

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 26, 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, Michaels, McGreal, Daddona and Quinn, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching invited everyone to services honoring veterans on Saturday, May 30, 2009, the official Memorial Day at noon. A wreath will be placed at the foot of the soldier at the Village Hall with help from the VFW.

Mayor Kitching will present the following appointments: Christopher Radz as Chief of Police and Lt. Kevin Pickar to Deputy Fire Chief.

Mayor Kitching will present a list of various appointments for May 2009.

Mayor Kitching asked for questions or concerns from Board members regarding any of the appointments; there were none.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen reported she will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting because of Graduation Ceremonies at her school, but will attend the bid opening earlier in the day.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented a list of bills dated May 26, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels reported at the Board meeting the Police & Fire Commission will be swearing in the next candidate on the Lieutenant's list to replace the vacancy due to the promotion of Lt. Pickar.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro reported: a) The Alsip Police Department will be coordinating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Night Out Crime Prevention and Safety Celebration on August 4, 2009. This is a Village Board endorsed collaboration of the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments teaming up with the Alsip Park District and the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate working with the community to provide a safer environment. Hopefully, the celebration will be even more successful than last year. b) On May 20 and 21 of 2009, the Alsip Police Department hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Crime Free Housing Seminar with great reviews and results from community landlords. The response and support from the landlords continues to be very positive. With over 300 plus rental properties in the Village of Alsip, over 85% of the landlords have successfully completed the course and met the licensing requirements. Chief Radz reported the Police Department will follow up on the 15% of landlords that did not attend any of the five sessions offered by the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request from the Alsip Park District for permission to hold a garage sale at Apollo Recreation Center parking lot on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 8 am to 1 pm. b) Request from the Alsip Park District for approval to set up temporary tent(s) at the Aquatic Park, 11930 Kostner, and conduct a fire works display as part of the Family Fun Fest on June 20, 2009, and waiver of associated fees.

HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona reported: a) Inspections are ongoing. b) Cook County has placed bait traps for mosquitoes again this year for tracking West Nile Virus. c) Gabriel Hamer, Phd. from the University of Wisconsin is doing research on how the regional ecological conditions affect West Nile virus persistence and amplification in the greater Chicago area.

SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey reported: a) The Sewer & Water Committee met this evening and discussed several large projects. The Palos/Crestwood Cal Sag Crossing Project is nearing the bidding stage; the underground tank on 117<sup>th</sup> Street not ready for bid and the tennis court issue has not been resolved.

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69 Trustee Godfrey recommended the Finance Director contact Cook County to request a bill for  
70 the 123<sup>rd</sup> Street widening project. b) Request from Commissioner Behrens to replace the turbine  
71 pump seal. The seal on one of our six pumps has developed a leak. This should be addressed as  
72 soon as possible. If left unrepaired water can travel up the shaft and into the electrical motor  
73 causing extensive damage. The quote from Metropolitan Pump Company to replace the seal is  
74 \$10,000. Trustee Godfrey reported negotiations are going on with the Water Reclamation  
75 District for a 50 year lease not 25 for the tunnel under Cal Sag.

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77 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) List of licenses dated May 26, 2009, with an  
78 additional license for Woodys, 12217 Cicero. b) Request for refund of \$50.00 for return of  
79 vending sticker from McAllister.

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81 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: No report.

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83 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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85 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented a letter of appreciation from Rodger Early  
86 directed toward the Public Works Department for their work on the gazebo and shelter.

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88 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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90 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) An Ordinance Authorizing the  
91 Vacation of a Certain Portion of 119<sup>th</sup> Street for Use as School Grounds by the Board of  
92 Education of Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary School District Number 126 in the  
93 Village of Alsip, Cook County, Illinois. This is part of the School District rebuilding plan and  
94 will add parking to the north side of the building. This portion of 119<sup>th</sup> Street is not being used  
95 and it is a dead end street. b) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (“Licenses, Permits, and  
96 Business Regulations”) Article XXI (“Pool Halls and Billiard Parlors”), Section 12-504  
97 (“Restrictions”) of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. Mayor Kitching explained this  
98 is just an update to the Municipal Code.

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100 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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102 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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104 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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106 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Quinn reported several residents in the audience had  
107 questions on the vacation of a certain portion of 119<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee McGreal called on Vince  
108 Cullen, Superintendent of Public Works, to explain reason(s) for denying the School District’s  
109 request to saw cut Lawler and Mr. Cullen explained the Village of Alsip does not allow street  
110 cuts for underground utilities unless it is an emergency condition. The reason for not allowing  
111 street cuts is because the roadway system integrity will be modified, the pavement patch at these  
112 cuts will become either depressed or raised areas. Also, the joint between the pavement patch  
113 and adjoining pavement will lead to water infiltration which leads to possible roadway sub-grade  
114 problems. Mr. Cullen recommended directional boring, and Superintendent Berger agreed even  
115 though it is more costly.

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117 John Dudzik, 4417 Jean Street, questioned Superintendent Berger and Emil Mastandrea, Jr.  
118 about the project. Superintendent Berger explained that pending approval from the Village of  
119 Alsip, the access road south of property and to the north of Prairie Jr. High will be improved.  
120 Parking spaces will be added on the south side; the west end of the road will be gated and locked.  
121 There will be no curb and gutter and the grass parkway between the road and fences will be  
122 maintained by the school district.

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124 Brian Kovaka, 4413 Jean Street, questioned drainage and pointed out that his property cannot  
125 take any additional water as it floods now.

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127 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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134 OPEN TO PUBLIC: Mayor Kitching asked for questions from the public; there were none.

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136 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Michaels to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro.

137 Motion carried.

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139 Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen

143 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois