

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 August 20, 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, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell, Ryan and Mayor
8 Kitching and Village Attorney Todd Hayden.
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10 BID OPENING: Roadway reconstruction improvements for Austin Avenue between 115th and 118th
11 Street, the last of the bond issue projects. Clerk Venhuizen opened and read the following bids:

- 12 D. Construction, Inc., Coal City, Bid Bond, \$267,248.80
- 13 Crowley Sheppard Asphalt Inc., Chicago Ridge, Bid Bond, \$295,669.87
- 14 K-Five Construction Corp., Lemont, Bid Bond, \$339,919.50
- 15 Gallagher Asphalt, Thornton, Bid Bond, \$295,446.87

16 Clerk Venhuizen referred the bids to committee for review.
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18 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching Presented a "Constitution Week Proclamation" proclaiming the
19 week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; urging all citizens to study the Constitution and
20 to reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that
21 privilege involves.
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23 PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT: Mayor Kitching read the following
24 statement and opened the hearing for public input: We are here tonight because five members of the
25 Village Board have proposed an ordinance to reduce the Mayor's salary by 64% for a full-time
26 executive level position. The members through their current and past actions have exhibited little or no
27 respect for the office of Mayor and his respective duties. This ordinance and the others which they
28 passed are a thinly veiled attempt to reduce the Mayor's position to a part-time status. Trustee Dalzell
29 stated that the ordinance was for a part-time Mayor position. This can be listened to on the Village
30 website if you so wish to do so. Yet his proposed ordinance says nothing about part-time. This ordinance
31 is deliberately vague, and the board has not responded to the voters questions in a clear, honest, and
32 concise manner. Trustee Quinn stated that by electing the five independent trustees of the Unity Party,
33 the people gave them the right to change our form of government without input of the residents. Several
34 of these trustees claimed to have talked with people in the community regarding their actions, but out of
35 the several hundred residents in attendance at the past two meetings, not one person has spoken on their
36 behalf or supported their actions. I believe all citizens want and deserve the opportunity to have their say
37 and to vote on this important change in our government. I am proposing this be done by referendum and
38 let the people decide and not the five independent trustees of the Unity Party. For all the residents who
39 have come repeatedly to voice your opinions – you're continued input is valued by me. We have been
40 elected to serve you, the people, and will continue to do my best to see that is accomplished. Following
41 brief discussion, Mayor Kitching opened the meeting to the public.

42 Kevin Michaels, resident, voiced frustration with the situation and asked the attorney if a sitting Board
43 member can accept a paid administrative position with the Village.

44 Susan Pretzel, resident, requested clarification of the salaries of the Director of Finance, Treasurer and
45 Accountant totaling \$252,993.00 in 2011.

46 Rich Przybyclen, resident, questioned history of the Finance Director position, and questioned the
47 attorney on actions the citizens can take to stop Board actions.

48 Archie Petzel, resident, pointed out how childish and petty this situation is and recommended the Board
49 work together.

50 Tom Ranfelt, resident, pointed out the high salaries of administrative personnel in surrounding
51 communities.

52 Phyllis Bender, resident, suggested reducing the number of Trustees.

53 Fernando Flores, resident, pointed out this is a fragmented Board that cannot operate effectively.

54 Louis Lermon, resident, recommended a referendum.

55 Ray Pettavino, resident, recommended more resident attend more Board meetings to be better informed.

56 Wayne Erdren, resident, researched and presented a list of the high salaries and benefits for
57 administrative personnel in many communities.

58 Gloria Schimic, resident, commended the residents for their work in fighting for their rights.

59 Chris Schmelzer, resident, discussed the lack of a plan.
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66 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen thanked Mr. Petzel for pointing out corrections to the agenda,
67 and pointed out all minutes are available to the public on the internet or through the internet at the
68 library.

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70 ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Hayden clarified Item M on Consent Agenda should read Resolution
71 approving 6b application.

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73 ENGINEER REPORT: No report.

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

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77 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of payroll dated August
78 10, 2012 totaling \$388,182.83. 2) Request for approval of a list of accounts payable dated August 20,
79 2012 totaling \$97,935.83. 3) Motion by Trustee Quinn to approve a RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT
80 AND CONSENT TO THE CLASS 6B INCENTIVE RENEWAL APPLICATION OF ROTH METAL
81 FABRICATORS, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3735 W. 128th PLACE, ALSIP,
82 ILLINOIS, an extension of their 6b assessment status granted on 12/3/2001 in Ordinance 2001-12-R-2;
83 seconded by Trustee Daddona.

84 Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
85 Resolution 2012-8-R-2. 3) Report a Board decision is required to direct the Finance Department on
86 how to proceed with notification from the Cook County Treasurer of balances due for Special Service
87 Areas 1, 2 and 3 totaling \$14,436.89.

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89 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Dalzell presented: 1) Request for approval to hire two
90 persons from the current hiring list; one person to fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of
91 Chief Geraci and recent promotions, and one person to fill the vacancy lost by attrition and not replaced.
92 2) Report Engine 2053, the 1986 Gruman Telesquirt Engine will be sold to the De Gualacco Volunteer
93 Fire Department in Ecuador. This sale was approved under Village Ordinance 2012-8-1. 3) Letter from
94 Jose A. Santiago, Fire Commissioner, Chciago Fire Department, sending heartfelt appreciation for
95 assisting and participating in the funeral services for Cook County Correctional Officer Nikki Bostic-
96 Jones. 4) Report the Fire Department acquired approximately \$4,500 worth of foam used for fighting
97 flammable liquid fires from the sister plant of the Alsip Arkema Coating Plant, 12840 S. Pulaski.

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99 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Daddona presented: 1) Request for approval of the Garcia
100 timesheets; inadvertently omitted from the August 6, 2012 Agenda. 2) Request for approval to hire a
101 new crossing guard, Frank Volpi, to replace Guard Evelyn Fertwagner, who is unable to return to duty.
102 Trustee Quinn corrected to strike "to replace Guard Evelyn Fertwagner" and corrected Line I on the
103 Consent Agenda.3) Special thanks to Chief Radz and Officer Gutierrez for an excellent job on National
104 Night Out.

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106 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: 1) Request for approval of
107 an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and/or Disposal of personal Property Owned by the Village of Alsip.
108 Unit #11, 1994 Ford L-8000 5-ton dump truck with plow and salt spreader. This equipment will be sold
109 at the Southwest Council of Mayors Municipal Auction on September 22, 2012 to the highest bidder.
110 2) Monthly report.

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112 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: 1) June, 2012 and July, 2012
113 monthly reports.

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115 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Daddona presented: 1) Report the Health Inspector wrote 42
116 municipal tickets for tall grass and garbage.

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118 SEWER & WATER: No report. Mayor Kitching reported an agenda will be sent to Trustee Ryan for
119 the next JAWA meeting.

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121 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: 1) Request for approval of a list of licenses dated August
122 13, 2012.

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124 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: No report.

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128 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
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130 VILLAGE PROPERTIES: Trustee Ryan presented: 1) Request for approval of a Management
131 Agreement for Heritage II Apartments between the Village of Alsip and Zeiler Management, Inc. Sue
132 Waddel of Zeiler Management, reported the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
133 Regulations monitors their Brokers license and requested a current Village contract. The Village
134 attorney has reviewed. 2) Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2012, immediately preceding
135 the Board meeting.

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137 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

138 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

139 IT: No report.

140 BOAT LAUNCH: No report.

141 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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143 CONSENT AGENDA
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145 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed; Trustee McGreal removed Item L.
146 Motion by Trustee Dalzell to establish the Consent Agenda as modified; seconded by Trustee Ryan.
147 Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell and Ryan. Motion carried.
148 Motion by Trustee Dalzell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee McGreal.

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150 CONSENT AGENDA

- 151 A. Approval of minutes of August 6, 2012 Board meeting.
152 B. Approval of minutes of August 13, 2012 Committee meeting.
153 C. Approval of a list payroll dated August 10, 2012, totaling \$388,182.83.
154 D. Approval of a list of accounts payable dated August 20, 2012 totaling \$97,935.83.
155 E. Approval of a list of licenses dated August 13, 2012.
156 F. Approval to hire two persons from the current hiring list; one person to fill the vacancy created
157 by the recent retirement of Chief Geraci and recent promotions, and one person to fill the
158 vacancy lost by attrition and not replaced.
159 G. Approval of the Garcia timesheets inadvertently omitted from the August 6, 2012 Agenda.
160 H. Approval to hire a new crossing guard to replace Guard Evelyn Fertwagner, who is unable to
161 return to work.
162 I. Approval to hire Frank Volpi as a crossing guard.
163 J. Approval of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE/DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL
164 PRPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE. Unit #11, 1994 Ford L-8000 5-ton dump truck with
165 plow and salt spreader, to be sold at the Southwest Council of Mayors Municipal Auction on
166 September 22, 2012 to the highest bidder. **Ordinance No. 2012-8-5**.
167 K. Approval of a Management Agreement for Heritage II Apartments between the Village of Alsip
168 and Zeiler Management, Inc.
169 L. ~~Approval of AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY~~
170 ~~REFERENDUM QUESTION REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF ALSIPS MOTOR VEHICLE~~
171 ~~LICENSE STICKER REQUIREMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE~~
172 ~~VILLAGE OF ALSIP AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION. Ordinance~~
173 ~~2012-8- (removed)~~
174 M. ~~Approval of a 6b renewal application from Roth Metal Fabricators, Inc., 3735 W. 128th Place,~~
175 ~~Alsip, Illinois. (approved under Finance Committee)~~
176 N. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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

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179 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: Item L Trustee Quinn questioned no mention of the
180 utility tax on the ordinance and no hard numbers required to make a decision. Mayor Kitching reported
181 there are no hard numbers available and this is only an advisory referendum.

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190 Trustee Dalzell pointed out that the seniors will be required to pay the extra 8-10% utility tax, and the
191 Board does not have any concrete figures. Trustee McGreal reported the lack of revenue from the
192 vehicle stickers will have a detrimental effect on the services provided by the Public Works Department
193 and recommended removal of this item pending further information. Trustee Quinn noted the Ordinance
194 on the Agenda makes no mention of a utility tax. Trustee Shapiro amended the Ordinance as follows;
195 Motion by Trustee Shapiro to approve AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF
196 AN ADVISORY REERENDUM QUESTION REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF ALSIPS MOTOR
197 VEHICLE LICENSE STICKER REQUIREMENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A UTILITY TAX
198 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP AT THE NOVEMBER 6,
199 2012 GENERAL ELECTION; seconded by Trustee Daddona.

200 Roll #4: Voting "aye": Trustees Shapiro, Daddona, Ryan and Mayor Kitching.

201 Voting "nay": Trustees McGreal, Quinn and Dalzell. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2012-8-6.**

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203 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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205 **NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Quinn requested the date of the Village-wide Garage Sale; September 15,
206 2012 is the date.

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208 Trustee Dalzell requested an Executive Session next week to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

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210 **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Daddona to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Quinn. All in favor;
211 none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.

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218 Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois