

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 April 4, 2011
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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, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona, Quinn, and Mayor
8 Kitching. Also present Village Attorney Paul Stephanides.
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10 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported hosting the Southwest Conference of Mayors and
11 introducing a project to enhance the streetscape from Midway Airport to Alsip, similar to the
12 Harlem Avenue project recently completed. Trustee Quinn questioned the status of the Clock
13 Tower Project, and brief discussion followed.
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15 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen reported: a) Early voting at the Village Hall ended on
16 Thursday, March 31, and a total of 387 voters took advantage and voted early. The General Election
17 takes place tomorrow and the polls will be open from 6am to 7pm. Remember to vote.
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19 ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.
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21 ENGINEER REPORT: No report.
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23 PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Kitching called for any questions from the audience concerning items on
24 the agenda; there were none.
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26 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of a list of bills dated
27 April 4, 2011 totaling \$321,973.72.
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29 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to contract
30 with Road Rescue Emergency Vehicles (Everest Emergency Vehicles) to re-chassis and refurbish
31 the 2001 Road Rescue Ambulance (2002) at a cost not to exceed \$112,000. If any other company
32 provides this work the lifetime warranty will be voided. Financing is as follows: \$39,500 to Everest
33 Emergency Vehicles for a Chevy chassis with \$33,000 funded by the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax
34 Fund, \$6,000 funded by excess TIF funds, \$500 funded from trade-in of the old chassis, and
35 approximately \$72,500 budgeted over the next two fiscal years FY2012 and FY 2013. Chief Geraci
36 reported this re-chassis is the same procedure used in 1998.
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38 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for approval of the
39 2010 Police Department Annual Report. b) Letter of appreciation from J.R. Golomb, Chairman of
40 the Alsip Fire and Police Commission thanking Board members and Village personnel for assisting
41 with the completion of the Sergeant's Eligibility list and the Policeman's Eligibility List.
42 c) Request for approval for the Fire and Police Commission to begin the hiring process for two
43 replacement officers. d) Request for approval for the Fire and Police Commission to begin the
44 process of review of the top three candidates on the Sergeant's position. e) Request for approval for
45 Officer James Portincaso to take a 30 day, short term personal leave of absence. In response to a
46 question from Trustee Quinn concerning budgeting of the police positions, Chief Radz explained
47 these are replacements for two positions recently vacated and are currently budgeted.
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49 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.
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51 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.
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53 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.
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55 SEWER & WATER: No report.
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57 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated
58 March 28, 2011.
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60 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) An invitation for all who are
61 interested to attend the April 11, 2011 meeting to review the proposed crematorium.
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68 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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70 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Report that an employee previously laid
71 off is being recalled.

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73 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented: a) Report on Insurance Committee
74 meeting held this evening. The Village's health insurance policy expires May 1, 2011. The
75 committee reviewed other plans, and found that Blue Cross & Blue Shield offered the largest
76 network and best cost savings. Greg Palumbo, Finance Director, will provide information on the
77 recommended plan to the Board this week in order to take action for implementation by May 1.
78 Tom English addressed the Board and explained the insurance remains self-insured and the plan is
79 identical with the exception of the network. The cost is \$70,000 cheaper and expected losses almost
80 \$600,000 a year cheaper. Mr. English requested Board action as soon as possible in order to allow
81 time to get employee id cards, booklets, paperwork, and all dependents in system, etc. The Finance
82 Director will discuss with the unions. There will be an additional cost of \$30,000 for Allied to
83 review and process claims made during March and April. b) Report that Property and Casualty also
84 expires on May 1, 2011 and Mr. English is securing competitive rates. c) Report the Committee also
85 discussed possible implementation of an Employee Assistance Program.

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87 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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89 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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91 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Daddona reported: a) Boat Launch opened on April 1, 2011.

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93 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

97 CONSENT AGENDA

- 98 A. Approval of revised minutes of March 21, 2011 Board meeting.
99 B. Approval of minutes of March 28, 2011 Committee meeting.
100 C. Approval of a list of bills dated April 4, 2011, totaling \$321,973.72.
101 D. Approval of a list of licenses dated March 28, 2011.
102 E. Approval to contract with Road Rescue Emergency Vehicles (Everest Emergency
103 Vehicles) to re-chassis and refurbish the 2001 Road Rescue Ambulance (2002) at
104 a cost of \$112,000.
105 F. Approval for the Fire and Police Commission to begin the hiring process for two
106 replacement officers.
107 G. Approval for the Fire and Police Commission to begin the process of review of the
108 top three candidates on the Sergeant's Eligibility List to determine a recommendation
109 for a Sergeant's position.
110 H. Approval for Officer James Portincaso to take a 30 day, short term personal leave of
111 absence.
112 I. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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114 Motion by Trustee Michaels to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee
115 Shapiro. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona and Quinn.
116 Motion carried.

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118 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee McGreal reported a motion to deny the application of Elements
119 Cremation LLC is required because of the following Ordinance violations: no application was filed
120 for the text amendment application, no fee was paid for the text amendment application, no
121 proposed amendments were submitted in writing, and the sign posted did not provide notice that a
122 hearing was to be held regarding an amendment to the text, therefore making the Plan
123 Commission's decision from March 23, 2011 invalid. Motion by Trustee McGreal to deny the
124 application of Elements Cremation LLC, #2011-3-S-100 for a Special Use Permit, as crematoriums
125 are not approved for a special use in I-2; seconded by Trustee Quinn. Village Attorney Stephanides
126 reported because the final recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission are not
127 before the Board for consideration this evening which includes the transcripts of the hearing, a valid
128 motion on this project cannot be made at this time. Discussion followed and no vote was called on
129 the motion.

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134 NEW BUSINESS: None.
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136 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro. All in
137 favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

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141 Respectfully submitted,

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146 Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois