

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 29, 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, Michaels, McGreal, Daddona and Quinn, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen. Trustee Godfrey absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported: a) 119<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk should be completed by the end of the week. b) IDOT repaired pot holes on Cicero Avenue with no prior notification to the Village, causing traffic backups in all directions. c) Resurfacing of Pulaski Avenue from 103<sup>rd</sup> to 123<sup>rd</sup> is scheduled to start on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kitching recommended moving the public portion of the meeting from the end of the agenda to the beginning of the agenda in order to address the numerous residents in attendance. Mrs. Sharon Szynalski, 12349 Lamon, reported the petition presented to the Board involves the D Lux Budget Hotel, 12340 Cicero and rear parking lots, Masters Shipping, 12400 S. Cicero Avenue and rear parking lots, All Season Shipping, 12400 S. Cicero Avenue, GT Cargo Shipping Company, DSV Express, Inc., Homer Glen and JEM Express, Inc. These companies are affecting the health and safety of residents in this area. Mr. Norbert Szynalski, 12349 Lamon, reported problems with the fumes, noise, dust, and invasion of privacy by truck drivers peering into their homes and yards.

Mayor Kitching reported the Village is aware of the ongoing problems and numerous tickets were issued resulting in fifteen thousand dollars in fines. The next court date is July 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, and Mayor Kitching encouraged all residents in the area to attend and present their problems to the Village prosecutor.

Mayor Kitching asked if there were any more members of the public that wished to address this Board; there were none.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen reported: a) The Village Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day holiday. b) Bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:45 p.m. for the sandblasting, priming and painting of fire hydrants.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented a list of bills dated June 29, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Memorandum of Understanding between the American Red Cross Greater Chicago Chapter and the Village of Alsip. b) Letters of thanks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for permission to ask the Alsip Police & Fire Commission to start the selection process to choose the next Patrol level officer to be promoted to Sergeant. Once the officer is recommended by said commission we would like to promote said officer. This promotion will be of great assistance to the department due to the numerous vacancies in the current administration. b) Request for permission to hire two Community Service Officers, (part time, 20 hours per week at \$12.00 per hour) one to replace the vacancy created by a recent resignation and the second to expand the unit by one. Both of these positions are budgeted. c) Request for approval of an Intergovernmental Public Safety Interoperable Communications Radio Loan Agreement between the County of Cook and the Village of Alsip. Trustee Shapiro explained this is an agreement involving the Emergency Management Agency. The Village will get a base station at an estimated cost of \$250 per month service charge. d) Block party request for 4300 W. 118<sup>th</sup> Street, on August 15, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; with a DJ until 10:00 p.m. e) Block party request for 125<sup>th</sup> & Mansfield, Chippewa Ridge, on August 8, 2009, from noon until midnight; with a DJ from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. f) Block party request for 5900 west block – Austin to 124<sup>th</sup> Place Mansfield, on August 15, 2009, from noon to 10:00 p.m.; with a live band from noon until 10:00 p.m.

In response to a question from Trustee Quinn, Police Chief Radz explained the \$250 charge is a one time cost for the base station, and there will be an annual maintenance fee of an estimated \$1,000. The object of this program is to provide links from the County's Digital Trunked system to achieve interoperability with radio systems belonging to participating entities.

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69 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) May 2009  
70 Monthly Report. b) Notification of the Resurfacing of Pulaski and paving of Cicero. c) Request  
71 for approval of a Resolution of Intent for IDOT Pertaining to the 3.5 Million Dollar Road Bond  
72 as presented by Robinson Engineering. d) Committee met this evening and a report will be  
73 forthcoming.

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75 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Building Department  
76 monthly report for May, 2009. b) Request from Ryan Greenan for a variance to erect a 6' high  
77 fence in front of his building line at 12034 Kathleen Court. The property is located behind the  
78 Jewel Food Store. c) Request from Bedding Experts for permission to place a trailer in the  
79 parking lot to advertise a truckload sale at the Bedding Experts on Pulaski Road on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
80 d) Request to place a construction trailer at Chase Bank at 12041 South Pulaski, for the duration  
81 of the project. e) Request from Southside's Bar & Grill, 11860 S. Cicero, for a special event  
82 permit for July 25, 2009. They are requesting permission to have a band, food and alcohol sales  
83 and consumption in the parking lot from 3:00 p.m. ending at 10:00 p.m. Trustee Shapiro  
84 recommended Police and Fire review, especially the traffic pattern. Oak Lawn Hog Chapter is  
85 sponsoring the fund raiser for Hope Children's Hospital and other local charities. Mr. Ron  
86 Roach, 10942 Homan, Chicago, representing Oak Lawn Hog Chapter explained they expect 300-  
87 500 people. Mr. Roach also requested a variance to use golf carts to cover the area. The  
88 American Lawmen and American Knights will provide added security. Mr. Roach reported some  
89 of the events that will take place that day. Trustee Michaels recommended Mr. Roach notify the  
90 surrounding residents of this event.

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92 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona reported: a) Health inspections are ongoing. b)  
93 Response to residential inquiries are ongoing. c) Report that eighteen employees took advantage  
94 of the free health screenings offered by Metro South on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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96 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Quinn asked about the Ordinance for the water main easement at  
97 Stoney Creek School, and Mayor Kitching responded it will be on the agenda at the next Board  
98 meeting.

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100 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) List of licenses dated June 29, 2009. b)  
101 Request for approval of a refund for \$75.00 to Fence Masters Inc., who paid twice for the  
102 renewal of their contractor's license.

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104 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented a special use and change in  
105 zoning application for property located at 11925 S. Cicero to be forwarded to the Planning and  
106 Zoning Committee for review and hearing. This request for special use and zoning change is for  
107 a restaurant serving alcohol to conduct live entertainment and operate an outdoor beer garden.  
108 The public is invited to the hearing to be held on July 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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#### 110 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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112 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for authorization to advertise  
113 for bid for 12 roofs and 15 boilers for Heritage II. b) Request for approval to contract with C.J.  
114 Erickson for the 11 sewer basins at Heritage II for a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

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116 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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118 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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120 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: Trustee Quinn reported on the need to improve the  
121 appearance of the gateways to the Village, particularly 127<sup>th</sup> & Cicero. Trustee Quinn  
122 recommended development of a plan by next spring whereby the Village would assume  
123 maintenance responsibility of the median and shoulders at 127<sup>th</sup> & Cicero, and possibly planting  
124 trees that would hold up to salt. Additionally, in cooperation with the Building Committee,  
125 Trustee Quinn recommended setting up a program to improve the upkeep of businesses and  
126 homes in town. As an incentive and encouragement for owners the Village could consider  
127 reducing building permit fees. Possibly approve an Ordinance for minimum maintenance which  
128 might make it easier for the Village to collect the costs incurred by the Village.

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134 Mayor Kitching reported Vince Cullen and the Village Engineer met on the subject of Village  
135 gateway maintenance today.  
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137 Mayor Kitching reported IDOT is responsible for maintenance of the median and areas  
138 surrounding 127<sup>th</sup> & Cicero, and the Village cannot and should not take on the  
139 responsibility/liability. A better course of action would be to approach IDOT and put pressure  
140 on State legislators to get this work done.  
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142 Vince Cullen reported there is a misconception that the Village has the money and manpower to  
143 maintain this very large intersection. As Chairman of the Loss Prevention Committee, Mr.  
144 Cullen had concerns about putting employees in harms way in a 45 mile speed zone, when they  
145 are trained to work in 20-25 mile speed zone. Mr. Cullen explained once the Village accepts a  
146 jurisdictional transfer they can never go back. Planting trees is not the answer because of the salt  
147 use above and below the area, and trees make mowing very difficult. Mr. Cullen concurred with  
148 Mayor Kitching and volunteered to serve on any committee to study ideas for improving the  
149 area.  
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151 Mayor Kitching reported the Village is and will continue to take care of the problems associated  
152 with abandoned property. The Village has hired Sertoma to mow these properties and will use an  
153 effective leverage by and turning the water on only after completion of payment to the Village  
154 for costs incurred.  
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156 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.  
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158 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.  
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160 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.  
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162 NEW BUSINESS: None.  
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164 OPEN TO PUBLIC: Nick Schwaler, 2924 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> Place, questioned time frame for  
165 replacement of his street and reported storm sewers were sinking. Vince Cullen will check out.  
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167 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee McGreal to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Daddona.  
168 Motion carried.  
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170 Respectfully submitted,  
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173 Deborah Venhuizen  
174 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois