

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 27, 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 introduced Alsip resident Sergeant John Farrer and family. Sergeant Farrer just returned from active duty in Afghanistan. Mayor Kitching presented Sergeant Farrer with a two hundred dollar check from the Alsip VFW Post 450, and expressed gratitude on behalf of the community for his sacrifice and commitment to his country.

Mayor Kitching reported the Pulaski Avenue project should be completed in the next two weeks.

CLERK'S REPORT: No report.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) List of bills dated July 27, 2009.

b) Request for approval of an Ordinance providing for the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the Village of Alsip, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing the execution of one or more bond orders in connection therewith and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and further providing for the execution of a Deposit Agreement and direction for Redemption in connection with such issuance. Trustee Godfrey reported these bonds are for roadwork improvements, capital improvements to the Heritage facilities and refunding of the 1997A Bonds. These are being issued as general obligation bonds and will be retired from Motor Fuel Tax, Gas Tax and Heritage Rent funds. c) Request for approval to provide a 3% general wage pool increase for the Village's non-union salaried employees, excluding the Police Chief, and Deputy Fire Chiefs, retroactive to May 1, 2009. d) Request for approval of a 6b application for GC America, 3737 W. 127<sup>th</sup> Street, for an expansion of their facility. They are planning a 15,000 square foot addition along with some remodeling of their current location. This expansion will allow them to retain 155 jobs while creating 5-10 new jobs. e) As a point of information Trustee Godfrey reported the Village has received a "AA" Bond rating from Standard & Poor's resulting in an estimated savings of \$200,000 over the life of the bond. The Village also received an A1 rating from Moodys.

Trustee Godfrey explained several months ago the Village Board authorized billing residential homeowners for 50% of the Village costs for garbage pickup. The decision was based on a significant increase in costs from outside contractors (one million dollars) for this service caused by an uncertain economy, and increased fuel and dumping costs. Trustee Godfrey recommended inserting a brief message in the water bills explaining the increase and apologizing for the late notification.

In response to a question from Trustee Quinn, Chuck Bionda, Kane McKenna and Associates, reported the final bond figures will be available next Monday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels introduced Carl Davies, Alsip Firefighter. Mr. Davies requested permission for Firefighters Local #3074 to hold a "Fill the Boot Drive" on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This event will take place August 14, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the corners of 127<sup>th</sup> & Pulaski and 115<sup>th</sup> & Cicero. Funds received from this drive are used for local families affected by Muscular Dystrophy. Trustee Godfrey advised the conditions of the Ordinance authorized for this same event in 2007, must be adhered to. Deputy Chief Kelly reported liability insurance is provided by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, as well as safety vests.

Trustee Michaels presented a request for approval to dispose of engine 2013 (1990 FMC Navistar Pumper) which has been out of service for many months. The 1000 gallon metal water tank and piping is corroded beyond repair; cost to replace leaking tank alone is approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. The Fire Department has received a fair offer of \$5,000 from Chief Pedro Guerrero Murillo of the Salinas Fire Department in Ecuador. The Village of Alsip is not responsible for any costs involved with the shipment of the fire engine.

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69 POLICE DEPARTMENT: No report.

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71 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented the June, 2009  
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74 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for approval from  
75 Fun In Motion (FIM) located at 4845 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, for a special use permit for a tent sale in  
76 their parking lot. from August 14, 2009 to September 8, 2009. Request was forwarded to the Fire  
77 Department for review and approval. b) Request from Ujamaa Construction, Inc., 12055 S.  
78 Cicero, (Enterprise Car Rental) for permission to keep construction office box on site until the  
79 project is finished (approximately mid-September.) The office container is 10'x20', has no  
80 wheels and is not hooked up to the ComEd line. c) Request from the Lighthouse Church located  
81 at 4501 W. 127<sup>th</sup> Street for permission to hold a rummage sale on the church grounds on August  
82 1, 2009, to raise funds for their mission crusade to Belize. Because this event takes place prior to  
83 the next Board meeting, Trustee Shapiro requested and received approval from the Board to  
84 conduct this auction. This item will be formally approved at the next Board meeting.

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86 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona reported inspections are ongoing.

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88 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey tabled until August 31, 2009, the request for approval to  
89 contract with Thomas Industrial Coatings, the sole bidder at a cost of \$198,000, for the  
90 sandblasting, priming and painting of fire hydrants for further review.

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92 Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Request for approval of the lowest bidder, Alsterda Construction  
93 to install a water main for Stony Creek School from 116<sup>th</sup> & Kenneth to 117<sup>th</sup> Street, totaling  
94 \$25,690. This project was bid in 2008 and three bids were received - Diapialo Construction,  
95 Alsterda and Ricco. At the time of the bid opening Ricco was the low bidder by \$215.00.  
96 Because of the delay in awarding this bid, Ricco was contacted and they want to increase their  
97 bid by a minimum of \$1,000. Alsterda was contacted and they will hold to the original bid,  
98 which makes them the low bidder.

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100 Trustee Quinn asked for the costs for the last time the fire hydrants were sandblasted, primed and  
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103 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented a list of licenses dated July 27, 2009.

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105 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented for approval an Ordinance  
106 Granting a Zoning Map Amendment and Special Use Permit for the Property located at 11925  
107 South Cicero Avenue in the Village of Alsip Cook County, Illinois. The Planning & Zoning  
108 Commission held a hearing (No. 2009-7-S-100) on July 8, 2009, and by majority vote,  
109 recommend approval with conditions as indicated in the Findings and Recommendations and in  
110 the Ordinance. Ed Hiller, 7805 W. 157<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Park, Il, reported on issues brought up by  
111 the Planning & Zoning Commission that included fencing, privacy fence, driveway near utility  
112 box that cannot be blocked; all were resolved. Parking was resolved and an additional handicap  
113 spot was added. Trustee Quinn asked about parking and Trustee Michaels reported additional  
114 parking will be provided at the building next door. Bob Cozza, 11935 S. Cicero, and all residents  
115 of the building signed a letter authorizing parking in their building lot.

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117 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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119 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented a request for approval to start the  
120 interviewing process and hire a replacement for a retiring employee.

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122 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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124 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey reported all Ordinances were presented  
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134 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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136 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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138 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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140 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Godfrey updated the Board on the Eleven Year Old All  
141 Star Baseball Team from Alsip.

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143 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Quinn reported on an editorial in the Southtown Newspaper  
144 regarding putting Village expenditures on line, and asked for the Board to review for future  
145 discussion.

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147 Clerk Venhuizen referenced an article on double “AA” bond rating, and commended Greg  
148 Palumbo, Finance Director.

149 OPEN TO PUBLIC: Bill Erffmeyer, 4316 W. 117<sup>th</sup> Street, questioned lowering the tax received  
150 from Cook County by the \$105 paid per resident annually for garbage pickup. Trustee Godfrey  
151 explained the need for the additional revenues. Discussion followed.

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153 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Michaels to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro.  
154 Motion carried.

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156 Respectfully submitted,

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159 Deborah Venhuizen  
160 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois