

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 January 9, 2012
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6 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the
7 following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Quinn and Dalzell, and Mayor Kitching.
8 Also in attendance Village Attorney, Todd Hayden. Absent: Trustees McGreal and Ryan.
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10 PRESENTATION: Mayor Kitching introduced Dan Donahue, representing the Joint Action Water
11 Agency (JAWA), and Project Manager, Postl-Yore Engineering. Mr. Donahue introduced Brett Postl,
12 PE, President of Postl-Yore Engineering, Mayor Don Peloquin, City of Blue Island.
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14 Mr. Donahue reported the administrative structure of the proposed system is a local government
15 cooperative allowed under Illinois State Statutes, known as Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA's) are
16 recognized Illinois Municipal Corporations empowered to finance, build, operate and maintain water
17 supply systems under the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. On June 30, 2011, the South
18 Suburban Joint Action Water Agency (SSJAWA) was formed by Intergovernmental Agreement in
19 accordance with state statutes and held its first meeting. Founding members of the agency were the City
20 of Markham and the Village of Robbins. On September 1, 2011, the agency voted to accept the
21 membership request from the City of Harvey and the City of Blue Island on January 5, 2012. It has
22 since grown to represent the interest of ten municipalities with average daily water demands of
23 seventeen million gallons.
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25 The executive summary submitted to the Board included a copy of the intergovernmental agreement
26 with details and responsibilities of agency members, the agency administrative structure, the methods by
27 which the agency costs are shared and water rates are determined. The executive summary also includes
28 a description of the system infrastructure. On the Indiana side there is a new raw water intake into Lake
29 Michigan and a facility to pump raw water across the state line into Illinois. On the Illinois side there is
30 a new ultra filtration water plant and a new transmission main to members' municipal water system.
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32 Construction of the system will be funded by water revenue bonds, backed by long term water purchase
33 agreements between the agency and the member municipalities. The water rates charged by the agency
34 to its members cover bond repayment obligation, and the operation, repair and maintenance of the water
35 system. Financial infrastructure of the system costs are based on a projected start date in 2013 and a
36 project completion date in 2016.
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38 Agency member wholesale water rates are dependent on several factors including the water demand of
39 individual members and distance of the member municipalities from the treated water transmission main
40 and the water treatment facility. Modeled with the current membership and an operational date set in the
41 year 2016, the wholesale water rate of an Agency member would average \$3 per thousand gallons.
42 Agency members closer or farther from the treated water transmission main and water treatment plant
43 should expect wholesale rate deviations plus or minus 15%. By comparison in 2016, the Chicago water
44 rate will be between \$3.82 and \$4.11 per thousand gallons.
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46 Most suburban municipal wholesale consumers of Chicago water have no economic alternative and will
47 be forced to pay the ever increasing water Charges. Unfortunately, these communities will find
48 themselves at a competitive disadvantage attracting growth and economic development as industry and
49 manufacturing build or relocate in communities with affordable water rates. The south suburban
50 customers of Chicago water have a viable alternative, developed by Postl-Yore & Associates, Inc., and
51 Public Funding Enterprises.
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53 Trustee Quinn questioned the estimated water rates per member municipality in 2016, and Mr. Donohue
54 responded when this system is built the average rate will be \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons, but could fluctuate
55 15% either side of the \$3.00 depending on how close the municipality to the transmission main and
56 water treatment plant. Trustee Quinn pointed out the Village of Alsip is the furthest western and
57 northern municipality in the proposed district. Mr. Donahue responded potential rates range between
58 \$3.45-\$3.60 per thousand gallons. Mayor Peloquin, reported the City of Blue Island had the same
59 concerns because of their location, but decided to join in order to set the water rates which are estimated
60 at \$3.00-\$3.15 per thousand gallons, as opposed to Chicago rates of \$3.85-\$3.90 per thousand gallons.
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66 Discussion followed on the water rates of northern municipalities that created a similar water supply
67 system, and Trustee Quinn pointed out that final water rates were higher than proposed. Trustee Quinn
68 also pointed out that the Village of Alsip supplies water to Crestwood and Palos Heights.

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70 Trustee Quinn questioned payment of water for communities in the JAWA that cannot pay; currently the
71 City of Chicago is absorbing that cost. Discussion followed on the importance of staying connected to
72 the City of Chicago, as an alternative source for water.

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74 Mr. Donahue asked the Board to review the Intergovernmental Agreement and if acceptable, pass an
75 Ordinance to enact the Intergovernmental Agreement and send a representative to sit on the JAWA
76 Board when initial decisions are decided. Until January 25, 2012, any municipality can join or withdraw
77 unilaterally. If the agency board doesn't extend that date, a municipality can still become a member but
78 if the Village of Alsip decided to leave, it would need approval of two-thirds of the sitting members and
79 would have to pay pro rata any charges that were incurred while Alsip was a member. In response to a
80 question from Trustee Quinn concerning the initial costs to the Village of Alsip, Mr. Donahue reported
81 that would be a JAWA Board decision.

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83 Mayor Kitching reported discussion on member communities that do not pay for water the bills, and
84 Mayor Peloquin responded that financial experts suggested individual homeowners and businesses pay
85 their water bills directly to JAWA, and JAWA cashes the check, keeps what is owed to them, and sends
86 the difference back to the town. The individual municipalities would be responsible for the money owed
87 in their communities and turning the water off at the location of the unpaid water bill. Mayor Kitching
88 reported the attorney will review the intergovernmental agreement and the ordinance for review at the
89 next committee meeting.

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91 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching gave an update on the new law effective January 1, 2012,
92 prohibiting the disposal of electronic equipment for pickup by Allied Waste. Acme Refining has agreed
93 to place a dumpster at the old Public Work's garage for drop off of these items by residents at no charge.
94 Acme will pay the Village a small fee for scrap. b) The Irish Manor Restaurant at 115th & Pulaski has
95 been purchased by Las Fuentes.

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97 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) November, 2011 FOIA Report with 13 requests
98 and December, 2011 FOIA Report with 6 requests. b) Report the revised meeting schedule for the month
99 of January, 2012, presented by Trustee Daddona and approved by Board consensus at the December 27,
100 2011 Committee meeting is on the Consent Agenda for formal approval. Board meetings for January,
101 2012: January 3 - no meeting, January 9 - Board meeting, January 16 - Committee meeting, January 23-
102 Board meeting and January 30 - Committee meeting.

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104 ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

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106 ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Lang, Village Engineer, presented: a) Request for approval of an IDOT
107 Agreement with the Village of Alsip regarding the improvement of Illinois Route 50 and the Cal Sag
108 bridge rehabilitation. b) Request for approval of an IDOT Resolution for Improvement by Municipality
109 Under the Illinois Highway Code regarding the street lighting on the Cal Sag Bridge, (Village owned
110 lighting.)

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112 PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Kitching asked for any input from the public; there was none.

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114 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) Request for approval of a payroll list dated
115 December 30, 2011. b) Request for approval of an accounts payable list dated January 9, 2012.
116 c) Request for approval of a proposal from Kane McKenna and Associates, Inc. to assist the Village in
117 the termination of the existing 123rd and Cicero TIF District, the designation of a new larger TIF District
118 and the designation of a coterminous Business District.

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120 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

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128 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Daddona presented: a) Request for approval of the Garcia
129 timesheets. b) Presentation by Ms. Lorie Chesna, SWSRA rescheduled. c) Report that Officer Daniel
130 Heimerdinger and Officer Brian McIntyre were sworn in at the December 27, 2011 Committee meeting.

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132 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Quinn to table the request for
133 approval to create a new administrative position in the Public Works Department until the next
134 Committee meeting; seconded by Trustee Dalzell. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Daddona,
135 Quinn and Dalzell. Motion carried. Trustee Quinn reported there is no need for an Executive Session
136 scheduled for the purpose of discussing the administrative position and removed the Action Item
137 following the Executive Session. Trustee Quinn requested scheduling an Executive Session following
138 the January 16, 2012 Committee meeting to discuss creation of a new administrative position in the
139 Public Works Department and contract negotiations.

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141 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.

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143 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

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145 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Dalzell presented: a) Water Department Report for December, 2011.

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147 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated
148 December 27, 2011. Trustee Quinn reported a short Building and License Committee meeting will take
149 place immediately following this meeting.

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151 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) Request for approval to refer to the
152 Planning and Zoning Commission for Public Hearing and review the Planning & Zoning application
153 requesting a Zoning Map Amendment (Farming to I-2 Industrial) and a Subdivision request for the
154 property located at 13101 S. Pulaski Avenue (northeast corner of 131st & Crawford).

155 156 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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158 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: No report.

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160 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Quinn reported the Insurance Committee meeting scheduled did
161 not take place and will be rescheduled.

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163 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Dalzell tabled the request for approval of an Ordinance
164 Authorizing a Local Vendor Purchasing Policy until the January 16, 2012 Committee meeting, and
165 removed Item F from the Consent Agenda.

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167 IT: No report.

168 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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170 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

171 172 CONSENT AGENDA

173 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda, in addition to
174 Item F; there were none.

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176 Motion by Trustee Daddona to Establish the Consent Agenda as modified; seconded by Trustee Shapiro.

177 178 CONSENT AGENDA

- 179 A. Approval of minutes of December 19, 2011 Board meeting.
180 B. Approval of minutes of December 27, 2011 Committee meeting.
181 C. Approval of a list payroll dated December 30, 2011, totaling \$345,296.62.
182 D. Approval of a list of Accounts Payable dated January 9, 2012, totaling \$391,929.52.
183 E. Approval of a list of licenses dated December 27, 2011.

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190 F. ~~Approval of an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOCAL VENDOR PURCHASING~~
191 ~~POLICY.~~ (tabled to January 16, 2012)
192 G. Approval of an IDOT RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER
193 THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. **Resolution No. 2012-1-R-1.**
194 H. Approval to accept the revised meeting schedule for the month of January, 2012, canceling the
195 meeting on January 3, 2012, and rescheduling the Board meetings to January 9th and January
196 23rd, and the Committee meetings to January 16th and January 30th.
197 I. Approval of an IDOT Agreement with the Village of Alsip regarding the improvement of Illinois
198 Route 50 and the Cal Sag bridge rehabilitation.
199 J. Approval of a proposal from Kane McKenna and Associates, Inc. to assist the Village in the
200 termination of the existing 123rd & Cicero TIF District, the designation of a new larger TIF
201 District and the designation of a coterminous Business District.
202 K. Approval of the Garcia timesheets.
203 L. Approval to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Public Hearing and review, the
204 Planning & Zoning application requesting a Zoning Map Amendment (Farming to I-2 Industrial)
205 and a Subdivision request for the property located at 13101 S. Pulaski Avenue (northeast corner
206 of 131st & Crawford).
207 M. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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209 Roll #2: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Quinn and Dalzell. Motion carried

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211 Motion by Trustee Quinn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Daddona.

212 Roll #3: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Quinn and Dalzell. Motion carried.

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214 Item F was removed for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

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216 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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218 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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220 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Shapiro to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Daddona. All in favor;
221 none opposed. Motion carried.

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223 Respectfully submitted,

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226 Deborah Venhuizen
227 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois