

VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING  
August 20, 2007

Mayor Kitching called the Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll and the following members were present: Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey and Michaels. Absent: Trustee McGreal. Also present Mayor Kitching, Clerk Venhuizen and Attorney Todd Hayden.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Kitching reported that the hours of operation for the business establishment, B.G. Fellows, was changed from closing time of 4:00 a.m. to a closing time of 2:00 a.m., effective August 20, 2007.

Mayor Kitching presented: a) a Lease Agreement for the property at 12204 South 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Alsip, Illinois for a period of one year commencing August 20, 2007 and ending September 1, 2008; b) request for authorization to have a Village sponsored Street Fair Day that would include food, arts & crafts vendors, tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2008 to be held on Kostner, 119<sup>th</sup> Street to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street; c) appointment of Andrew Hufnagl to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission as a Fire Department representative; d) request for approval of a Resolution opposing the dumping of sludge and ammonia into Lake Michigan by BP of Whiting, Indiana. Mayor Kitching read the following into the record: **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE POLLUTION OF LAKE MICHIGAN BY BRITISH PETROLEUM (BP).**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Alsip is located in Cook County, Illinois, approximately 10 miles west of the lake Michigan shoreline in Whiting, Indiana.

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Village obtain drinking water from Lake Michigan and utilize Lake Michigan water for other general household purposes such as cleaning, bathing, and cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Village live in close proximity to lake Michigan and are able to enjoy the use of the Lake for recreational purposes such as swimming, boating and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, British Petroleum (BP) operates a refinery in Whiting, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana has issued a permit to BP allowing it to release into Lake Michigan 1,584 pounds of ammonia per day (54% more than its previous limit) and 4,925 pounds of suspended solids per day (35% more than its previous limit); and

**WHEREAS**, suspended solids are tiny particles that escape water treatment filters; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana has exempted BP from meeting stringent mercury limits through at least 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, these mercury limits were established in 1995 by the federal government and, if applied, would limit BP's mercury discharge into the Lake to 8/100ths of a pound. In recent years, BP has dumped three (3) pounds of mercury into Lake Michigan each year, and will now be allowed to continue dumping excess mercury into Lake Michigan every year through 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has failed to object to this additional pollution being emitted into Lake Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Michigan is part of the Great Lakes, which comprise the largest surface freshwater system on the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes account for 95% of the United States' surface fresh water and about 21% of the world's supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes are already plagued by pollutants such as mercury, ammonia, and other toxic chemicals; and

**WHEREAS**, high amounts of ammonia can cause algae blooms that threaten fish and water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, mercury, a neurotoxin, is absorbed by fish and can be harmful if eaten in significant quantities, particularly by pregnant women and children. Each of the eight Great Lakes states warns residents to avoid certain kinds of fish or limit consumption.

**WHEREAS**, allowing BP to dump additional pollutants into Lake Michigan is inconsistent with environmental protection laws and is not in the best interests of the residents of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alsip as follows:

**SECTION ONE**

The Village expresses its disapproval of and opposition to the State of Indiana's issuance of a permit allowing BP to increase daily dumping of ammonia and suspended solids into Lake Michigan, and the State of Indiana's decision to allow BP to continue dumping mercury into Lake Michigan in amounts that far exceed federal standards.

**SECTION TWO**

The Village expresses its disapproval of and opposition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's failure to object to the permit issued by the State of Indiana to BP, and its failure to enforce federal standards regulating the discharge of mercury into Lake Michigan by BP.

**SECTION THREE**

The Village urges that State of Indiana to reconsider issuance of the permit allowing BP to increase daily dumping of ammonia and suspended solids into Lake Michigan, and the decision to allow BP to continue dumping mercury into Lake Michigan in amount over and above federal standards.

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72 **SECTION FOUR**

73 The Village urges the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate to take action to protect and restore the Great Lakes,  
74 including Lake Michigan, and to suspend the permit issued by the State of Indiana to BP and enforce  
75 federal standards governing the permissible levels of mercury discharged into Lake Michigan by BP.

76 **SECTION FIVE**

77 The Village urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider its position with regard to the  
78 permit issued to BP by the State of Indiana, and to take action to suspend that permit, and enforce the  
79 federal standards regulating the discharge of mercury levels by BP into Lake Michigan.

80 **SECTION SIX**

81 The Village urges all affected government bodies and citizens to declare their disapproval of and  
82 opposition to the State of Indiana's issuance of a permit allowing BP to increase daily dumping of  
83 ammonia and suspended solids into Lake Michigan, and the State of Indiana's decision to allow BP to  
84 continue dumping mercury into Lake Michigan in amounts that far exceed federal standards.

85 **SECTION SEVEN**

86 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Village of Alsip.

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88 **CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Venhuizen presented the IDOT MFT July, 2007 report allocating  
89 \$49,492.26 of MFT funds to the Village.

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91 Clerk Venhuizen requested and received consensus of the Board authorizing closing of the  
92 Village Hall on Saturday September 1, 2007, allowing employees in the Clerk's office and  
93 Building Department a long weekend.

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95 **ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Todd Hayden announced that the Sewer and Bond closing  
96 will take place this week and funds will be available soon.

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98 **FINANCE REPORT:** Trustee Graczyk presented: a) a list of bills dated August 13, 2007  
99 totaling \$1,014,407.10; b) vehicle sticker refunds; 1) Angelo Targia, 11963 Ridgeway, \$26.00,  
100 lost, repurchased, found and returned; 2) Domino Paguio, 5213 W. 121<sup>st</sup> Place, \$5.00, incorrectly  
101 charged a late fee.

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103 **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Collins presented a letter of thanks to the Mayor  
104 and Board of Trustees from Michael McNellis, Alsip Professional Firefighters Association,  
105 Local 3074, for allowing the "Fill the Boot" campaign on Saturday August 11, 2007. The  
106 members raised \$4,000.00 which will be forwarded to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.  
107 These donations will be kept within our community for MDA families.

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109 **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Shapiro presented: a) the July 2007 Police  
110 Department Monthly Report; b) request to send Lt. James McGreal to the Northwestern  
111 University Center for Public Safety, School of Staff and Command, to be held in Elmhurst,  
112 Illinois, September 10, 2007 through January 11, 2008. This program is scheduled two weeks per  
113 month over the course of five months and provides students with the knowledge and skills  
114 necessary for assuming increased responsibilities in administrative staff or line command  
115 positions. The cost is \$3,200.00, approved as part of the training budget. The Illinois Law  
116 Enforcement Training Standards Board has been petitioned to grant reimbursement status to this  
117 course through the Executive Institute Grant.

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119 **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Collins presented: a) July 2007 Public  
120 Works Monthly Activity Report; b) a request for authorization to advertise for bid for a new  
121 2008 Sterling Actera 6-ton dump truck with snow plow and salt spreader, to replace unit #11, a  
122 1994 Ford L-800 5-ton dump.

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124 **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Shapiro presented: a) request for a fence  
125 variance for 12259 S. McDaniel Avenue, to install a 4' high wrought iron fence in front of the  
126 building line, which was referred to Planning & Zoning Committee; b) request from Citgo Gas  
127 Station, 11725 S. Pulaski, Alsip, Illinois to extend the hours of operation from 5:00 a.m.-11:00  
128 p.m. to operate twenty-four hours. Trustee Shapiro reported the doors will be locked at 11:00  
129 p.m. with only the service window open for the safety of employees; c) Trustee Shapiro  
130 requested consensus of the Board to approve the request from FIM, 4845 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, for a  
131 tent sale on August 22 - September 10, 2007. A copy of the layout was given to Fire Chief  
132 Geraci for review.

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134 **HEALTH & POLLUTION:** no report.

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**SEWER & WATER:** Trustee Godfrey presented a request to waive bid requirements and approval to award contract to Thomas Industrial Coating for painting/refurbishment of the West Water Tower (company was low bidder over two years ago and is willing to honor price previously submitted.)

**LICENSE REPORT:** Trustee Graczyk presented a list of licenses dated August 13, 2007.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:** Trustee Michaels presented the following:

a) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-T-100*, request to adopt an ordinance amending the permitted uses in the “F” Farming District. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 7-0.

b) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-R-300*, request to adopt an ordinance approving a request of Christopher Radz for a resubdivision of property located at 11118 S. Leamington Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. The Petitioner is seeking to resubdivide one 100’ x 203’ lot into two 50’ x 203’ lots. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 6-1.

c) *Plan Commission Case 2007-8-S-100*, request to adopt an ordinance approving the request of Interra Development Partners, LLC through its authorized representative RMK Enterprises of Illinois, for a Special Use Permit in a B-1 Business District to operate a car wash establishment on the property located at 11500 South Pulaski Avenue. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 7-0.

d) Request for approval to forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission: a) the request from J.P. Gallagher Building Corporation for a 2 lot subdivision for property located at the northeast corner of 116<sup>th</sup> & Lavergne to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a Public Hearing; b) request for a fence variance for a 4’ high wrought iron fence in front of the building line at 12259 S. McDaniel Avenue; 4” high wrought iron fence around three sides of the property and a 6’ high privacy fence between the two apartments. Trustee Michaels removed this Item (R) from the Consent Agenda. Petitioner did not submit the proper paperwork.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**VILLAGE PROPERTY:** Trustee Michaels presented a request to hire a replacement custodial worker for Betty Baiter retiring September 28, 2007.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION:** Trustee Godfrey presented: a) an Ordinance denying a Special Use Permit for property located at 12400 S. Keeler Avenue; b) an Ordinance permitting electronic attendance by Trustees at Board meetings.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT:** No report.

**BOAT LAUNCH:** Trustee reported that based on Superintendent Cullen’s report on repair options at the Boat Launch, the committee is requesting Board approval to advertise for bid for the replacement of the deck surface with aluminum planks. The cost and availability of funds will determine the extent of the repairs.

**PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

Attorney Hayden reported the Ordinance denying a Special Use Permit for property located at 12400 S. Keeler, should be amended as follows; Section Three of the Ordinance says the Special Use Permit is denied for the reasons set forth in Sections Four through Seven and it should read Sections Four through Eight.

Removal of Items from Consent Agenda.  
Item R was the only item removed.

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204 Motion to Establish Consent Agenda as amended.  
205 Motion by Trustee Collins to establish the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by  
206 Trustee Godfrey. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Godfrey, Graczyk and  
207 Michaels. Motion carried.  
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209 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 210 A. Approval of minutes of August 6, 2007 Board meeting.  
211 B. Approval of minutes of August 13, 2007 Committee meeting.  
212 C. Approval of a lease agreement for the property at 12204 South 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
213 Alsip, Illinois for a period of one year commencing August 20, 2007  
214 and ending September 1, 2008.  
215 D. Authorization to conduct a Village sponsored Street Fair Day including food, arts  
216 & crafts vendors, tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2008 to be held on Kostner,  
217 119<sup>th</sup> Street to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street.  
218 E. Approval of Resolution 2007-8-R-2, OPPOSING THE POLLUTION OF LAKE  
219 MICHIGAN BY BRITISH PETROLEUM (BP).  
220 F. Acceptance of IDOT MFT July 2007 report.  
221 G. Approval of the August 13, 2007 list of bills totaling: \$1,014,407.10.  
222 H. Approval of the following vehicle sticker refunds: 1) Angelo Targia, 11963  
223 Ridgeway, \$26.00, lost, repurchased, found and returned; 2) Domino Paguio,  
224 5213 W. 121<sup>st</sup> Place, \$5.00, incorrectly charged a late fee.  
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226 Center for Public Safety, School of Staff and Command, to be held in Elmhurst,  
227 Illinois, September 10, 2007 through January 11, 2008, at a cost of \$3,200. This  
228 program is scheduled two weeks per month over the course of five months.  
229 J. Approval to advertise for bid for a new 2008 Sterling Actera 6-ton dup truck with  
230 snow plow and salt spreader.  
231 K. Approval of request from Citgo Gas Station, 11725 S. Pulaski, Alsip, Illinois to  
232 extend the hours of operation from 5:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. to 24 hours.  
233 L. Approval to waive bid requirements for painting /refurbishment of the West  
234 Water Tower.  
235 M. Approval to award contract to Thomas Industrial Coating for painting/  
236 refurbishment of the West Water Tower (company was low bidder over two years  
237 ago and is willing to honor price previously submitted.)  
238 N. Approval of the August 13, 2007 list of licenses.  
239 O. Approval of Ordinance 2007-8-152-4, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
240 PERMITTED USES IN THE F FARMING DISTRICT.  
241 P. Approval of Ordinance 2007-8-152-5, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING  
242 RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY AND SIDE YARD VARIANCE FOR THE  
243 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11118 SOUTH LEAMINGTON AVENUE.  
244 Q. Approval of Ordinance 2007-8-152-6, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING INTERRA  
245 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED  
246 REPRESENTATIVE RMK ENTERPRISES OF ILLINOIS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
247 IN A B-1 BUSINESS DISTRICT TO OPERATE A CAR WASH ESTABLISHMENT  
248 ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11500 SOUTH PULASKI AVENUE, ALSIP,  
249 ILLINOIS.  
250 R. ~~Approval to forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a Public Hearing~~  
251 ~~the following requests: a) J.P. Gallagher Building Corporation for two lot~~  
252 ~~subdivision for property located at the northeast corner of 116<sup>th</sup> &~~  
253 ~~Lavergne b) request for a fence variance for a 4' high wrought iron fence in front~~  
254 ~~of the building line at 12259 S. McDaniel Avenue; 4" high wrought iron fence~~  
255 ~~around three sides of the property and a 6' high privacy fence between the two~~  
256 ~~apartments. (removed)~~  
257 S. Approval to hire a replacement Village property custodial worker.  
258 T. Approval of Ordinance 2007-8-152-7, AN ORDINANCE DENYING A  
259 SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12400 SOUTH  
260 KEELER AVENUE.  
261 U. Approval of Ordinance 2007-8-4, AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING  
262 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE BY TRUSTEES AT BOARD MEETINGS.  
263 V. Acceptance of committee reports.  
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270 Motion by Trustee Collins to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee  
271 Graczyk. Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Godfrey, Graczyk and Michaels.  
272 Motion carried.

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274 Consent Agenda Item R: Motion by Trustee Michaels to authorize forwarding the request from  
275 J.P. Gallagher Building Corporation for a two lot subdivision for property located at the  
276 northeast corner of 116<sup>th</sup> & Lavergne to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a Public  
277 Hearing and b) table the request for a fence variance for a 4' high wrought iron fence in front of  
278 the building line at 12259 S. McDaniel Avenue for a period of 30 days or until proper paper  
279 work is received; seconded by Trustee Shapiro. Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees Collins, Shapiro,  
280 Godfrey, Graczyk and Michaels. Motion carried.

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282 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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284 **NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Kitching scheduled a Special Board Meeting on August 27, 2007, at  
285 7:00 p.m. at the Village Board room to consider revocation of a business license.

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287 **OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Mr. Johnson, 11933 S. Pulaski addressed the Board regarding the  
288 Village's position on parental responsibility for children and cited a recent run in he experienced  
289 with a young person over loud playing of music.

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291 **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Collins to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee  
292 Godfrey. Motion carried at 8:05 p.m.

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294 Respectfully submitted,

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297 Deborah Venhuizen  
298 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois