

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 April 19, 2010
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6 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. *Student Village Clerk Jennifer Shapiro*
7 called the roll with the following in attendance: Trustee Shapiro, *Student Trustee Brian Loftus*,
8 Trustee Godfrey, *Student Trustee Gervacio Cabel*, Trustee McGreal, *Student Trustee Diana*
9 *Azam*, Trustee Michaels, *Student Trustee Jimmy Bendoratis*, Trustee Daddona, *Student Trustee*
10 *Katherine Czerpaniak*, Trustee Quinn, *Student Trustee Isabella Guerrera*, Village Attorney Sue
11 Glover, *Student Attorney Sanders Yu*, Mayor Kitching, *Student Mayor Paulina Martinez* Clerk
12 Venhuizen, *Student Clerk Jennifer Shapiro*.

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14 MAYOR'S REPORT: Student Mayor Paulina Martinez presented: a) Welcome and thank you to
15 all students, teachers and Village officials and employees for attending the meeting and
16 participating in Student Government Day. b) Thank you to all who participated in the Alsip
17 Clean Up this past weekend in honor of the Earth Day 40th Anniversary. c) Announcement that
18 the Mayor's and Clerk's Office will hold the annual Village of Alsip Electronic Recycling and
19 Food Drive on Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A flyer containing types of
20 electronics that are being accepted can be obtained at the Clerk's Office. Non-perishable food
21 contributions will be donated to the Worth Township Food Pantry. d) Presentation of
22 Proclamation to declare May 2010 as Motorcycle Awareness month. Student Mayor Paulina
23 Martinez read the Proclamation.

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25 CLERK'S REPORT: Student Clerk Jennifer Shapiro presented: a) Request for acceptance of
26 March 2010 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment in the amount of \$40,455.34.

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28 ATTORNEY REPORT: Student Attorney Sanders Yu reported a report will be forthcoming on
29 ongoing litigation discussed in closed session.

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31 ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Lang, Village Engineer presented: a) Request for approval of a
32 Resolution of Intent as regards the General Obligation Bond for the resurfacing of various
33 streets. b) Request for approval of a Resolution of Intent as regard the General Obligation Bond
34 for improvement to be made to Laramie Avenue between 122nd Street and 119th Street.

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36 FINANCE REPORT: Student Trustee Gervacio Cabel presented: a) Request for approval of a
37 list of bills dated April 12, 2010 totaling \$874,634.44. b) Request for approval of Resolution
38 Regarding the Class 6b Real Estate Tax Incentive Renewal Application of WKMB Properties,
39 regarding Machine Control Systems, Inc., 12545-47-49 Laramie Avenue. c) Request for
40 approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 ("Taxation"), Article X ("Vehicle Fuel Tax"),
41 Section 18-203 ("Tax Imposed") of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. d) Request for
42 approval of an Amendment to the Finance Director Employment Agreement. e) Request for
43 approval of the ASCAP Music License Agreement with the Village of Alsip. Trustee Godfrey
44 removed this item (M) from the Consent Agenda and tabled until the 26th of April. Student
45 Trustee Cabel read the statement from Trustee Godfrey concerning the financial condition of the
46 Village of Alsip as follows: Student Trustee Cabel reported that the current economic downturn
47 continues to present financial challenges for everyone including the Village. For the past few
48 months the Board of Trustees has been addressing not only the impact to our current budget, but
49 also a projected budget shortfall of 1.3 million dollars for Fiscal Year 2011. Cost savings
50 measures that have been implemented include a hiring freeze, no capital expenditures in the
51 general fund, no pay increases for elected officials, consolidation of positions with existing staff
52 and reductions by department heads of discretionary expenditures. Additionally, the Village has
53 used its home rule authority to increase a number of user fees and fines.

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55 While these actions have been beneficial they do not provide a long term solution to our budget
56 situation. Further reductions in expenses are needed to balance our budget and "live within our
57 means". In addition to the steps already noted the Village Board will implement a wage freeze
58 for all non-union personnel in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget. The Village Board is also
59 considering adjustments to the Village health insurance program which may include increased
60 deductibles, increased co-pays and network changes. We are presently in negotiations with the
61 three unions that represent Village employees for similar concessions and cost savings.

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69 As we all work through these challenges it is the Board's objective to address these financial
70 issues by whatever means are necessary while maintaining the quality of services that residents
71 have come to expect.

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73 Student Finance Director Will Quinn reported that Clifton Gunderson will perform the annual
74 audit as scheduled. The auditors will be reviewing documents on May 17th, and field work
75 will be performed starting in June for four to six weeks

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77 Student Treasurer Leslie Martinez reported the Village has received \$107,219.12 in home rule
78 taxes and \$197,734.21 sales tax. We have received the first installment of real estate taxes and
79 the second installment is due in November.

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81 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Student Fire Chief Romell Robinson presented: a) Request to
82 approve incentive pay in the amount of \$25,433.39 for the period 5/1/09-4/30/10. b) Request to
83 approve holiday pay for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$21,725.28.

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85 Student Deputy Fire Chief Alex Sanchez reported: a) Training highlights in April. b) The District
86 Chief's meeting was held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. c) The next department staff
87 meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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89 Student Deputy Fire Chief Sanchez reported that in light of the recent and tragic death of
90 Homewood firefighter Brian Carey, the May training will focus on firefighter safety and will
91 have a special impact on the members of the department. Firefighters will complete the
92 following training: self rescue drill utilizing the training tower at station one; saving our
93 own/rapid intervention drill using the training tower; general safety procedure review; road
94 portion of the defensive driving program and the regular Air Pack, Pumping, Ladder and EMS
95 drills a self rescue drill utilizing the training tower at station one.

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97 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Student Trustee Brian Loftus presented: a) March 2010
98 Monthly Report. b) Request for approval of a Block Party request for the 117th – 118th block of
99 LeClaire, on July 4th, 2010 from noon to midnight; with DJ only until 10 p.m. c) Request for
100 approval of a Block Party request 118th & Carolyn Lane and 4400 W. 118th Street on Saturday,
101 August 28, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. with DJ only until 10 p.m. d) Announcement that in
102 response to the current trend of internet bullying, the Police Department has a facebook profile
103 under the name of "Alsip Eagle", as an attempt to patrol the facebook social networking site like
104 we patrol the streets. This is meant to be a supplement, not a substitute for good old fashioned
105 active parenting. e) Community Service Officers Productivity report for March of 2010.

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107 Student Police Lieutenant Samantha Presco reported that during the month of March, 2010 the
108 Community Services officers wrote the following citations: 86 parking citation for Expired
109 Registration, 36 parking citations for Not Parked in a marked Parking Space, 8 parking citations
110 for Handicap Violations, 7 Parking citations for No Valid Alsip Tax Sticker, 3 parking citations
111 for No Front Registration Plate, 2 parking citations for No Registration, 2 parking citations for
112 Sign Violations, 2 parking citations for Blocking Private Driveway, 10 warning citations for
113 Abandoned Vehicles 12 Incident Reports. Total Parking Citations written for the month of
114 March = 142. Total Warning Citations written for the month of March = 10.

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116 Acting Police Chief T.J. Walsh recapped the Letters of Recognition given at the Committee
117 meeting to Sergeant Mikos, Officer Saele, Officer Gonzales, Canine Officer Rezny and Canine
118 Eddie for their response to a call of a domestic disturbance involving a subject armed with a
119 handgun that resulted in safe recovery of a loaded 45 handgun and felony charges of possession
120 of cannabis.

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122 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Student Trustee Diana Azam presented: a)
123 March 2010 activity report. b) Phase One of the 2010 Road Program is scheduled to begin the
124 last week of April/first week of May, and includes the resurfacing of the following roadways:
125 131st Street from the Tollway overpass to Cicero Avenue, Engle Road, LaCrosse Avenue and
126 128th Place, (west of LaCrosse Avenue), Alpine Drive from (Central Avenue to 127th Street) and
127 Chippewa Ridge Subdivision, includes Austin Avenue (both sides of the street and excludes
128 Menard Avenue. Menard Avenue will be resurfaced during Phase Two of the 2010 Road
129 Program which is scheduled to out to bid this May.

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134 c) Report that during the 2009-2010 Winter Season the Public Works Department responded to a
135 total of thirty eight (38) snow and ice related call-outs, and used a total of 1,375 tons of rock salt
136 and 500 gallons of calcium chloride. The average for winter call-outs is approximately twenty-
137 four. All Public Works employees that contributed to make this year's snow and ice control
138 program a safe and efficient one were commended. Commendation was also given to Rodger
139 Early for assisting the Public Works Department in obtaining new thermostats for the heating
140 system that saved the department approximately 25% on natural gas usage.

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142 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Student Trustee Jimmy Bendoratis presented: a) The
143 Building Department monthly report for March 2010. b) Request for approval from Blue Cap of
144 Blue Island to hold a Tag Day fundraiser at various intersections throughout the Village on
145 August 21, 2010. At this time, it is recommended the Board deny this request due to the
146 dangerous intersections and remove from Consent Agenda, (Item R). c) Approval of a request
147 from the Alsip Park District for a refund of permit 09-9003 in the amount of \$450.00 for
148 construction at Sears Park. d) Request from the Alsip Park District for a permit for a 1.2 million
149 dollar construction project for Sear Park, which was tabled at the last board meeting. It is
150 recommended the Board waive only 50% of the permit fees associated with this project. Waiving
151 the full amount of the permit fees at this time does not seem prudent when all other areas of the
152 Village are being asked to cut spending at this time.

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154 Student Building Commissioner Zajasah Wilson reported that building permits are on the
155 upswing. In February, 16 permits were applied for with an estimated cost of construction at
156 \$82,884.00. While the March 2010 monthly report showed a significant increase in building
157 permits in March, we had 49 permits at an estimated cost of construction of \$762,505.00. Some
158 of the projects under construction are Prairie, Hazelgreen and Lane Schools. Labriola Bakery and
159 GC America are finishing up their projects and the Alsip Park District is renovating Sears Park.

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161 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Student Trustee Katherine Czerpaniak presented: a) Report that the
162 Environmental Health Inspector attended the South Suburban Environmental Health Council
163 meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at noon. b) Report that representatives of the Health
164 Department attended the 35th Annual Anderson Pest Solutions Seminar on Friday, April 16,
165 2010. c) Report that Sizzor Trix Beauty Salon passed inspection from the Health Department.

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167 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Student Trustee Gervacio Cabel presented: a) March 2010 Water
168 Department monthly report.

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170 Student Water Commissioner Griffin Forberg reported the advertisement for the 3.2 million
171 gallon underground storage tank surface repairs was placed in the Southtown newspapers and
172 State of Illinois Contractor's publications. The bid opening is set for May 5, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. in
173 the Village Board Room.

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175 LICENSE REPORT: Student Trustee Isabella Guerrero presented: a) Last week it was stated that
176 we would have a list of new licenses and a list of the renewal licenses. We will just have a list of
177 the new licenses because the program cannot disseminate between the new licenses and the ones
178 that are being renewed. b) Request for approval of licenses dated April 12, 2010, including
179 Sizzor Trix Beauty Salon, 4022 W. 127th Street, which was added after the list was printed.

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181 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Student Trustee Jimmy Bendoratis reported there is nothing
182 currently before the Planning & Zoning Board.

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184 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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186 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Student Facilities Manager Muthana Sweis presented: a) Results of
187 the Landscaping Bid opening held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 are as follows for the year 2010:
188 JRL Landscaping & Lawn Service \$43,350.00 yearly; H&D Maintenance, \$4,170.00 monthly;
189 M&R Landscaping, \$6,503.59 monthly; Sertoma Centre, \$7,098.00 monthly; Franks Creative
190 Landscaping, \$49,349.20 yearly; HL Landscape, \$34,350.75 yearly; K Lee, \$95,384.00 yearly;
191 HL Landscape, \$34,350.75 yearly; Desiderio Landscaping, \$81,590.00 yearly; Roy Erikson,
192 \$87,080.00 yearly. The results will be forwarded to the department head and committee for
193 review.

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199 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Student Trustee Diana Azam reported the committee met this
200 evening and a report will be given next week.

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202 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Student Trustee Gervacio Cabel presented: a) Request for
203 approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Plan Commission),
204 Section 2-202 (Composition; qualifications; appointment), of the Municipal Code for the Village
205 of Alsip. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda (Item K) and tabled until the next
206 committee meeting.

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208 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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210 BOAT LAUNCH: Student Trustee Katherine Czerpaniak reported the Boat Launch opened
211 April 1, 2010. Seven seasonal passes, fourteen daily passes and one corporate pass has been
212 issued.

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214 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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216 Student Mayor Paulina Martinez asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent
217 Agenda in addition to Items K, M, R, T and F; there were none.

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219 Motion by Student Trustee Loftus to accept the Consent Agenda as modified; seconded by
220 Student Trustee Benforatis.

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222 CONSENT AGENDA

- 223 A. Approval of minutes of April 5, 2010 Board meeting.
224 B. Approval of minutes of April 12, 2010 Committee meeting
225 C. Approval of a list of bills dated April 12, 2010 totaling \$874,634.44.
226 D. Approval of a list of licenses dated April 12, 2010, including Sizzor Trix Beauty Salon.
227 E. Request for acceptance of the March 2010 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment in the amount of
228 \$40,455.34.
229 F. ~~Acceptance of a PROCLAMATION OF MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH AS~~
230 ~~MAY 2010.~~ (removed)
231 G. Approval of a RESOLUTION OF INTENT as regards the General Obligation Bond for
232 the resurfacing of various streets. **Resolution No. 2010-4-R-2.**
233 H. Approval of a RESOLUTION OF INTENT as regards the General Obligation Bond for
234 improvement to be made to Laramie Avenue between 122nd Street and 119th Street.
235 **Resolution No. 2010-4-R-3.**
236 I. Approval of a RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX
237 INCENTIVE RENEWAL APPLICATION OF WKMB PROPERTIES regarding
238 Machine Control Systems, Inc., 12545-47-49 Laramie. **Resolution No. 2010-4-R-4.**
239 J. Approval of an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 (“TAXATION”), ARTICLE
240 X (“VEHICLE FUEL TAX”), SECTION 18-203 (“TAX IMPOSED”) OF THE
241 MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP. **Ordinance No. 2010-4-1.**
242 K. ~~Approval of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION),~~
243 ~~ARTICLE VI (PLAN COMMISSION), SECTION 2-202 (COMPOSITION;~~
244 ~~QUALIFICATIONS; APPOINTMENT), OF THE MUNICIPAL CODDE FOR THE~~
245 ~~VILLAGE OF ALSIP.~~ **Ordinance No. 2010-4-** (removed)
246 L. Approval of an Amendment to the Finance Director Employment Agreement.
247 M. ~~Approval of the ASCAP Music License Agreement with the Village of Alsip.~~ (removed)
248 N. Approval of Fire Department incentive pay in the amount of \$25,433.39 for the period of
249 5/1/09-4/30/10.
250 O. Approval of Fire Department holiday pay for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of
251 \$21,725.28.
252 P. Approval of a Block Party request for the 117th – 118th block of LeClaire on July 4th,
253 2010 from noon to midnight; with a DJ only until 10:00 p.m.
254 Q. Approval of a Block Party request for 118th & Carolyn Lane and 4400 W. 118th Street, on
255 Saturday, August 28, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. with a DJ only until 10:00 p.m.
256 R. ~~Approval of a request form Blue Cap of Blue Island to hold a tag day at various~~
257 ~~intersections throughout the Village on August 21, 2010.~~ (removed)

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264 S. Approval of a request from the Alsip Park District for a refund of permit 09-9003 in the
265 amount of \$450.00 for construction at Sears Park.
266 T. ~~Approval of a 50% waiver of future permit fees required for the Alsip Park District~~
267 ~~project at Sears Park, 123rd & Trumbull. (removed)~~
268 U. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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270 Roll #1: Voting “aye”: Student Trustees Loftus, Cabel, Azam, Bendoratis, Czerpaniak, and
271 Guerrero. Motion carried.

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273 Items removed from Consent Agenda:

274 Item F – Trustee McGreal supported the motorcycle awareness and safety but was not in
275 agreement with this proclamation because of the “no helmet” wording.

276 Item K - tabled until next week.

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278 Item M – tabled for discussion at committee meeting.

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280 Item R – Motion by Student Trustee Loftus to deny the request from Blue Cap of Blue Island to
281 hold a tag day at various intersections through the Village on August 21, 2010; seconded by
282 Student Trustee Cabel. Roll #2: Voting “aye”: Student Trustees Loftus, Cabel, Azam,
283 Bendoratis, Czerpaniak, and Guerrero. Motion carried.

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285 Item T – Motion by Trustee Quinn to waive 100% of the permit fees except for inspection fees
286 for the Park District for the Sear Park Improvements; seconded by Trustee Daddona. Trustee
287 Quinn explained the Park District turned over a parcel of land on Cicero Avenue to the Village
288 for the Home Depot project, and improvements by the Park District benefit the Village as a
289 whole. Roll #3: Voting “aye”: Student Trustees Azam, Czerpaniak, and Guerrero.
290 Voting “nay”: Student Trustees Loftus and Bendoratis. Voting “present”: Trustee Cabel.
291 Motion carried.

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293 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Kitching reported his intent to veto the 100% of permit fees
294 for the Park District. Trustee Quinn reported since this motion does not provide for an
295 expenditure or appropriation of money or create a liability against the Village or involve the sale
296 of Village property, the Mayor does not have veto power. Mayor Kitching will verify with the
297 attorney.

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299 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Godfrey addressed a letter that is going around the community and
300 thanked the involved residents. It is not imminent that the Village is going to lose positions, but
301 is based on a possible budget cut by the governor which is a 30% cut from the local government
302 distribution fund. Nothing is imminent unless the governor’s budget is passed as presented.
303 Trustee Godfrey is asking residents to notify state representatives and senators to urge the
304 governor not to cut the L.G.D.F. portion of the budget, which is money from the State. If the
305 governor makes the cuts it will mean a \$450,000 reduction in revenues would create a hardship
306 to Village.

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308 The insurance committee will have a meeting next week.

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310 Trustee Quinn asked the Board to consider a 10% salary cutback for all Village officials and
311 elected official and waive Village health insurance that will result in a \$40,000 to \$75,000 annual
312 savings. Trustee Quinn asked the insurance carrier and finance department for exact figures.
313 Mayor Kitching reported in accordance with state statute salaries are set 90 days prior to the end
314 of a term and cannot be changed until the next term of office. Trustee Quinn said the Board
315 could petition the General Assembly and the Governor of Illinois for a change and would
316 probably get a positive response. The Governor has the power to amend the law.

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318 Trustee Godfrey pointed out that the elected officials do not receive free insurance but pay the
319 same as employees. Mayor Kitching reported that three Trustees are retired employees and have
320 the insurance anyway, so a change would only affect the two Trustees paying for insurance.

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330 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Student Trustee Loftus to enter into closed session to
331 discuss collective negotiating matters, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,
332 performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation;
333 seconded by Student Trustee Guerrero. Roll #4: Voting “aye”: Student Trustees Loftus, Cabel,
334 Azam, Bendoratis, Czerpaniak, and Guerrero. Motion carried.

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336 Mayor Kitching thanked all the student for doing a great job.

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338 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to affirm all votes cast by the students on behalf of the
339 Trustees; seconded by Trustee Quinn. Roll #5: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Godfrey,
340 McGreal, Michaels, Daddona, and Quinn. Motion carried.

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342 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee McGreal.
343 Motion carried at 9:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois

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