

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 14, 2009

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, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported the clothes, toys and food drives were great successes thanks to the many donations from residents and employees and thanked everyone for their generosity and good will.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) IDOT November, 2009 MFT allotment totaling \$53,944.13. b) Report the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest forms will be sent to area schools this week and are available in the lobby of the Village Hall and on the 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 "Census 2010 – Be Counted". The deadline for entries is Saturday, January 23, 2010.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) A list of bills dated December 14, 2009.

b) Tax Abatement Ordinances for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy as follows:

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 1996 Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 1997A Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 1998 Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy, with a correction to read \$419,710.00.

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2000 Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2002 Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2003A Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2005A Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2005B Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2007 Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2009A Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy, with a correction in section one to read 2009.

An Ordinance to Abate the Series 2009B Bond for the 2009 Real Estate Tax Levy

c) An Ordinance Levying Taxes for General Corporate and Special Purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010, for the Village of Alsip, Cook County Illinois.

Trustee Godfrey reported the revised ordinance distributed prior to the meeting shows a reduction to the overall levy request due to receiving final numbers from the Department of Insurance for pension levies and a small adjustment to the bond levy. The current economic crisis has been difficult on everyone including the Village. Increased unemployment, uncertainty in the housing market and the inability of the State to get their house in order and make timely payments to the Village has put a severe strain on the Village budget. We have seen reductions in most revenue categories in the general fund, most notably sales taxes, state income taxes, real estate transfer taxes and building related fees. In response to these reductions to the general fund the Village instituted a hiring freeze, suspended all capital purchases, and reduced the FY 2009/2010 general fund budget by 3.8% without any reduction in services. As we begin preparing our 2010/2011 budget, which this property tax levy will fund, we anticipate that further cost cutting measures, in conjunction with some increased revenues will be needed. This levy, as proposed by the Finance Committee, provides for a 9.89% increase to the Village's levy. Half of this increase is due to statutory requirements for pension funding for firemen and policemen and the other half is proposed for the Village's general fund. For a home valued at \$175,000 this increase equates to a \$42.59 tax increase for the year. Next Monday evening, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., the Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax levy. Residents of Alsip are encouraged to attend and provide their comments. d) Request for refund of \$10.00 for overpayment of a transfer tax.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Thank you letter from State Representative Kevin Joyce.

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69 POLICE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Monthly report for November, 2009.  
70 b) Thank you from Alsip Police Department to John Rafferty and the Illinois Auxiliary for their  
71 volunteer assistance with the re-opening of the Burr Oak Cemetery that went without incident.  
72 c) The most recent hire Officer Ed Kociolek completed the Field Training Officer and is now  
73 clear to being working by himself. d) Letter of appreciation received on behalf of Officers Curtis  
74 Raney, Brent Dreger, Mike Saele, Mike Pantoja and Investigator Justin Reilley, as well as the  
75 responding Fire Department personnel. e) Letter of recognition for Officers Curtis Raney, Robert  
76 Bukala and Brent Dreger.

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78 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

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80 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

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82 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona presented: a) Report the Health Department has  
83 been working with some of the landlords that have not been in compliance with the heating  
84 ordinance.

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86 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) November, 2009 Monthly Report.  
87 b) City of Chicago increased water rates by 14%, and an Ordinance increasing the water rates by  
88 14% of the Chicago rate will be presented.

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90 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented a list of licenses dated December 14, 2009.

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92 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) An Ordinance Amending the  
93 Prohibited Uses in the B-1 Business District and the Special Uses in the B-2 Business District to  
94 be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and public hearing.

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96 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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98 VILLAGE PROPERTY: No report.

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100 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented: Workmens' Compensation renewal  
101 from Illinois Public Risk Fund for 12/15/2009-12/15/2010 totaling \$441,776. This is less than a  
102 1% increase.

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104 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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106 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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108 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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110 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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112 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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114 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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116 OPEN TO PUBLIC: No one wished to address the Board.

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118 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro.  
119 Motion carried.

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121 Respectfully submitted,

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124 Deborah Venhuizen  
125 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois