

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 16, 2012

Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell, Ryan and Mayor Kitching and Village Attorney Todd Hayden.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported: 1) The foundation will be poured tomorrow at the new Family Dollar Store at 123rd & Pulaski, with an opening date of October, 2012.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen reported: 1) There will be no Board meeting next Monday because of five Mondays in July. 2) IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for June, 2012 in the amount of \$35,116.01.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Hayden reminded the Board of the scheduled closed session at the end of this meeting to discuss pending litigation.

ENGINEER REPORT: Village Engineer presented: 1) Request for approval to award the contract for the IDOT General Obligation Bonds Phase 7/Hamlin Court Reconstruction to the lowest bidder, D. Construction, Inc., (new owners of Alpha Construction) in the amount of \$160,193.57.

Tom Lang, Village Engineer, reported that prior to this meeting he and Mayor Kitching met with an Alsip resident, Jean O'Connell and presented a check for \$500 from Robinson Engineering. Ms. O'Connell was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and is active in "Tour the Pink" an organization that offers support for women in similar situations. She is going ride a bike from Philadelphia to Washington DC to garner financial backing for the organization. Mayor Kitching commended Robinson Engineering for their support.

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

Ms. Teri Lapenslas, Alsip resident voiced opposition to removal of the gates on 123rd Street. Discussion followed.

Carol De'Pace Greene, Blue Island resident, raised concern with the fees charged by Stern Brothers & Co., the underwriter for the short-term financing to the South Suburban Joint Action Water Agency. Fees for acting as Underwriter to SSJAWA, financial advisor, other specified advisors, variable bonds such as swap or cap or in securing a reinvestment product for bond or loan proceeds to be reinvested, and questioned SSJAWA agreeing to indemnify Stern and hold harmless against all losses.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of payroll dated July 6, 2012 totaling \$378,548.75. 2) Request for approval of a list of accounts payable dated July 16, 2012 totaling \$498,753.43.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) Report the Alsip Fire Department has joined the Blue Island, Calumet Park, Dixmoor, Garden Homes, Midlothian, Palos Heights, and Palos Fire Departments in applying for a Department of Homeland Security grant. This grant will be used toward the purchase of replacement portable radios that meet the new FCC narrow banding requirements. The total grant is \$857,038, and the matching portion of the grant is 20% divided by the applicants.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Daddona presented: 1) Request for approval of the Garcia timesheets. 2) May and June, 2012 monthly reports. 3) Reminder that National Night Out is to be held on Tuesday, August 7, from 5pm to 10 pm, outside the Alsip Village Hall on Orchard Avenue between 122nd Street and 123rd Street. 4) Request for approval of a Block Party for Chippewa Ridge, 12540 Mansfield, on August 11, 2012, from noon to 10 pm with a DJ.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) Report a recommendation for contract renewal for holiday decorations will be presented at the next meeting.

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66 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: 1) Request for consensus of the
67 Board to allow At Home America, 5625 W. 115th Street, to conduct a warehouse sale either July 25,
68 2012-July 28, 2012 or August 1, 2012-August 4, 2012. There was no objection from the Board. At
69 Home America also noted they have resided in Alsip for approximately 17 years, but will be moving to
70 another location in August. Trustee Shapiro recommended Mary Schmidt, Alsip Chamber, contact At
71 Home America to possibly assist in finding a smaller facility in Alsip.

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73 HEALTH & POLLUTION: No report.

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75 SEWER & WATER: Prior to presenting the motions under ACTION ITEMS, Trustee Ryan asked the
76 Village attorney if he reviewed the SSJAWA first amended intergovernmental agreement and the
77 Ordinance providing for the execution and delivery of a Member Guaranty Agreement for the issuance
78 of \$1,650,000 GO Bonds. Attorney Hayden reported the agreements are standard and were prepared by
79 JAWA Council and Bond Council. Mr. Donohue, Postl-Yore, explained the initial January 12, 2012
80 agreement was amended and to remain a member of JAWA, the Alsip Village Board needs to approve
81 the first amended intergovernmental agreement. Attorney Hayden explained the amended agreement
82 contains more specificity and changes in regard to preliminary costs; otherwise the agreement is pretty
83 much the same as the initial agreement. Discussion followed. Trustee Quinn clarified that following the
84 feasibility study the Alsip Village Board can opt out of JAWA by not entering into a long term
85 agreement with the agency. Discussion followed. Trustee McGreal asked for clarification on the
86 amended agreement, regarding the term facility entity and whether it was changed to Indiana entity. Mr.
87 Donohue explained the entity is leased land in Indiana where we would put our facility to take water
88 from the lake and pump it across state line, and thought it was Indiana entity in the amended agreement.
89 In response to a question from Trustee McGeal, Attorney Hayden reported the indemnity clause is
90 common.

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92 Motion by Trustee Ryan to approve an Ordinance Approving First Amended Intergovernmental
93 Agreement for the Establishment of the South Suburban Joint Action Water Agency; seconded by
94 Trustee Shapiro.

95 Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan.

96 Voting "nay": Trustee McGreal. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2012-7-6.

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98 Motion by Trustee Ryan to approve an Ordinance providing for the execution and delivery of a Member
99 Guaranty Agreement and for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series
100 2012 (the "Bonds"), of the Village of Alsip, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual
101 tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said Bonds; Trustee Daddona.

102 Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan.

103 Voting "nay": Trustee McGreal. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2012-7-7.

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105 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated July 9,
106 2012.

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108 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: 1) Reminder there will be a CMAP
109 Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 24th at 6pm. This meeting involves the Steering
110 Committee members.

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114 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: No report.

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116 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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118 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) An Ordinance for Establishing
119 Compensation and Rate of Pay for Elected Officials of the Village of Alsip. In response to a question
120 from Mayor Kitching, Trustee Dalzell reported the Ordinance is up for a vote.

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122 The following is a summary of a statement read by Mayor Kitching: Referring to the ordinance Trustee
123 Dalzell placed on the agenda this evening which he passed out to only certain members of this board
124 previously.

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128 He did not discuss this issue openly in front of the public contrary to his and Trustee Ryan's campaign
129 promise #6 stating "we are dedicated to conduct all municipal business with openness, integrity and
130 fairness to everyone who lives and works in the Village of Alsip." I am sorry, as this doesn't seem to be
131 conducted with openness, integrity or fairness. In fact, it smacks of political retribution and
132 underhandedness. The very fact that you would consider reducing the Mayor's salary for Mayor and
133 Liquor Commissioner some 64% is ridiculous, not to mention the Village Clerk 39%, and only future
134 Trustees 25%, makes this ordinance purely political and you should be ashamed of yourselves. This is a
135 thinly veiled attempt to gain total control over this Village and remove any checks and balances from
136 our form of government. The Office of the Mayor is an essential part of successful Village government.
137 A successful Mayor/Liquor Commissioner works many long hours running the day to day business of
138 our town; our form of government demands it. In 1985 Mayor Andrews proposed full-time Mayor and
139 Clerk positions with a 12 million dollar budget, 100 employees and 90 businesses. In 2012, there is a 40
140 million dollar budget, 150 employees and 861 businesses. The residents of the Village of Alsip deserve
141 to be heard on such a significant change to their government. I encourage public hearings on this
142 ordinance, and so should this Board.

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144 Mayor Kitching opened the meeting to the public for comment.
145 Kevin Michaels, Alsip resident, and Trustee from 2007-2011, commented he considered what the Board
146 is doing with the pay salary is deplorable. Oak Lawn pays their Village Manager \$166,000 and hired an
147 assistant for \$40,000. The salary proposed for the Alsip Mayor is less than the assistant in Oak Lawn.
148 Mr. Michaels recommended putting this question to the public via referendum in November.

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150 Mark Dwyer, Alsip resident, Laramie Square II, questioned the rationale of Trustees reducing the
151 salaries of two individuals twice as much as themselves. What equation was used to reduce the salary of
152 the head of a 40 million dollar corporation from an estimated \$100,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Dwyer
153 recommended public input and offered to assist in getting the word to the residents.

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155 Mrs. Dwyer, Alsip resident, asked the purpose of changing the salaries. Trustee Dalzell reported the
156 intent is to hire a Village administrator who isn't subject to the voting process, and would uniformly
157 maintain the Village at a professional level. Mrs. Dwyer recommended a full time Mayor and part-time
158 administrator. Trustee Dalzell reported he does not believe you need to pay to have a qualified person,
159 you need a dedicated person, and noted successful organizations in Alsip run with volunteers. Because
160 of the election process a person could fall out of favor with the people and the uniformity of operation
161 fails. Compared to a person who is hired and doing a competent professional job; they continue to do so
162 despite an election. Mrs. Dwyer recommended putting this question to the public.

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164 Mr. Dwyer, reported it appears certain Board members want to control the total management of the
165 government above and beyond what the public wants, and they are creating another layer of
166 government. Mr. Dwyer felt the Mayor's position should never be a part time job. Discussion followed.

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168 Mr. Michaels noted the problems Oak Lawn is having with the Village Manager, and felt if someone has
169 a problem they should be able to come in and talk to the Mayor. The Village Manager is a fall guy for
170 the Board, and recommended the public have direct contact with the Mayor.

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172 Trustee Quinn asked Mr. Michaels if he went to referendum when Trustee salaries were increased four
173 years ago. Mr. Michaels reported there was no referendum, however, he did not accept the raise for two
174 years in office, and was not re-elected; Trustees Ryan, Dalzell and McGreal received the raise.
175 Discussion followed.

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177 Trustee Quinn reported many months ago gave a list out of administrative finance totals: 2002-03 total
178 \$920,000 (\$795,000 administration, \$125,000 finance); 2011-12 total \$1,058,000 (\$544,994
179 administration, \$513,933 finance). Over that period of time there was a change in how this village was
180 run. The Mayor hired a professional financial director which balanced the numbers in 2011-12. In 2003,
181 the Mayor was the budget person now this work is done in finance. Looking at the numbers that is part
182 of the justification of decreasing the Mayor's salary.

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184 Trustee Shapiro reported he sent a proposal to the committee two weeks ago recommending a decrease
185 in all salaries of \$2,500, and requested the costs associated with hiring a full time administrator
186 including benefits, and to date received no feedback.

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190 Trustee Shapiro further stated that Trustee McGreal distributed two more draft ordinances prior to this
191 evening's meeting, and made it clear that by state statute the people elected at the last election cannot
192 have their salaries reduced. Consequently, Trustees Ryan, McGreal and Dalzell keep their salaries of
193 \$13,368, while all the new Trustees will be at \$10,000.
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195 Mayor Kitching pointed out some of the things the Mayor's office has accomplished including millions
196 of dollars in investments, many donations, and millions of dollars in grants. He further stated the Village
197 is in a better financial condition than it has been since 1927. Mayor Kitching made note of the monies in
198 the general revenue reserve fund; saved for emergencies, and to cover any lack of payment from the
199 State of Illinois or Cook County.
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201 Joe Bochniak, Alsip resident, recommended eliminating the health insurance benefit for Trustees who
202 are considered part time.
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204 Ray Pettavino, Alsip resident, asked about addressing the Board during a meeting.
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206 IT: No report.
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208 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.
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210 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.
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212 CONSENT AGENDA
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214 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed; there were none. Motion by Trustee
215 Dalzell to establish the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Daddona.
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217 CONSENT AGENDA
218 A. Approval of minutes of July 2, 2012 Board meeting.
219 B. Approval of minutes of July 9, 2012 Committee meeting.
220 C. Approval of a list payroll dated July 6, 2012, totaling \$378,548.75.
221 D. Approval of a list of accounts payable dated July 16, 2012 totaling \$498,753.43.
222 E. Approval of a list of licenses dated July 9, 2012.
223 F. Acceptance of the IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for June, 2012 in the amount of \$35,116.01.
224 G. Approval to award the contract for the IDOT General Obligation Bonds Phase 7/Hamlin Court
225 Reconstruction to the lowest bidder, D. Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$160,193.57.
226 H. Approval of the Garcia timesheets.
227 I. Approval of a Block Party for Chippewa Ridge, 12540 Mansfield, on August 11, 2012, from
228 noon to 10 pm, with a DJ.
229 J. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.
230 Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
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232 Motion by Trustee Shapiro to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Dalzell.
233 Roll #4: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
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235 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion by Trustee Quinn to rescind Board authorization for the display of a
236 sign at the Sportsman Club, 5201 W. 115th Street, subject to review by legal Council; seconded by
237 Trustee McGreal. The sign currently on display is not in accordance with the requirements that were
238 approved at the May 21, 2012 Village Board meeting. Trustee Shapiro reported at last week's meeting
239 all Trustees were given a copy of the sign that displays gun safety in small letters. Discussion was held
240 with Mr. Spongberg and the gentleman running the classes and the agreement was to make the letters
241 larger. Since the Village ordinance did not specify size, Trustee Shapiro cautioned on infringing on
242 constitutional rights. Trustee Quinn pointed out that when the gentleman addressed the Board he clearly
243 stated the sign was for advertising gun safety classes. Attorney Hayden recommended review of the
244 application and make sure the Village has defined standards as to size of letters, etc. and further
245 discussion in executive session.
246 Roll #5: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
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253 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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255 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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257 Motion by Trustee Quinn to discuss pending litigation, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and collective bargaining
258 negotiations, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 2; seconded by Trustee Daddona.

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

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261 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Daddona to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Shapiro. All in favor;
262 none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

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264 Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois