

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2009

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, Michaels and Mayor Kitching.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching presented and read into the record a Proclamation declaring May 2009 to be Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Alsip. In part this proclamation recognizes the 22nd anniversary of the efforts of the members A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., who continually promote motorcycle safety, education and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our City and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 100,000 participants in Illinois over the past three years.

Mayor Kitching presented and read into the record a Proclamation declaring May 3 through May 9, 2009 as "Municipal Clerks' Week". In part, this proclamation recognizes Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent. Mayor Kitching extended appreciation to the Village of Alsip's Municipal Clerk, Deborah Venhuizen.

Mayor Kitching reported the Board will be voting on the following appointments:

a) Appointment and swearing in of the new Deputy Fire Chief, Denis Kelly, to fill the vacancy due to the retirement on May 2nd of Deputy Fire chief Joe Schmitt. b) Appointment and swearing in of a new Fire Lieutenant.

CLERK'S REPORT: No report.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented a list of bills dated April 27, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels reported the Police & Fire Commission will perform the swearing in ceremony of the Lieutenant at the next Board meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented the March, 2009 Monthly Report. Trustee Shapiro reported that the Alsip Police Department has tested and cleared at least 4 candidates that are ready to be hired. Acting Chief Radz reported the Cops Grant has been submitted and the department is waiting for approval along with nine hundred other communities.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal reported Public Works Employee Robert Merchantz has successfully completed his one year probation with the Department. The Committee congratulates him and wishes him well.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) An Ordinance Providing for the Inspection of Properties Prior to Resale, Transfer of Ownership, or Change in Tenancy. Trustee Shapiro explained by approving this ordinance the Board is adding a new Section 6-339 (Inspection of Properties Prior to Resale or change in Tenancy) to Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code. This ordinance would require mandatory inspections of property prior to resale, transfer of ownership, or change in tenancy and holding owners, operators and occupants of buildings, structures and dwellings with the Village responsible for property and consistently maintaining their properties according to the Village's Code of ordinances.

Trustee Collins questioned the costs associated with the seller such as fines for not making repairs ranging from \$25 to \$1,000, cost of building permit in order to make the repairs which is 10% of the job. Trustee Shapiro responded if selling "as is" and it is written into contract, the seller is not responsible for repairs. Buyer then has a certain period of time to make the repairs and bring the property to code. Trustee Shapiro will further clarify the ordinance at the Board meeting. Mayor Kitching reported this type of ordinance is used in other communities and primarily aimed at foreclosures.

HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Collins reported health inspections are ongoing.

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69 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented a request from Commissioner Behrens for
70 approval to go to bid for replacement of three roof top air conditioning units at the pump station.
71 Currently, the pump facility has four air conditioning units; one ground and three roof top. The
72 roof top units are at least twenty-four years old. Trustee Godfrey requested and received Board
73 consensus to go to bid for two larger 7.5 ton ground mounted units to replace the three roof top
74 units. The estimated cost is \$25,000 and this item is budgeted.

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76 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Collins presented a list of licenses dated April 27, 2009.

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78 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels reported on Case 2009-4-T-100 for
79 adoption of an ordinance amending the special uses in the I-2 Industrial Medium District
80 regarding wind energy systems. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 7-0.

81 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

82 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented the following results of the bid opening of
83 April 22, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. for the purchase of a 2009 Gas Powered Ford F-350:

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<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sutton Ford, Matteson, Il	\$44,349.83
Hawk Ford, Oak Lawn, Il	\$42,547.00
Freeway Ford-Sterling, Lyons, Il	\$41,994.00
Al Piemonte Ford, Melrose Park, Il	\$41,721.41

90 The recommendation will be to purchase a 2009 Gas Powered Ford F-350 from Al Piemonte
91 Ford in Melrose Park, the lowest qualified bidder, at a cost of \$41,721.41.

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93 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented: a) Request for approval of the Loss
94 Prevention Committee Meeting minutes of December 2, 2008. b) Based on the recommendation
95 of the Village Insurance Consultant Boyle Flagg & Seaman the insurance committee proposes
96 the approval of American Fidelity as the Village's reinsurance provider at a total cost of
97 \$454,889.44. This represents a modest 4% increase from last year's expense. c) The committee is
98 also recommending the approval of three plan document changes which have been provided to
99 the Board. Plan endorsement 09-02 is a language change mandating compliance with state laws
100 and regulations in addition to federal laws. Plan endorsement 09-02A clarifies the language for
101 medical coverage related to contraceptive medications and devices, and plan endorsement 09-06
102 relates to a change in state law related to dependent coverage.

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104 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey reported all Ordinances are being presented
105 under respective committees.

106 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

107 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee McGreal the Village was notified by the City of Blue Island that the
108 United States Coast Guard will be closing the Cal-Sag Channel on May 2, 2009 for recreational
109 boating. The City of Blue Island is hosting the 2009 Cochrane Cup Rowing Competition to be
110 held on the Cal-Sag Channel on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Racing will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. and
111 continue to 2:30 p.m. the teams competing are NCAA, Division 1, Men's Collegiate Rowing,
112 University of Wisconsin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College, George
113 Washington University and Boston University. This is the 49th Anniversary of the Cochrane Cup,
114 but this is the first time the event has taken place in the Chicagoland Area. The Boat Launch will
115 be closed on May 2, 2009.

116 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

117 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

118 NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Kitching announced the Mr. Hiter's grandson was drafted by the
119 Pittsburgh Steelers.

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

121 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Graczyk to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Godfrey.
122 Motion carried.

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124 Respectfully submitted,

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128 Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois