

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 13, 2005



- 1) Mayor Kitching called the Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll as follows: Present: Trustees Castaldo, Ceretto, Quinn, Shapiro, Collins and Graczyk. Also present Mayor Kitching, Clerk Venhuizen and Attorney Mathias Delort.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 2) Mayor Kitching will appoint Police Chief Richard Dalzell to the 911 Enhanced Telephone System Board; reappoint the three Commissioners with terms that expired 4/30/05 to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and one reappointment to the Police Pension Board.
- 3) Mayor Kitching will present an amendment to the Salary Ordinance to include a raise for the Heritage I and Heritage II Maintenance Manager. As a cost cutting measure a Maintenance Manager position was eliminated, and additional job responsibilities were given to the remaining manager, justifying a salary increase. Additionally, the amendment will include an increase of \$1.25 daily salary increase for Crossing Guard Attendants.
- 4) Trustee Quinn asked if the Code Enforcement Officer received a salary increase and Mayor Kitching will clarify.
- 5) Trustee Ceretto asked if the salary \$8.45 hourly for Summer Help remained the same as last year, and Mayor Kitching responded yes.
- 6) Mayor Kitching will present an agreement with Clifton Gunderson LLP to perform the Village audit.

CLERK REPORT

- 7) Clerk Venhuizen will present the May IDOT MFT report.
- 8) ATTORNEY REPORT - no report.

ENGINEER REPORT

- 9) Tom Lang, Village Engineer, reported he will be out of town next Monday. Gallagher Asphalt plans on starting the Prairie View Project on June 27, 2005, and will delay any road excavations until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

FINANCE REPORT

- 10) Trustee Ceretto will present a list of bills.
- 11) Trustee Ceretto will present two requests for transfer tax refunds: 1) Joanne M. Suczynski, 12055 S. Leamington, totaling \$847.00, and 2) Pamela A. Stoffregen, 11534 S. Kilbourn, totaling \$472.50.
- 12) Trustee Ceretto will present a request from C.C.A. Restoration, Inc. for a refund of three vehicle stickers totaling \$75.00, which were returned to the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 13) Trustee Collins will recommend the appointment of Lt. Timothy Walsh to the vacant Deputy Chief of Safety position.
- 14) Trustee Collins will request authorization for the Fire & Police Commission to fill the vacant Lieutenant position from the current promotional list.
- 15) Trustee Collins will present a letter of thanks from resident Sean Murphy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 16) Trustee Ceretto will present the May 2005 Police Department Activity Report.
- 17) Trustee Ceretto will present the following block party requests: 1) residents of Ven Beveren Drive, July 9, 2005, noon-10:00 p.m.; 2) Tripp, 117<sup>th</sup> – 118<sup>th</sup> Street, August 6, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – midnight; 3) Mansfield, 125<sup>th</sup> Street to 126<sup>th</sup> Street, including cul de sac, August 13, 2005, noon – midnight; 4) Lawndale, 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and 122<sup>nd</sup> Place, July 30, 2005, 8:00 a.m. – midnight; 5) Lockwood, 119<sup>th</sup> Street, July 16, 2005, 1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; 6) Graduation party with live band, 11865 S. Lavergne, June 18, 2005, 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.; 7) Graduation party, 11918 S. Lavergne, July 16, 2005, live band 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; 9) Graduation party with disk jockey, 11844 S. Leamington, June 24, 2005, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Trustee Ceretto asked for a consensus of the Board for the Graduation party on June 18, 2005 at 11865 Lavergne, and there was no objection.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 18) Trustee Castaldo will present a request to purchase/lease a 1027 copier at a cost of \$1,900, if purchased or \$54.84 per month for 48 months if leased. Discussion followed.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 19) Trustee Shapiro reported on a request from Michael Spongberg, Building Commissioner, for a change in the plumbing code to the updated Chicago code of March 24, 2001 with amendments through October 4, 2003 to include the use of PVC pipe for waste and vents in residential buildings. Discussion followed.
- 20) Trustee Shapiro reported on correspondence from Trainor Glass, 11901 S. Austin, reporting a dangerous intersection at 118<sup>th</sup> & Austin, northeast corner. The Kocsis Brothers sign interferes with a driver's line of sight when looking to the north on Austin Avenue, when facing westbound on 118<sup>th</sup> Street at the stop sign. Building Commissioner Spongberg recommended a three way stop sign. Trustee Shapiro will refer this to the Police Department for review and recommendation.
- 21) Trustee Shapiro reported on a request from the Alsip Park District for two temporary signs advertising the Gymnastic Program Car Wash on June 25, 2005, and waiver of fees. The signs will be placed at 127<sup>th</sup> & Kostner and 123<sup>rd</sup> & Kostner.
- 22) Trustee Shapiro reported on a request for a variance to erect a 6' high fence in front of the building line along Dixie Drive at 11421 Magnolia Lane. The house is on a corner and the resident would like to bring the fence out to the sidewalk. Mr. Wisek, homeowner, was in attendance to answer questions. Trustee Ceretto advised Mr. Wisek the Village requires a 15' setback from sidewalk all the way across for safety reasons. Trustee Quinn commented that if the Village continues to grant variances for 6' fences in front of the building line, the Board should eliminate the setback ordinance. Discussion followed.
- 23) Trustee Shapiro reported on a request for a variance extension of 120 days from the Chateau Buche/Kitchen Addition, 11535 S. Cicero Avenue. A variance was granted on July 19, 2004; a letter submitted in November, 2004 requested an additional 120 days with plans to start construction in the summer.
- 24) Trustee Shapiro reported information on the request for a permit for a paint ball field from Fun Time Square, 11901 S. Cicero, has been given to the Board, and this item will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- 25) In response to a question from the attorney, the Board advised the attorney that ordinances are prepared after the requests are granted.
- 26) HEALTH & POLLUTION – no report.

WATER & SEWER REPORT

- 27) Trustee Quinn reported on the previously discussed need for a pump at the lift station at 125<sup>th</sup> & Holiday Drive, and recommended that the purchase of a rebuilt pump from Metropolitan Pump at a total cost of \$9,752. Metropolitan charged \$1,880 to find the problem with the pump, which is included in the total cost.
- 28) Trustee Quinn reported the Board previously approved the purchase of a pump for the water pumping station, and a mechanical contractor has a difference of opinion as to the cause of the problems with the pump. Trustee Quinn asked this item be placed on the agenda.

LICENSE REPORT

- 29) Trustee Graczyk will present a list of licenses dated 6/13/05.
- 30) Trustee Graczyk presented a request from Red Shoe Billiards, 12009 S. Pulaski for a permanent variance to the ordinance governing hours of operation to extend closing time to 3:00 a.m., Sunday-Thursday, and 4:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Chief Dalzell did not have a problem with the request. Mr. John Lavin, owner, explained the reason for the requested extension of hours was to compete with a neighboring business.

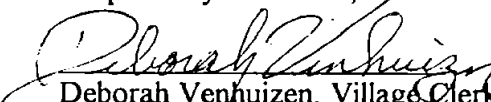
PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

- 31) Trustee Quinn reported on the request from Steven Gianakas, Condesa Del Mar, for a foundation permit for the construction of condominiums. Trustee Quinn visited the site on Sunday and the west lot was full, and felt there would be a severe parking shortage when events are held on Friday and Saturday. Trustee Quinn will recommend denial of the building permit because when original authorization was given for the three condominium units, there was no gas station on the corner. When the gas station was built, Mr. Gianakas eliminated a large number of parking spaces.
- 32) VILLAGE PROPERTY – no report.
- 33) INSURANCE – no report.
- 34) ORDINANCE AND LEGISLATION – no report.

BOAT LAUNCH

- 35) Trustee Graczyk will request amendment to Ordinance 2005-3-2, Section 1, Article B, removal of the first sentence to comply with the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The attorney will prepare the ordinance.
- 36) Trustee Graczyk will request authorization to purchase shirts and hats for the employees at the Boat Launch for identification purposes.
- 37) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.  
NEW BUSINESS
- 38) Stanley Marek, 120<sup>th</sup> & Hamlin requested clearing of the weeds from the sidewalk on 120<sup>th</sup> between Hamlin and Avers.
- 39) Resident, 12050 S. Leamington, reported living on the west side of Cicero and there is no safe way for her children to get to Park District activities on the east side of Cicero.
- 40) Dennis Kelly, again asked about the finances of the Village.
- 41) It was a consensus of the Board to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deborah Venhuizen, Village Clerk  
Village of Alsip