

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 14, 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, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona and Quinn, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported: a) The Pulaski Road project is near completion and is a great improvement. This project was accomplished with federal stimulus money, at no cost to the Village. b) The last railroad crossing under repair in the Village is 115<sup>th</sup> & Lawler and work should be completed in 8-10 days. No Village funds were expended on railroad crossing repairs. c) The Christmas Street Decoration contract has expired. A new proposal will be submitted to Board members this week for a decision next Monday. d) Letter was received from James V. Persino, RPA, Principal, First Development Corporation regarding vacation of Orchard Street, which borders their properties fronting 127<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the Lighthouse Church. Discussion was deferred until Mr. Persino was in attendance. e) Appointment of Sergeant Scott Zablotny to Police Lieutenant.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) Report that the Clerk's Office has initiated Village Hall participation in Lee National Denim Day, October 2, 2009. This is a charitable campaign of the Women's Cancer Program and for a \$5.00 donation employees are allowed to wear jeans to work on October 2, 2009. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Judy DeLuise in the Clerk's office. b) The Village Engineer will present an IDOT Resolution. c) The August, 2009 MFT Report allotment totaling \$39,896.49.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented a list of bills dated September 14, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels will update the Board on the status of the sale of Engine 2013.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Shapiro presented the August 2009 Police Department Activity Report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) The August 2009 Public Works Monthly Report. b) Notification that employees will be attending Drug and Alcohol Compliance Training for CDL drivers. The Drug and Alcohol Compliance Training is sponsored by the Southwest Conference of Mayors and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. Half of the employees attended on Monday, September 14, 2009 and the other half will attend on Monday, September 28, 2009. By completing this training the department is in compliance with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. This act states that it is mandatory for all employees who have a commercial driver's license, or are responsible for supervising employees with a commercial driver's license, to complete a drug and alcohol training program.

Mayor's Report Continued. Mayor Kitching introduced Mr. Persino, RPA, First Development Corporation, who addressed the Board. Mr. Persino requested consideration of vacating Orchard Street which borders their properties which front 127<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the Lighthouse Church. The request is to vacate this property permanently in its entirety with no reversion back to the Village and that the title revert to FDC adjacent property. The existence of this dedicated, but unimproved street hinders the marketing of the site as one contiguous development parcel. Prospective users have been concerned the street may not be vacated and perceive that as a planning risk that could add significant time to the approval process of any development. After the vacation, the combined parcels, including the former Speedway site and the vacated street would comprise about 4.3 acres. There are no utilities installed under Orchard Street and no expenditures made by the Village for planning or improving the right of way. The purpose is to get this property to be one cohesive commercial piece of property. The ultimate goal for this property is a limited service hotel because of its prime location. It is the only potential hotel site on the northbound Tollway from I-80 to O'Hare that is located before an entrance. Mayor Kitching referred this request to committee.

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69 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) The August 2009  
70 Building Department Monthly Report. b) Request for approval for a temporary construction  
71 trailer to be placed by McShane Construction Company at the Scientific Dust Collectors' facility,  
72 4101 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street. c) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (Buildings and Building  
73 Regulations") Article XVIII ("Vacant Buildings") of the Municipal Code for the Village of  
74 Alsip, Illinois. Trustee Quinn requested a list of costs per property for enforcement of this  
75 Ordinance.

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77 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona reported Advocate Christ Medical Center is now  
78 offering a seven-week Smoking Cessation Program for individuals who wish to stop smoking.  
79 The Smoking Cessation Program begins October 6<sup>th</sup> through November 17, 2009 on Tuesdays at  
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82 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented the July, 2009 Water & Sewer Monthly Report.

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84 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented a list of licenses dated September 14, 2009, and  
85 noted the licenses for Cassidy Jewelry and Loan, two different license applications were not  
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88 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: No report.

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91 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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93 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented a request for approval to go out to bid for a  
94 three (3) year lawn care contract for all Village properties.

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96 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented for acceptance the Loss Prevention  
97 Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2009 and June 2, 2009.

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99 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey reported all Ordinances and Legislation are  
100 covered under respective committees.

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102 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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104 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Daddona reported that Coca Cola has volunteered as a part of the  
105 Community Governmental Service Program to participate in the clean up and painting of the  
106 parking space lines at the Village Boat Launch on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to  
107 11:00 a.m. Mayor Kitching requested any available Board member stop by the Boat Launch on  
108 September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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110 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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112 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Kitching reported for sometime the Southwest Conference  
113 of Mayors along with other cogs of government were working on the detailed watershed plan for  
114 the Calumet Sag Channel which is now complete. Anyone can review the only copy the Village  
115 received in the Mayor's office. Additionally, a copy of the CD is available. Discussion followed.

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117 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

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121 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Michaels to adjourn; seconded by Trustee McGreal.  
122 Motion carried.

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128 Deborah Venhuizen  
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois