

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE MEETING
May 14, 2012

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7 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the
8 following in attendance: Trustees McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell, Ryan, and Mayor
9 Kitching. Trustee Shapiro was absent.

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11 Mayor Kitching introduced Robert Streit and Dennis Brennan, representing SBC Government
12 Solutions. SBC serves several neighboring municipalities. Mr. Streit and Mr. Brennan addressed
13 the Board on the advantages of contracting with SBC. SBC offers consulting and lobbying
14 services, public relations, grant writing and assistance in obtaining Community Block
15 Development Grant (CDBG) funds that can be used for capital improvements; water main
16 replacements, streets, sidewalks, curbs, community centers and senior centers. SBC would be
17 paid a retainer fee for specific duties to be paid in monthly installments of \$2000.00. Any work
18 beyond the specific duties would be paid at the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour. Administrative
19 fees could be paid out of GDBG funds. No work would be undertaken without the direction of
20 the Village. Mailing and printing fees are additional. The Mayor informed the Board that Alsip
21 has made several proposals for CDBG funds and have never received the funds. The Board will
22 review the information. Trustee Quinn as chairman of the Finance Committee, was asked to be
23 point of contact for this proposal and to revisit after Board review.

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25 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching presented: 1) Appreciation to all the volunteers that
26 participated in the very successful and profitable ABC Flower Sale that was held on Saturday. 2)
27 Report that a copy of minutes of the JAWA meeting and the executed agreement were sent
28 electronically to the Board and announced that the JAWA meetings have been changed to
29 monthly at 4:00 pm.

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31 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: 1) Presentation of the IDOT Motor Fuel Tax
32 Allotment for March and April, 2012. 2) Presentation of the FOIA Reports for March & April.
33 3) request for approval for the Village Hall to be closed on the following Saturdays to allow the
34 two clerks that would work Saturday to have a 3 day holiday: Saturday, May 26th - Memorial
35 Day holiday is Monday, May 28th and Saturday, Sept. 1st - Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 3rd.
36 4) distribution of two packets which include a copy of Ordinance 82-7-2; one to the Public
37 Works Commissioner as Co- Chair of the Loss Prevention Committee and one to Trustee
38 McGreal.

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40 PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Kitching called for input from the public; 1) Mr. Jim Bradford of the
41 Dakota Inn, spoke to the Board regarding legal video gaming in establishments located in the
42 Village. There have been recent changes in State of Illinois legislation to allow video gaming.
43 However, there is currently an Ordinance from 1994, in the Village Municipal Code which
44 prohibits video gaming in Alsip. Mr. Bradford and representatives from several other
45 establishments in the Village are requesting the Village Code be changed to allow video gaming
46 and the number of allowable games of skill be increased from three to five. The State and the
47 Village would share in the video gaming revenue funds allowing a source for capital construction,
48 road and infrastructure repairs and help provide jobs. Representatives from Southsides, the VFW,
49 the Sportsman's Club, and the Coin Operator's Association were in the audience to show support
50 of this request. Mike Shaugnessy, Cardinal Gaming, spoke in support of the request. His
51 organization, who would service several Village establishments, has to go through extensive
52 scrutiny, background checks and rules and regulations of the State Gaming Board, to provide the
53 service of terminal operators. Trustee Quinn offered a concern that a former Gaming Board
54 member refuted the validity of the controls. Mr. Shaugnessy offered that he felt that all parties are
55 audited regularly and that the controls are in place. The Mayor offered that there is Grant money
56 tied to these funds that we are currently ineligible to receive because of the existing Village
57 Ordinance. Mr. Ted Cattone, a terminal operator with a business located in Alsip, spoke in
58 support of the request and emphasized the extensive licensing regulations and background checks.
59 Mayor asked the Board whether or not we want to direct the Village Attorney to draft an
60 amendment to our existing ordinance. Trustee Dalzell indicated that he would like additional time
61 for the Board to review. Trustee Quinn asked that it be brought up at the next Committee meeting,
62 Tuesday, May 29th, for discussion.

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69 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of two payrolls - one
70 from May 4, 2012 and one from May 19th 2) Request for approval for a list of bills, 3) Reminder
71 that there is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled at the conclusion of this Committee
72 meeting.

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74 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) List of bills 2) Monthly Report
75 for April, 2012 based on the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data.3) Report
76 that there is a Committee meeting to discuss collective negotiating matters on Thursday at 7pm.
77 The Mayor reported his intention to have Deputy Chief Tom Styczynski replace Fire Chief
78 Geraci when he retires on July 15, 2012 and Bob Ricker as Deputy Chief to replace Tom. This
79 intention is being announced now to enable training and the smooth transfer of responsibilities.

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81 POLICE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Daddona presented: 1) List of bills 2) Request for approval of
82 the Garcia timesheets, 3) Presentation of the monthly report and 4) Presentation of the annual
83 report.

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85 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) List of bills 2) a
86 request to advertise in house for one week for a full time position in the Public Works Dept. This
87 request was previously approved by consensus at the May 7, 2012 meeting.

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89 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Daddona presented: 1) Request for approval
90 of an Ordinance granting a fence variance for the property located at 5201 W. 121st Place. This
91 item was tabled at the May 7, 2012 meeting. 2) Request for approval of an Ordinance granting a
92 Fence Variance for the property located at 12249 South Hamlin Avenue. This item was tabled at
93 the May 7, 2012 meeting Trustee Ryan reported that the fence was already erected. Trustee
94 Ryan said that he checked past minutes but could not see a previous approval. Trustee Quinn
95 indicated that the variance may have been previously approved but the Ordinance was yet to be
96 approved. Clerk Venhuizen said she would check on the status. 3) Request for approval of an
97 Ordinance Granting a Fence Variance for the Property Located at 3700-3710 W. 119th Street.
98 This item was tabled at the May 7, 2012 meeting. Mr. Mike Conrad, 3700-3710 W. 119th St.
99 spoke regarding his fence variance indicating some urgency to erect the fence to protect the
100 privacy of his tenants. The Board gave consensus approval for the Fence Variance Ordinance for
101 this property. The Ordinance will be on the Board agenda for the official approval.
102 4) Presentation of the monthly report for April 2012. 5) Presentation of the annual report for
103 fiscal year 2011-12. 6) Presentation of a request for a Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W.
104 120th Street, to hold a rummage sale on June 14, 2012 from 9am to 4pm 7) Presentation of a
105 request to erect a sign advertising a gun safety class at the Sportsman Club, 5201 W. 115th
106 Street. Mr. Shaun Farmer addressed the Board regarding this sign request. He offered three
107 visual options for placement of the sign and a summary of what his class is about. The Board
108 discussed the matter and asked that the approval of Option 1 be placed on the Board agenda for
109 approval.
110 Trustee McGreal requested that the Building Supervisor, Spongberg be in attendance at the next
111 meeting to answer questions.

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113 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

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115 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Ryan presented: 1) Presentation of a request to hire six full time
116 temporary employees for the summer season. Each employee will work a maximum of 10 weeks
117 and are required to pass a physical before hiring. This expenditure has been appropriated for in
118 the 2012/13 budget.

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120 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of licenses.

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122 PLANNING/ZONING REPORT: No report.

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124 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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126 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Ryan presented: 1) Presentation of a request for approval of an
127 Ordinance Approving an Agreement between the Village of Alsip and AT&T Services, Inc. This
128 request was tabled at the May 7, 2012 meeting. An updated copy of the Agreement prepared by
129 the Village Attorney has been given to each of the Board members for review. 2) Presentation of

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135 a request to hire four (4) full time temporary summer employees for a maximum of 10 weeks.
136 This expenditure is included in the 2012-13 budget.

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138 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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140 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) Request that consideration be
141 given to an ordinance regarding the elected official's salaries and benefits that was previously
142 given to the Trustees for review and dialogue going on this matter. 2) Request that he would like
143 dialogue on an ordinance distributed by Trustee McGreal at last weeks meeting regarding
144 Section 259, regarding the appointment of officers. Clerk Venhuizen noted the Clerk, Mayor and
145 Village Attorney never received a copy of the referenced ordinance. Trustee McGreal clarified
146 that it was two weeks ago that she brought this item up and indicated that she will provide the
147 Clerk with a copy.

148 The Mayor asked for clarification of the first ordinance that was referenced. Trustee Dalzell
149 indicated that the ordinance removed the health benefits from elected officials and reduced the
150 salary of elected officials and made the Mayor's position part-time.

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152 The Mayor read the following responsive statement into the record:

153 In the early days of the founding of the Village of Alsip the nucleus of government was of
154 necessity, part time. There were part time Village officials and department heads. Village work
155 was done after personal work hours. The Village grew under this arrangement for many years. It
156 soon became necessary to appoint fulltime department heads to attend to the growing needs of
157 the Village as building and growth continued. It also became necessary to have full-time Village
158 officials available to attend the discussions and direction needed for community and business
159 growth. The full time attention is evident in what had occurred in the present size and fiscal base
160 of our Village.

161 We now have two trustees who want to return to the early system of part time leadership. Rumor
162 has it that one trustee wants to become the new part time Mayor. The other wants to become the
163 new established position of the Village Administrator. A Village Administrator is a very high
164 pay position. The new cost for Village leadership will increase greatly. The present Village
165 governing arrangement for both the past and present administration has worked very well as seen
166 in the strength and success of our Village.

167 In the Alsip Digest of March 1985 Mayor Andrews announced that he was now becoming a full
168 time Mayor and Village Clerk Robert Gruber was to be the full time Clerk. In his story Mayor
169 Andrews said in part "Alsip is one of many municipalities moving in this direction as more and
170 more discover that the demands of modern government require full time attention. Anything else
171 is more costly and less effective". "The cost of full time salaries weighed against cost effective
172 moves that full time service enables us to pursue and implement, reflect the wisdom of full
173 time". "Alsip is a busy, full time village. It requires knowledgeable, full time leadership. In
174 addition to the time required to pursue cost effective measures for taxpayers in general, a full
175 time Mayor and Clerk will be able to give better attention to needs of the individual. No one
176 wants to wait a week for an answer to a problem that's bugging them today. And they shouldn't
177 have to. That's what public service is all about. And that's what a full time Mayor and Clerk will
178 be able to do".

179 In 1985 when Mayor Andrews proposed the full time Mayor and Clerk positions, the Village had
180 a 12 million dollar budget, 100 employees and 90 businesses. Fast forward to today and we have
181 almost a 40 million dollar budget, 150 employees and 186 businesses.

182 A call for a step back at this time is both political and ill proposed!

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184 Trustee Dalzell indicated that he is not saying that Alsip does not need and deserve full time
185 administration, but that trained full time people who are not subject to being voted out of office
186 allows consistency and uniformity in the running of a municipality. These people would be held
187 accountable to the Board and the municipality. The Mayor responded that he felt this would be
188 costly and ineffective. Trustee Quinn disagreed. The matter was discussed further.

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190 The Mayor inquired whether or not retired official's benefits would be taken away. Trustee
191 Dalzell indicated that the benefit reduction would only apply to officials elected in future
192 elections beginning with the election in the year 2013. Clerk Venhuizen polled the Board as to
193 who currently receives benefits. Currently receiving insurance benefits: Trustee Dalzell as
194 component of his wife who is a full time Village employee (also eligible as a retiree), Trustee

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200 McGreal as a dependent of a retired Village employee, Trustee Daddona as a retired Village
201 employee. Not receiving insurance benefits: Trustee Ryan, Trustee Quinn and Clerk Venhuizen.
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203 IT REPORT: No Report.
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205 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee Quinn reported a job posting for employment will be made available
206 to the Clerk’s Office to be posted by the end of the week.
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208 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS
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210 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
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212 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Quinn asked the Board to look into and consider electric aggregation
213 referenda and to possibly discuss at the May 29, 2012 Committee meeting. Further discussion
214 took place.
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217 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Ryan to move into executive session to discuss the
218 appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the
219 public body, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)., seconded Trustee Daddona.
220 Roll #1: Voting “aye”: Trustees McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
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222 Mayor Kitching called the meeting back to order.
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225 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Quinn to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Ryan. All in
226 favor; none opposed. Motion carried at 9:40 p.m.
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232 Deborah Venhuizen
233 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois
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