

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 9, 2009

Clerk Venhuizen 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: Mayor Kitching: a) reported that EJ&E Railroad was purchased last week by Canadian National. Alsip will experience eight or nine less trains per day traveling through Alsip. This purchase will not hurt Alsip economically because Canadian National maintains a terminal in suburban Harvey, which will benefit us. We also expect to benefit from the new interchange planned for I-57 and I-294, which will be funded by the Illinois Tollway. In response to Trustee Godfrey's inquiry, Mayor Kitching indicated that it is expected that Canadian National will improve some of the crossings and infrastructure and we can expect to see reduced train traffic through Alsip by mid-summer. b) read a letter of resignation, effective March 16, 2009, from Police Chief Robert J. Troy. Chief Troy thanked the members of the Alsip Police Dept. for their hard work and dedication, thanked the Mayor and Trustee Shapiro for their support, indicated that he thoroughly enjoyed his tenure as Police Chief in Alsip and offered his assistance in the upcoming transition. Mayor Kitching said that he expected that with Deputy Chief Radz, who recently graduated from the FBI academy, Lt. David Wolfe, who recently completed the Staff and Command school and the fine command staff in place that our Police Dept. will not miss a beat and things will continue to operate as ever. Mayor Kitching said that in the future he will be asking the Board to consider the appointment of Deputy Chief Radz as interim Chief until final decisions are made. c) presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages and Liquor Control), Article II (Administration and Enforcement), Division 2 (License), Section 4-67 (Location of Place of Sale) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip, Illinois.

CLERK'S REPORT: presented a) a thank you to Mary Schmidt, Alsip Chamber of Commerce and Ed Stefanski, who recently were invited to participate in the selection process of a Superintendent for School District 130. Clerk Venhuizen received a compliment from the Union president who was appreciative of their contribution and participation. b) an IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, in the amount of \$100,000.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) list of bills dated February 9, 2009;

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) that Deputy Chief Vrshek has officially submitted his letter of retirement to be effective on June 2, 2009. Chief Geraci is recommending the future promotion of Lt. Denis Kelly to fill the vacancy and is asking the boards approval to have Deputy Chief Vrshek begin the process of familiarizing Lt. Denis Kelly with all aspects of the job. b) letters of appreciation to be read at the regular Board meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented a) the January 2009 Monthly Productivity Report b) a request for approval to dispose of antiquated or no longer operational equipment, c) congratulations to Investigator Michael Dollear who has been promoted to Command Staff Supervisor of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) payroll and a list of bills, b) the monthly report, c) will have an update on the 2009 Road Program at the Board meeting.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) a list of bills, b) the January, 2009 Building Department Activity Report.

HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Collins presented: a) February is National Health Month b) the Health Inspector has been on light duty and will resume inspections when she is physically able to resume her regular duties c) Public Works will be participating at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Expo on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Information regarding the elimination of pollutants from the Village sewer systems will be highlighted as part of the Expo's "going green" theme. Materials have been designed to educate residents about healthy household habits they can follow to reduce such pollution. The materials are part of the Village's Board of Trustees Committee meeting

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70 compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program set forth by the  
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73 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented the January 2009 Water Dept. Report, monthly  
74 list of bills, and payroll.

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76 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Collins presented a list of licenses dated February 9, 2009.

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78 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented a) an Ordinance Amending the  
79 Permitted Uses in the I-1 Industrial –Light District to Add Passenger Car and Light Truck Rental  
80 and Leasing as a Permitted Use, to be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for  
81 public hearing on February 25, 2009. b) result of Case 2009-1-S-200, request by Victoria  
82 Blackmore of Precious Ones Academy on behalf of the owner of the building Frank Elmatari, for  
83 a Special Use Permit to operate as a day care facility at the property located at 11600 S. Pulaski  
84 Ave. The Commission voted to approve 6-0.

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#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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89 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented a letter from Rodger Early requesting  
90 a) approval to go out to bid on a 2009 Ford F-350 with salt spreader. This is a budgeted item for  
91 Heritage I. b) approval to attend a certified pool and operation course, which is now mandated by  
92 Cook County to be licensed before the opening of the pools at Heritage I and II, on February 16<sup>th</sup>  
93 and 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at a cost of \$350.00. Consensus approval is being requested for  
94 the attendance of two employees at the February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> course and approval of the  
95 remaining two employees to attend on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Kitching advised that this is  
96 required in order to operate the swimming pools at the complex. Consensus approval was  
97 received.

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99 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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101 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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103 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins reported a) Com Ed has contracted  
104 Asplundh Tree Expert Company to trim trees interfering with electrical wires in the industrial  
105 and trailer park area just east of Ridgeland Ave. from 115<sup>th</sup> St. to 119<sup>th</sup> St. The trimming is  
106 scheduled to be performed during this month. Residents and business owners will be notified of  
107 this service via post cards sent out by Com Ed. b) The MWRD is currently in the process of  
108 removing trees and debris in and along the banks of Stony Creek, from Homan Ave. west to  
109 Cicero Ave. Should time permit, the District will also be clearing the Central Park Avenue ditch.

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111 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee McGreal presented: a) the boat launch will open April 1<sup>st</sup>, b)  
112 applications are now being accepted for seasonal part time position of Boat Launch Attendant for  
113 the 2009 boating season. Applications can be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office.

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115 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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117 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Michaels requested consensus approval for the attendance  
118 of two Village Properties employees at the February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> pool operations course. Board  
119 consensus approval received.

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121 Trustee Godfrey reported: a) that the AFCSME Contract approval would not be addressed at this  
122 meeting due to revisions and will instead be placed on the agenda for approval at the February  
123 16, 2009 Board meeting b) the Alsip Park District was contacted regarding a joint venture for  
124 the tennis courts at 117<sup>th</sup> and Karlov and Jeanette Huber said she would bring it before her Board  
125 for discussion and would get back to us soon.

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127 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Shapiro reported that this Friday there will be a police orientation for  
128 the new officers at Prairie Junior High School. Over 200 applications were received.

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OPEN TO PUBLIC: Mayor Kitching asked if there was any input from the public; Stan Marek, 3759 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St. addressed the Board regarding the ditches on 119<sup>th</sup> Street, between Hamlin to Pulaski. Mr. Marek advised that the ditches present a hazard to pedestrians and asked that the County be contacted and made aware of the problem. Mayor Kitching confirmed that this is under the County jurisdiction and advised that we can contact them. Mayor Kitching cited a past County project where the Village approached them requesting a sidewalk remedy and they complied. Mayor Kitching advised that the Village will approach the County on this problem. Mayor Kitching also advised that the Village is currently working on a project for sidewalks down 119<sup>th</sup> St., from Kostner to Komensky for the schoolchildren who are currently walking in the street. Side walks in the Village are replaced annually as funds permit.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Shapiro to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Godfrey  
Motion carried at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen  
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois