

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 12, 2010

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, Quinn, Mayor Kitching and Clerk Venhuizen, and Village Attorney Todd Hayden.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching welcomed and thanked the students for attending the meeting and participating in Student Government Day.

Mayor Kitching reported: a) Mayor of Crestwood announced in 90 days the Village of Alsip will no longer be doing dispatching for the Village of Crestwood. b) Announcement of the designation of April 17th and April 18th in the Village of Alsip as global volunteer days of service honoring Earth Day 40th Anniversary. Organizations may register their clean up area and pick up clean up bags and some vests at the Clerk's office, beginning today. Vests must be returned after completion.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) March, 2010 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment in the amount of \$40,455.34. b) Resolution of Intent as regards the General Obligation Bond for the resurfacing of various streets. c) Resolution of Intent as regards the General Obligation Bond for improvement to be made to Laramie Avenue between 122nd Street and 119th Street.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) A list of bills dated April 12, 2010. b) Resolution Regarding the Class 6b Real Estate Tax Incentive Renewal Application of WKMB Properties, regarding Machine Control Systems, Inc., located at 12545-47-49 Laramie Avenue. c) Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 ("Taxation"), Article X ("Vehicle Fuel Tax"), Section 18-203 ("Tax Imposed") of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip. This Ordinance increases the fuel tax from three cents per gallon to four cents per gallon. d) Amendment to the Finance Director Employment Agreement. e) Request for approval of ASCAP Music License Agreement.

Trustee Godfrey reported that the current economic downturn continues to present financial challenges for everyone including the Village. For the past few months the Board of Trustees have been addressing not only the impact to our current budget, but also a projected budget shortfall of 1.3 million dollars for Fiscal Year 2011. Cost savings measures that have been implemented include a hiring freeze, no capital expenditures in the general fund, no pay increases for elected officials, consolidation of positions with existing staff and reductions by department heads of discretionary expenditures. Additionally, the Village has used its home rule authority to increase a number of user fees and fines.

While these actions have been beneficial they do not provide a long term solution to our budget situation. Further reductions in expenses are needed to balance our budget and "live within our means." In addition to the steps already noted the Village Board will implement a wage freeze for all non-union personnel in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget. The Village Board is also considering adjustments to the Village health insurance program which may include increased deductibles, increased co-pays and network changes. We are presently in negotiations with the three unions that represent Village employees for similar concessions and cost savings.

As we all work through these challenges it is the Board's objective to address these financial issues by whatever means are necessary while maintaining the quality of services that residents have come to expect.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request to approve incentive pay in the amount of \$25,433.39 for the period 05/01/09-04/30/2010. b) Request to approve holiday pay for fiscal year 2009/2010 in the amount of \$21,725.28. c) Training highlights in April. d) Report that a district chief's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. e) Report that the next department staff meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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69 POLICE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) March 2010 Activity Report.
70 b) Request for approval of a Block Party request for the 117th – 118th block of LeClaire on July
71 4th, 2010 from noon to midnight with a DJ until 10:00 p.m. c) Announcement that in response to
72 the current trend of internet bullying, the Police Department has a facebook profile under the
73 name of “Alsip Eagle”, as an attempt to patrol the facebook social networking site like we patrol
74 the streets. This is meant to be a supplement, not a substitute for good old fashioned active
75 parenting. d) Community Service Officers Productivity report for March 2010. e) Acting Police
76 Chief T.J. Walsh presented Letters of Recognition to Sergeant Mikos, Officer Saele, Officer
77 Gonzales, Canine Officer Rezny and Canine Eddie for their response to a call of a domestic
78 disturbance involving a subject armed with a handgun that resulted in safe recovery of a loaded
79 45 handgun and felony charges for possession of cannabis.

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81 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) March 2010
82 Activity Report. b) 2010 Phase One Program Update. c) 2010 Winter Summary Report.

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84 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) March 2010 Activity
85 Report. b) Request from Blue Cap of Blue Island to hold a tag day at various intersections
86 throughout the Village on August 21, 2010. Trustee Shapiro recommended denial of this request
87 based on the dangers associated with two of the intersections requested; 127th & Cicero and 127th
88 & Pulaski. c) Request from the Alsip Park District for a permit for a 1.2 million dollar
89 construction project at Sears Park that was tabled at the last board meeting, with a
90 recommendation the Board wave 50% of the permit fees associated with this project. Waving the
91 full amount of the permit fees at this time does not seem prudent when all other areas of the
92 Village are being asked to cut spending. Jeanette Huber, Director of Parks, addressed the Board
93 and explained the grant received for this project does not include the cost of permit fees. It is an
94 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development 50/50 matching grant through the Illinois
95 Department of Natural Resources, whereby the Park District funds the full amount and is
96 reimbursed up to \$400,000 following completion of the project. Discussion was held on whether
97 to waive the permit fees estimated at \$12,000 for a 1.2 million dollar project. Trustee Shapiro
98 requested approval of a 50% waiver of permit fees be placed on the Consent Agenda. d) Special
99 report from Building Commissioner Mike Spongberg on permits.

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101 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona reported: a) Environmental Health Inspector
102 Linda Calvillo will be attending the South Suburban Environmental Health Council meeting on
103 Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at noon. b) Health Department representatives Ken Pannaralla and
104 Linda Calvillo will attend the 35th Annual Anderson Pest Solutions Seminar on Friday, April 16,
105 2010. c) Sizzor Trix Beauty Salon passed inspection from the Health Department.

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107 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) March 2010 Water Department Report.

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109 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) List of licenses dated April 12, 2010. Trustee
110 Quinn explained only one list will be presented at future meetings that will include only the
111 licenses that meet the deadline. One addition to April 12, 2010 list is Sizzor Trix Beauty Salon,
112 4022 West 127th Street.

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114 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: No report.

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116 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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118 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Bids for the Village landscaping project
119 will be opened on Thursday, April 15, 2010 and the results will be presented at the Board
120 meeting. The landscaping project includes cutting of the grass of Village properties including
121 the Boat Launch and Heritage Complexes.

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123 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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125 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) An Ordinance Amending
126 Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Plan Commission), Section 2-202 (Composition:
127 qualifications; appointment), of the Municipal Code for the Village of Alsip.

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134 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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136 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Daddona updated the Board on the sale of passes for the Boat
137 Launch that opened April 1, 2010.

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139 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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141 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Quinn questioned the Ordinance submitted under
142 Ordinance and Legislation and requested the reason for lowering the number of Plan
143 Commission Board members from nine to seven. Mayor Kitching responded it is easier to reach
144 a decision with seven members; nine members is more than the Village Board and in
145 consideration of the Village's current financial condition. Trustee McGreal questioned
146 elimination of the fitness for duty line in the ordinance and Trustee Godfrey will research.

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148 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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150 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Ms. Toni Bailey, 12236 Avers, addressed the Board and questioned
151 the article in the Village newsletter by Trustee Godfrey concerning the budget and possible
152 reduction in police and fire personnel. Trustee Godfrey emphasized the need for residents to
153 contact their state representatives urging them to vote no on LGDF, which is a 30% reduction in
154 funding from the State of Illinois.

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156 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Godfrey to move into executive session to discuss
157 the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific
158 employees of the public body; seconded by Trustee Daddona. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees
159 Shapiro, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels, Daddona, and Quinn. Motion carried.

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161 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Shapiro to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Michaels.
162 Motion carried.

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164 Respectfully submitted,

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170 Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois