

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 8, 2008

Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the following members present: Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) Vehicle Sticker Art Contest forms will be sent to the area schools and are available in the lobby of the Village Hall and on our Village website. The contest information is also on the Village cable station. The contest is open to Alsip residents 18 years of age or under and the theme is "What does Democracy mean to me?" The deadline for entries is Saturday, January 24, 2009. B) IDOT November, 2008 report allocating \$33,526.00 MFT funds to the Village.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) List of bills dated December 8, 2008. b) Transfer tax refund request totaling \$454.65 for Elmer and Marion Reich, 4721 W. 128th Street, Alsip. Tax stamp was returned because sale of home did not go through. c) The following Tax Abatement Ordinances: The Series 1996 Bond, The Series 1997A Bond, The Series 1998 Bond, The Series 1999 Bond, The Series 2000 Bond, The Series 2002 Bond, The Series 2003A Bond, The Series 2005A Bond, The Series 2005B Bond, The Series 2007 Bond, for the 2008 Real Estate Tax Levy. d) An Ordinance Levying Taxes for General Corporate and Special Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2008 and Ending April 30, 2009.

Trustee Graczyk reported the Finance Committee met on November 10, 2008, and December 1, 2008 to provide direction for the preparation of this ordinance. As a result of those meetings, a majority of the Committee recommended the Village increase our Property Tax Levy by 7.65% or \$474,224.07. This increase breaks down as follows: an increase in statutory requirements for funding of the Police and Fire Pension Funds of \$675,587.00 and a reduction of debt service payments of \$201,362.93. The Committee is also recommending levying \$150,000 less than was levied for 2007 in the Road & Bridge Tax Levy and \$150,00 more than was levied for 2007 in the Corporate Tax Levy. This redistribution will have no change on the total amount levied. Given the current economic conditions we are all dealing with the Finance Committee believes this is the most prudent and fiscally responsible way to proceed. Since the projected increase is more than 5%, we are required to comply with the Truth in Taxation law. In accordance with that law, we have published the required notice in the December 4, 2008 edition of the Alsip Express and have scheduled a public hearing for December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented the Police Department November, 2008 Productivity Report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented the Public Works November, 2008 Productivity Report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented the Building Department November, 2008 Report.

HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

SEWER & WATER: No report.

LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Collins presented a list of licenses dated December 8, 2008.

ZONING REPORT: No report.

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68 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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70 VILLAGE PROPERTY: No report.

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72 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal reported the committee met and reviewed
73 upcoming changes in federal law.

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75 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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77 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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79 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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81 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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83 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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85 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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87 OPEN TO PUBLIC: Mayor Kitching asked if there was any input from the public; there was
88 none.

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90 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Graczyk.
91 Motion carried at approximately 7:40 p.m.

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93 Respectfully submitted,

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96 Deborah Venhuizen
97 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois