141 F. Approval of a RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE
142 TAX INCENTIVE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BERRY PLASTICS
143 CORPORATION for property located at 5750 West 118th Street. **Resolution No**
144 **2010-5-R-1**.
145 G. Approval of a RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE
146 TAX INCENTIVE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BERRY PLASTICS
147 COPORATION for property located at 11600 South Central Avenue. **Resolution**
148 **No. 2010-5-R-2**.
149 H. ~~Approval of Statement of Conflict of Interest for Alsip Pulaski Road Corridor Tax~~
150 ~~Increment Financing District. (Removed)~~
151 I. ~~Request for approval of memorandum of Understanding with Alsip Professional~~
152 ~~Firefighters Local 3074. (Removed)~~
153 J. Approval to trade one year of service with Metro Power in exchange for the old
154 generator from Station One valued at approximately \$600, and Metro Power will
155 disconnect the old unit and move it to the loft doors for retrieval at no cost.
156 K. Approval of the use of advertising teardrop (4) flags at Cash City Jewelry & Loan at
157 12213 South Cicero Avenue for the months of May, June and July, during regular
158 business hours.
159 L. Approval to forward to Planning & Zoning a request for variance to have a 20' x 24'
160 extension put on garage located at 4633 West 128th Place to store race cars.
161 M. Approval of a Resolution from GC America for the signing of linen for the grant of
162 an easement.
163 N. Approval of a list of licenses dated April 26, 2010.
164 O. Approval to forward to Planning & Zoning a request for zoning change from R2 to
165 R3 for property located at 12748 S. LaCrosse.
166 P. ~~Approval of a 3 year contract with JRK Landscaping at a cost of \$43,350.00 for the~~
167 ~~first year of service, \$43,680.00 for the second year of service and \$45,720.00 for the~~
168 ~~third year of service. These prices include all seven properties that were included in~~
169 ~~the bid. (Removed)~~
170 Q. Approval of a 1 year contract with Metro Power for generator maintenance at a cost
171 not to exceed \$750.00.
172 R. Approval of renewal of the Village's Property & Casualty coverage and ESIP with
173 Scottsdale at a cost of \$314,000.
174 S. Approval of the ASCAP Music License Agreement at a cost of \$300- \$305.
175 T. ~~Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ½ ("Personnel"), Article II~~
176 ~~("Employee Requirements and Benefits") Section 15 ½ 33.2 ("Employee and Retiree~~
177 ~~Health Insurance Plan") of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. (Removed)~~
178 U. ~~Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Plan~~
179 ~~Commission), Section 2 202 (Composition, qualifications, appointment), of the~~
180 ~~Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. (Removed)~~
181 V. Authorization to not repair Marine 1 at a cost of \$5,250.00 due to the age of the boat.
182 W. Acceptance of all committee reports as presented.
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- 184 Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona, and Quinn.
185 Motion carried.
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- 187 Items removed from Consent Agenda:
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- 189 Item C – Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Layoff of Village Personnel. Removed
190 until after closed session.
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- 192 Item D - Approval of minutes of Special Board of Trustees meeting of April 13, 2010.
193 Removed because there was no special meeting.
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199 Item H - Approval of Statement of Conflict of Interest for Alsip Pulaski Road Corridor Tax
200 Increment Financing District. Removed because it did not need Board approval.
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202 Item I - Request for approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Alsip Professional
203 Firefighters Local 3074. Removed until after closed session.
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205 Item P - Approval of a 3 year contract with JRK Landscaping at a cost of \$43,350.00 for the
206 first year of service, \$43,680.00 for the second year of service and \$45,720.00 for the third
207 year of service. These prices include all seven properties that were included in the bid.
208 Removed and tabled until next week.
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210 Item T - Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ½ (“Personnel”), Article II
211 (“Employee Requirements and Benefits”) Section 15 ½-33.2 (“Employee and Retiree Health
212 Insurance Plan”) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. Trustee McGreal asked for
213 this item to be tabled in order to have further review by the Village Attorney, because the
214 ordinance does not address if and when the funds will be repaid to the retirement fund.
215 Trustee Godfrey explained these funds are diverted from the retirement fund for one year
216 only, in order to increase the general fund. Normally, 11% of the employee insurance
217 contribution would go to the general fund and 4% would go into the special retirement fund.
218 For one year the full 15% would go to the general fund. Trustee Godfrey further explained
219 there are no plans to return the 4% diverted from the retirement fund to the retirement fund.
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221 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to approval an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 ½
222 (“PERSONNEL”), ARTICLE II (“EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS”) SECTION 15 ½-33.2 (“EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN”) OF
223 THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP; seconded by seconded by
224 Trustee Michaels. Roll #4: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, Michaels, Daddona
225 and Quinn. Voting “nay”: Trustee McGreal,
226 **Ordinance No. 2010-5-1.**
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229 Item U - Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Plan
230 Commission), Section 2-202 (Composition: qualifications; appointment), of the Municipal
231 Code for the Village of Alsip. Trustee Quinn objected to the motion as written, and asked
232 for the cost savings. Mayor Kitching explained savings depend on number of meetings and
233 is estimated at \$2,000.
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235 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPER 2
236 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE VI (PLAN COMMISSION), SECTION 2-202
237 (COMPOSITION: QUALIFICATIONS; APPOINTMENT), OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
238 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP; seconded by Trustee Michaels.
239 Roll #5: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, Michaels and Mayor Kitching.
240 Voting “nay”: Trustees McGreal, Daddona and Quinn. Motion carried 4-3.
241 **Ordinance No. 2010-5-2.**
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243 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
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245 Mayor Kitching presented a motion by Trustee Quinn to override the Mayor’s veto of
246 motion approved by the Village Board at a meeting of April 19, 2010 regarding waiver of
247 Alsip Park District permit fees.
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249 Motion by Trustee Quinn to override the Mayor’s veto
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251 Village Attorney Hayden recommended a simple motion to reconsider the Mayor’s veto.
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253 Motion by Trustee Quinn to reconsider
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255 Trustee Godfrey questioned the legalities discussed at the last meeting associated with the
256 original motion and recommended formulating an ordinance for consideration at the next
257 meeting. Information received from the Park District was there are several communities and
258 townships in the area have ordinances defining the percent payable on building projects.
259 Trustee Quinn questioned the timeframe and Attorney Hayden said reconsideration has to
260 take place at the next meeting following the veto. If majority of the Board agreed to continue

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264 it would be okay. Trustee Quinn pointed out the Mayor vetoed an ordinance for all future
265 permit fees - the original motion was for the permit fees for Sears Park - not all future.
266 Discussion followed on the ordinance. Trustee Quinn asked the attorney if the information
267 provided by Attorney Glover last week that the original motion was illegal. Attorney
268 Hayden reported that when amending code set by ordinance technically an ordinance is
269 required. Attorney Hayden recommended a motion to reconsider the veto and then a second
270 motion to override the veto (requires majority vote 2/3rd of the Trustees), and that would be
271 direction for the attorney to draw up the ordinance.
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273 Motion to reconsider was seconded by Trustee McGreal. Roll #6: Voting "aye": Trustees
274 Godfrey, McGreal, Daddona and Quinn. Voting "nay": Trustees Shapiro and Michaels.
275 Motion carried 4-2.
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277 Motion to override the Mayor's veto of April 26, 2010 regarding the waiver of fees for the
278 Alsip Park District for the Sear Park project; seconded by Trustee McGreal. Roll #7: Voting
279 "aye": Trustees Godfrey, McGreal, Daddona and Quinn. Voting "nay": Trustees Shapiro
280 and Michaels. Motion carried 4-2.
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282 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Michaels reported the Village of Alsip has a return rate of
283 approximately 74% to the mailed consensus forms. The Village is asking its residents to
284 please answer the door when census workers show up and answer the basic information
285 that's required for the census. Your answers are strictly confidential. There are just 10
286 questions on the form and it should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Census
287 participation is required by law.
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289 If a 2010 Census worker knocks on your door, here are somewhat to verify that person is a
290 legitimate census taker. The census taker must present an ID badge that contains a
291 Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. The Census taker will provide you
292 with supervisor contact information and/or the local census office number for verification, if
293 asked. The 2010 Census taker will not ask for social security number, bank account number
294 or credit card number and will never solicit for donations or contact you by email.
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296 In most cases the census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address
297 to count possible residents. This includes leaving notifications of the attempted visit at the
298 house or apartment door, in addition to trying to reach the household by phone to conduct
299 the interview or schedule an in-person interview.
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301 Census workers are required for life to keep all the information they gather confidential. By
302 law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with the IRS, FBI, CIA or any
303 other government agency. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine up to \$250.00, a jail
304 term of up to 5 years, or both. For further information please go to the 2010 web site
305 www.2020census.gov.
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307 Trustee Godfrey recommended if residents have any questions concerning the validity of the
308 census taker, contact the Police Department.
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310 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to enter into closed session to discuss
311 collective negotiating matters, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,
312 performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; seconded by Trustee
313 Michaels. Roll #8: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona
314 and Quinn. Motion carried.
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316 Note: The minutes following the executive session were taken by Deborah Venhuizen,
317 Village Clerk.
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319 Mayor Kitching called the meeting back to order.
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321 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alsip
322 Professional Firefighters Local 3074 subject to attorney review and contingent on the State
323 funding of the LGDF; seconded by Trustee Daddona. Roll #9: Voting "aye": Trustees
324 Shapiro, Godfrey, Michaels, Daddona and Quinn. Trustee McGreal: Abstained. Motion
325 carried.

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329 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Layoff of Village
330 Personnel which would include four (4) part-time maintenance workers, two (2) part-time
331 clerical workers, and four (4) full-time patrol officers. Trustee Godfrey expressed hope that
332 the unions continue to work with the Village on trying to get through this period, and noted
333 that no one on the Board wants to layoff anybody, and this is a tough decision for all of us.
334 Meetings are set with AFSCME and FOP unions within next week and hope dialog
335 continues; seconded by Trustee Michaels.

336 Roll #10: Voting "aye": Shapiro, Godfrey, Michaels and Mayor Kitching. Voting "nay":
337 Trustee Quinn. Abstentions: Trustees McGreal and Daddona. Motion carried.

338 **Resolution No. 2010-5-R-3**

339 Trustee Quinn asked for discussion on cutbacks by elected officials, and reported discussion
340 with legislatures. Attorney Hayden reported that by State Statute prohibits elected officials
341 from adjusting up or down their own compensation during their term of office. Any changes
342 would have to be at least 180 days prior to the next election and only people elected after
343 that date would be subject to the change. Trustee Godfrey commented there were Board
344 members willing to take the pay cut. Trustee Quinn reported that when he spoke to a State
345 Senator the other day he was only speaking for himself because the when it was presented
346 there was no support from the Board. Trustee Quinn asked for this subject to be reviewed
347 at the next meeting.

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349 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Michaels to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Daddona.
350 Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen

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Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois