

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
2 MINUTES OF  
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
4 July 2, 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, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell, Ryan and Mayor Kitching and  
8 Village Attorney Todd Hayden. Trustee Daddona absent.  
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10 Mayor Kitching called for motions accepting the appointments of Deputy Chief Tom Styczynski to Fire  
11 Chief and Lieutenant Robert Ricker to Deputy Fire Chief, Training & Safety Division, both  
12 appointments effective July 16, 2012.  
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14 Motion by Trustee Quinn to accept the appointment of Deputy Chief Tom Styczynski to Fire Chief,  
15 effective July 16, 2012; seconded by Trustee Ryan. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal  
16 Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.  
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18 Motion by Trustee Shapiro to accept the appointment of Lieutenant Robert Ricker to Deputy Fire Chief,  
19 Training & Safety Division effective July 16, 2012; seconded Trustee Dalzell. Roll #2: Voting "aye":  
20 Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.  
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22 Mayor Kitching performed the swearing in of both appointees, and called for a ten minute recess.  
23 Mayor Kitching called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m.  
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25 BID OPENING: IDOT, Hamlin Court Reconstruction – Section No. 09-00087-06-FP  
26 Clerk Venhuizen opened and read the following bids for Hamlin Court Reconstruction:  
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28 K-Five Construction, Lemont, IL, bond enclosed, Bid amount: \$231,953.07  
29 Crowley Sheppard Asphalt, Inc., Chicago Ridge, IL, bond enclosed, Bid amount: \$196,788.07  
30 "D" Construction, Inc., Coal City, IL, bond enclosed, Bid amount: \$160,183.57  
31 Gallagher Asphalt, Thornton, IL, bond enclosed, Bid amount: \$192,248.57  
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33 Clerk Venhuizen referred the bids to committee for review.  
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35 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported: 1) Construction started at the new Family Dollar Store  
36 at 123<sup>rd</sup> & Pulaski. 2) The Village issued permits for the new Pullmax Warehouse totaling \$152,500, and  
37 both of these companies will bring jobs to the Village. 3) JAWA: Mr. Donohue, Postl-Yore reported the  
38 Memorandum of Understanding was signed today by the Mayor of Whiting, Indiana. Trustee Quinn  
39 voiced concern with spending 1.6 million dollars in GO Bonds for a project where little information has  
40 been provided. He also questioned partnership with 2-3 communities that are currently in arrears to the  
41 City of Chicago for not being able to pay for water received. Additionally, he questioned the  
42 involvement of the communities that currently receive water from Alsip. The Village of Alsip is  
43 responsible for the total cost of their infrastructure and since water rates are limited by State Statute and  
44 allow no profit, return on money spent for infrastructure by the Village is hardly possible.  
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46 Mayor Kitching stressed the importance of moving forward now in order to discontinue the annual water  
47 increases from the City of Chicago. Discussion followed on information received/not received from  
48 JAWA. While Trustee Ryan was in favor of moving forward, he voiced concern with increasing  
49 resident's property taxes for this project. Mr. Donohue reported the Village is required to file a tax levy  
50 to secure the bonds; first year will have capitalized interest and the long term strategy is to take these out  
51 with revenue bonds to pay for the debt service through water revenue. It is possible you may have to  
52 levy taxes but that is not the intent. The intent is as this project moves forward, the future funding will  
53 be secured by the water contracts and not property taxes.  
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55 Trustee Dalzell reported the contract states the purchase of water which is not less than members' water  
56 volume commitment. The Board did not discuss our water volume commitment; we did discuss not  
57 completely withdrawing from the City of Chicago, but continuing with the use of 10%.  
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66 Mr. Donohue explained that for the purpose of short term financing for every member and downstream  
67 customers, we used their state allocated numbers which are high. Over the course of the feasibility and  
68 rate study, we will meet with every town to determine the quantity of water each town wants to buy over  
69 the course of the next 20-30 years. Trustee Dalzell pointed out that at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting the cost  
70 was estimated to be \$300,000 with Alsip responsible for 20%, and now the cost is 5.6 million dollars  
71 with Alsip responsible for 1.6 million. Discussion followed.

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73 Mayor Kitching called for a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving First Amended  
74 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of the South Suburban Joint Action Water Agency;  
75 Trustee Shapiro made the motion and there was no second.

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77 CLERK'S REPORT: No report.

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79 ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Hayden requested a closed session at the next meeting for an update  
80 on pending litigation.

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82 ENGINEER REPORT: Village Engineer presented: 1) Request for approval of an IDOT Resolution of  
83 Intent for roadway reconstruction improvements for Austin Avenue, from 115<sup>th</sup> to 118<sup>th</sup> Street.

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85 PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Kitching asked for any input from the public.

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87 Kevin Michaels, Alsip resident and former Trustee, recommended the Board stop playing politics and do  
88 what is right for the Village. Mr. Michaels pointed out the Village's water rates are at the mercy of the  
89 City of Chicago, with no end to rate increases. Discussion followed.

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91 John All, Alsip resident, recommended the Board set a meeting to further discuss.

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93 Lynn Dwyer, resident, questioned the lack of attendance at JAWA meetings by Board members, and  
94 recommended the Board stop playing politics. Discussion followed.

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96 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of payroll dated June  
97 29, 2012 totaling \$347,353.59. 2) Request for approval of a list of accounts payable dated July 2, 2012  
98 totaling \$367,679.46. 3) Request for approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal  
99 Year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. 4) Request for approval of the Estimate of Revenues  
100 Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Trustee Quinn removed Items F and G from the Consent  
101 Agenda and asked for motions approving.

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103 Motion by Trustee Quinn to approve the ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE  
104 FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013; seconded by Trustee Dalzell.

105 Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.

106 **Ordinance No. 2012-7-1.**

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108 Motion by Trustee Quinn to approve the ESTIMATE OF REVENUES ORDINANCE FOR THE  
109 FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013; seconded by Trustee Dalzell.

110 Roll #4: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.

111 **Ordinance No. 2012-7-2.**

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113 In response to Trustee Quinn's questions on the State of the Village Address given by the Mayor at the  
114 June 18, 2012 Board meeting, Mayor Kitching reported the following audit costs paid to Clifton  
115 Gunderson, the Village's auditing firm: audit year-2003, cost \$82,400; audit year 2004, cost \$99,031;  
116 audit year-2005, cost \$83,000; audit year-2006, cost \$72,923; audit year-2007, cost \$61,189; audit year-  
117 2008, cost \$66,596; audit year-2009, cost \$67,500; audit year-2010, cost \$70,003; audit year-2011, cost  
118 \$66,925. Mayor Kitching further reported that in 2005 the Village had \$829,208 in the general revenue  
119 fund. The exact expenditure for the Alsip Digest in 2003 was \$31,949.35; sharp contract to the current  
120 Alsip Community News that turned a profit of \$2,000 on the current issue. The Industrial vacancy is  
121 down from 9.8% to 8.4% in the past decade. The Village added 1,000 jobs in the past decade and our  
122 EAV is almost 50% of the entire community. Discussion followed.

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128 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) Report the Fire & Police Commissioners  
129 will be swearing in the next eligible candidate on the Lieutenant's list at the July 9, 2012 Committee  
130 meeting. 2) Report that D/C Tom Styczynski received a certificate of recognition and achievement for  
131 his services as a MABAS-Illinois Ambassador in relation to the NATO Summit.

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133 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) Request for approval of the Garcia  
134 timesheets. 2) Request for approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the disposal of Items of Personal  
135 Property Owned by the Village of Alsip (disposal of an Intoximeter 3000). 3) Request for approval of a  
136 Block Party for 124<sup>th</sup>-127<sup>th</sup> & Tripp, on August 4, 2012, from 11:30 am to 10:30 pm, with a DJ until  
137 10:00 pm.

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139 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) Report on the Emerald  
140 Ash Borer. The blight of the emerald ash borer has been confirmed throughout the Village of Alsip.  
141 The Village of Alsip is recognized as a quarantined town. The Public Works Department working in  
142 cooperation with the Department of Agriculture has positively identified the presence of the emerald ash  
143 borer in all neighborhoods. The infestation can be identified by the dead and dying ash trees in Village  
144 parkways and private properties. We estimate there are 5,000 plus trees on Village maintained properties  
145 and 15 to 20 percent are of the ash variety. The Public Works Department has proposed replacement of  
146 the wood chipper in the 2012-13 budget at a cost of \$52,000. The new chipper would be compliant with  
147 the Department of Agriculture standards and increase department productivity. The Board has to  
148 consider replacement of these trees, and at this time there is no appropriation in the 2012-13 budget.  
149 The Mayor reported all ash trees will be lost, and in some areas such as Laramie Square and Laramie  
150 Square II, that is all that was planted. The Village has to prepare a tree replacement program and  
151 consider a 50/50 replacement program for trees on Village property.

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153 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: 1) Request for approval for Tuthill  
154 Pump to hold a car wash on the property located at 12500 S. Pulaski on July 21, 2012, from 10 am to  
155 2 pm. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity called Operation Blessing. 2) Request for approval  
156 for Four Seasons of Fun, Inc., to hold a tent sale on the property located at 4845 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, from  
157 August 10, 2012 to September 11, 2012. 3) Request for approval for Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills,  
158 to place small wire signs at prominent street intersections in the Village of Alsip for three weeks prior to  
159 Sunday, August 5, 2012, to announce the annual church picnic. 4) Request for approval of an Ordinance  
160 Granting a Variance for a Shed for the Property Located at 11913 Lockwood Court, previously approved  
161 at the June 18, 2012 meeting.

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163 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

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165 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Ryan presented: 1) Report on water consumption provided by the City of  
166 Chicago. Mayor Kitching reported the Annual Village of Alsip 2011 Water Quality Report was mailed  
167 to all residents.

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169 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated June  
170 25, 2012.

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172 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: No report.

#### 173 174 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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176 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Trustee Ryan presented: 1) Request for approval to purchase an ADA  
177 compliant anchored access Global Chair Lift at a cost of \$4,557.00, from Diamond Pool & Spa, Inc.,  
178 including delivery, set up and staff orientation. The lift is to be used for access to the Heritage pool.  
179 Trustee Ryan amended the request to read to purchase two Global Chair Lifts at a cost of \$4,557.00 each  
180 for use at Heritage I and Heritage II pools.

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182 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) Loss Prevention Meeting minutes from  
183 March, 2011 – March, 2012.

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190 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) Request for approval of an Ordinance  
191 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Illinois Office of the  
192 Comptroller and the Village of Alsip Regarding Access to the Comptroller's Offset System.

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194 IT: Trustee Dalzell reported the committee minutes were corrected regarding web links.

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196 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

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198 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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200 CONSENT AGENDA

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202 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda in addition to F  
203 and G; Trustee Dalzell amended Item Q to reflect purchase of two chair lifts. Motion by Trustee Shapiro  
204 to establish the Consent Agenda as modified; seconded by Trustee Ryan.

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206 CONSENT AGENDA

- 207 A. Approval of minutes of June 18, 2012 Board meeting.  
208 B. Approval of minutes of June 25, 2012 Committee meeting.  
209 C. Approval of a list payroll dated June 29, 2012, totaling \$347,353.59.  
210 D. Approval of a list of accounts payable dated July 2, 2012 totaling \$367,679.46.  
211 E. Approval of a list of licenses dated June 25, 2012.  
212 F. ~~Approval of THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR~~  
213 ~~MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013. (Removed and approved under Finance.)~~  
214 G. ~~Approval of THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR~~  
215 ~~2012-2013. (Removed and approved under Finance.)~~  
216 H. Approval of an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF ITEMS OF PERSONAL  
217 PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP. **Ordinance No. 2012-7-3.**  
218 I. Approval of an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
219 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF  
220 THE COMPTROLLER AND THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP REGARDING ACCESS TO THE  
221 COMPTROLLER'S OFFSET SYSTEM. **Ordinance No. 2012-7-4.**  
222 J. Approval of an ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR A SHED FOR THE  
223 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11913 LOCKWOOD COURT. **Ordinance No. 2012-7-5.**  
224 K. Approval of an IDOT RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION  
225 IMPROVEMENTS FOR AUSTIN AVENUE, FROM 115<sup>TH</sup> TO 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET.  
226 **Resolution No. 2012-7-R-1.**  
227 L. Approval of the Garcia timesheets.  
228 M. Approval of a Block Party for 124<sup>th</sup>-127<sup>th</sup> & Tripp, on August 4, 2012, from 11:30 am to 10:30  
229 pm, with DJ until 10:00 pm.  
230 N. Approval of a request from Tuthill Pump to hold a car wash on the property located at 12500 S.  
231 Pulaski, on July 21, 2012, from 10 am to 2 pm. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity  
232 called Operation Blessing.  
233 O. Approval of a request from Four Seasons of Fun, Inc. to hold a tent sale on the property located  
234 at 4845 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, from August 10, 2012 to September 11, 2012.  
235 P. Approval of a request from Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, to place small wire signs at  
236 prominent street intersections in the Village of Alsip, for (3) three weeks prior to Sunday, August  
237 5, 2012, to announce the annual church picnic.  
238 Q. Approval for a request to purchase ~~one~~ (2) ADA compliant anchored access Global Chair Lifts at  
239 a cost of \$4,557.00 each, from Diamond Pool & Spa, Inc. including delivery, set up and staff  
240 orientation. These lifts are to be used for access to Heritage I and II pools.

241 R. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

242 Roll #5: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.

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244 Motion by Trustee Shapiro to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Dalzell.

245 Roll #6: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.

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252 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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254 Motion by Trustee Dalzell to reconsider the adoption of the Ordinance Amending Section 2-59  
255 (Removal of Appointed Officers), Division 2 (Mayor) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Municipal  
256 Code of the Village of Alsip, (Ordinance No. 2012-6-2) and to override Mayor Kitching's veto;  
257 seconded by Trustee Quinn.

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259 Roll #7: Voting "aye": Trustees McGreal Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan.  
260 Voting "nay": Trustee Shapiro. Motion carried.

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262 Motion by Trustee Dalzell to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 2-59 (Removal of Appointed  
263 Officers), Division 2 (Mayor) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Municipal Code of the Village of  
264 Alsip, Ordinance No. 2012-6-2; seconded by Trustee Quinn.

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266 Roll #8: Voting "aye": Trustees McGreal, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan.  
267 Voting "nay": Trustee Shapiro (as advised by Council) Motion carried.

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269 Trustee Quinn requested placement on the next agenda as an action item to rescind the Sportsman's  
270 Club sign permit that was requested and issued for the promotion of gun safety classes.

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272 Attorney Hayden advised adoption of the Ordinance Amending Section 2-59, that requires after a  
273 second rejection of a Mayoral appointee by the Board, the Mayor must appoint a different person is an  
274 unlawful incursion on the Mayor's authority in accordance with the Illinois State Statutes and the  
275 Illinois Constitution. Discussion followed.

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277 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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279 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Quinn to adjourn; seconded by Trustee McGreal. All in favor;  
280 none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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286 Deborah Venhuizen  
287 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois