

VILLAGE OF ALSIP
MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 6, 2007

Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll as follows: Present: Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels. Also present Mayor Kitching, Clerk Venhuizen and Attorney Paul Stephanides.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching presented a request for a one day Village-wide garage sale on September 8, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and waiver of license fees for that day only. The original request was omitted from the July 16, 2007 Consent Agenda.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) Board members interested in attending the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference should contact Sharon McDowell; b) request for approval to destroy all closed session tapes that are over 18 months old; a list of agendas and topics for these closed sessions were given to the Board members. c) re-codification of the Municipal Code Book will take place in September of 2007.

Clerk Venhuizen made the following corrections: line 59 of the July 30, 2007 minutes should read Alsip Police Squad Cars and Agenda August 6, 2007, under Fire Committee, b) date should read August 11, 2007.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: no report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Tom Lang, Village Engineer, reported IDOT held the bid opening for the 115th Street, Central to Cicero, Street Lighting Project, and bids ranged from \$325,000 to \$581,000, with the Village paying 30%.

FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) a list of bills dated July 30, 2007 totaling \$1,264,217.17; b) vehicle sticker refunds: 1) Marjorie Barnes, 3727 W. 123rd Street, \$26.00 for a lost sticker found and returned; 2) Park Lawn Center, 12615 S. Kostner, \$26.00 charitable vehicle should have been free; 3) Lenore Pauss, 3931 W. 115th Place, \$26.00 senior should have been free; 4) Julie McGarry, 4847 W. 121st Street, \$78.00 for three stickers lost, repurchased, found and returned; 5) Jesus Sanchez, 12361 S. Lamon Avenue, \$27.00 for a returned truck sticker, truck was sold; c) transfer tax refund payable to Marilyn Kulikowski, 12159 McDaniel Court, totaling \$612.50; d) proposal from the Bank of New York Trust Company to provide paying agent and register service for the 2007 water bond issuance. Proposal includes a one time fee of \$225.00 and an annual administration fee of \$350.00; e) request for authorization to hire an Accounts Payable Clerk in the Finance Department (budgeted item); f) presentation of the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year 2007.

Mr. William McKenna, Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc., presented a Summary Report and provided the Village Board with a description of the Bond structure and sale.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins presented: a) request to approve retirement buyout for Robert Braden totaling \$18,249.78; b) request from Michael McNellis, Alsip Fire Department, IAFF Local 3074 to hold a "Fill the Boot Drive" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 11, 2007 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 p.m., with a rain date Sunday August 12, 2007 for the same time period. Locations for the boot drive are 127th/Pulaski Rd, 127th/Cal Sag Rd, 115th/Cicero Ave, 119th/Pulaski Rd, 123rd/Cicero, and all participants will be wearing high visible safety vests provided by the MDA. Insurance Certificate provided.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented a) block party request for Denise Jeziorski, for 124th thru 126th & Tripp, on August 18, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with DJ from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., previously approved by consensus of the Board at the July 16th Board meeting; b) request for disposition of found or obsolete property to either be auctioned off or disposed of (list of 20 items dated July 27, 2007 included); c) request to send Police Officer Valarie Emich to the Illinois State Police Basic Investigator Course for Local Police Officers, to be held in Springfield, Il. on August 13th thru August 31, 2007 at a cost of \$612.76, fully reimbursable through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; d) congratulations to Investigators Jay Miller and Todd Gutkowski for being assigned to our newly resurrected Tactical Unit; e) copies of the Schaumburg ordinance regarding residential nuisance abatement were distributed to Board members for discussion at a later date; Board of Trustees meeting

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69 f) Trustee Shapiro reported that at the Committee meeting on July 30, 2007, Letters of
70 Recognition were awarded to Officers James Tyszko, James Portincaso, Mark Miller and Kevin
71 Mikos for their individual actions that led to the apprehension of the offenders in the June 26th,
72 2007 armed robbery of Aldi Foods, and the Distinguished Community Service Award was
73 presented to Yvonne Shepard, an Alsip resident, for risking her own safety to assist Alsip Police
74 Officers which aided in the apprehension of the Aldi Foods armed robbers.

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76 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins reported Clerical Assistant Diana
77 Cheevers successfully completed her one year probation period with the Public Works
78 Department as of June 27, 2007.

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80 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) request from Richards
81 High School Music Organization for authorization to erect lawn signs at six locations throughout
82 Alsip from September 14 to September 23, 2007; b) request for a rummage sale and an arts and
83 crafts show at Church of the Virgin Mary, 12147 S. Cicero Avenue on August 10 and 11, 2007;
84 c) request for a public warehouse sale from Home America, 5625 West 115th Street, from
85 Thursday, August 2 thru Sunday August 5, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
86 d) request for authorization to hire a part-time Electrical Inspector. Mayor Kitching reported on
87 receipt of a call from the Mayor of Worth requesting approval to place signs at 115th & Cicero,
88 advertising Worth Days.

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90 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee McGreal reported the Village of Alsip was mentioned as a
91 new member of Clean Air Counts in the July 2007 edition of Crain's Business, and the Bronze
92 Award status documentation will be sent by September.

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94 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the
95 issuance of \$6,825,000 General Obligation Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 2007 of the Village
96 of Alsip, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the cost of improving the existing
97 waterworks and sewerage system of the Village, prescribing all the details of said bonds and
98 providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same.

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100 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented a list of licenses dated July 30, 2007.

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

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104 a) *Case 2007-7-R-200*, request by Thomas T. Gillen for a resubdivision of property located at
105 11836 S. LeClaire, Alsip, Illinois. The Petitioner is seeking to re-subdivide one 86' x 134.33' lot
106 into one 43' x 134.33' lot and another 43' x 134.33' lot with an existing 50' x 132.89' lot on
107 property with an existing home. Plan Commission denied the request by a vote of 8-0, based on
108 too large of a variance.

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110 b) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-R-100*, request by George Solum for a resubdivision of
111 property located at 11512 S. Karlov, Alsip, Illinois. Petitioner is seeking to re-subdivide one 100'
112 x 132.89' lot into one 48' x 132.89' lot and another 52' x 132.89' lot. Plan Commission
113 approved by a vote of 5-3 to approve the Solum Schwartz resubdivision of property located at
114 11512 S. Karlov, Alsip, Illinois with a 4% variance for Lot 2 that will allow it to be 48' wide, a
115 second variance of 12%, which will allow the existing house on Lot 1 to be 4.4' off the south
116 property line, and a 60% variance for Lot 2 that will allow the proposed house to be three 3' off
117 of the south property line as opposed to 5'.

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119 c) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-Z-200*, request by Mark Jackson, representative for Ozinga
120 Brothers, Inc., for a change in zoning from P-1 to I-2 for property located at 12660 S. Laramie
121 Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. Petitioners proposed use of the property is for a portable concrete mix
122 plant. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 8-0.

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124 d) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7*, remanded back from the Village Board to hear additional
125 evidence regarding application for Petitioner Walter R. Tucker III for a special use permit in an
126 I-1 Industrial Light District to operate a church on the property located at 12400 S. Keeler, Alsip,
127 Illinois. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 4-3 and 1 abstention. Trustee Michaels
128 removed this case from the Consent Agenda.

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135 e) *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-S-100*, request by Raymond Madison of J.A.S. Trucking, a/k/a
136 Alsip Truck Center, for a special use permit to sell Class 8 vehicles in an I-2 Industrial-Medium
137 District. Plan Commission approved by a vote of 7-1.

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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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141 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented: a) request for approval to accept the bid
142 from Murphy's Windows totaling \$349,091 from the bid opening on July 11, 2007, for the
143 purchase of 336 windows at Heritage I; b) request for approval of a three year contract with
144 Cintas at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,000 annually to supply Heritage I, Heritage II and Village Hall
145 maintenance employees with work uniforms.

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147 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: no report.

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149 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) a Resolution authorizing
150 attendance at the Illinois Municipal League's Annual Conference; b) an Ordinance authorizing
151 the Alsip Fire Department, IAFF Local 3074, to hold a "Fill the Boot Drive" for the Muscular
152 Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 11, 2007 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00
153 p.m., with a rain date Sunday August 12, 2007 for the same time period. Locations for the boot
154 drive are 127th/Pulaski Rd, 127th/Cal Sag Rd, 115th/Cicero Ave, 119th/Pulaski Rd, 123rd/Cicero.

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156 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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158 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee McGreal reported on receipt of a report from Vince Cullen on repairs
159 needed at the Boat Launch, and a report will be presented following review.

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161 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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163 6. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda.
164 Items X and CC were removed.

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166 7. Motion to Establish Consent Agenda.
167 Motion by Trustee Collins to establish the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by
168 Trustee Godfrey. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees: Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey,
169 McGreal and Michaels. Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

172 A. Approval of minutes of July 16, 2007 Board meeting.

173 B. Approval of minutes of July 30, 2007 Committee meeting.

174 C. Approval of a one day Village-wide garage sale on September 8, 2007 between
175 the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and waiver of license fees for that day only.

176 D. Approval to destroy all closed session tapes that are older than 18 months.

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178 F. Approval of the following vehicle sticker refunds: 1) Marjorie Barnes, 3727 W.
179 123rd Street, \$26.00; 2) Park Lawn Center, 12615 S. Kostner, \$26.00; 3) Lenore
180 Pauss, 3931 W. 115th Place, \$26.00; 4) Julie McGarry, 4847 W. 121st Street,
181 \$78.00 for three stickers; 5) Jesus Sanchez, 12361 S. Lamon Avenue, \$27.00.

182 G. Approval of a transfer tax refund payable to Marilyn Kulikowski, 12159
183 McDaniel Ct., totaling \$612.50.

184 H. Acceptance of proposal from the Bank of New York Trust Company to provide
185 paying agent and register services for the 2007 water bond issuance, and authorize
186 a one time fee of \$225.00, and an annual administration fee of \$350.00.

187 I. Authorization to hire an Accounts Payable Clerk in the Finance Department.

188 J. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year 2007.

189 K. Approval of the retirement buyout for Robert Braden, totaling \$18,249.78.

190 L. Approval of a block party request for Denise Jeziorski, for 124th thru 126th &
191 Tripp, on August 18, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with DJ from 2:00 p.m.
192 to 10:00 p.m.

193 M. Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the disposition of found or obsolete
194 property to either be auctioned off or disposed of (list of 20 items dated July 27,
195 2007). Ordinance: 2007-8-1.

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- P. Approval of the request for a rummage sale and an arts and crafts show at Church of the Virgin Mary, 12147 S. Cicero Avenue on August 10 and 11, 2007.
- Q. Approval of the request for a public warehouse sale from Home America, 5625 West 115th Street, from Thursday, August 2 thru Sunday August 5, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- R. Approval to hire a part time Electrical Inspector.
- S. Approval of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 2007, for the Village of Alsip, for the purpose of paying the cost of improving the existing waterworks and sewerage system of the Village prescribing all the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same. Ordinance: 2007-8-2.
- T. Approval of a list of licenses dated July 30, 2007.
- U. Acceptance of the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-R-200*, request by Thomas T. Gillen for re-subdivision of property located at 11836 S. LeClaire, Alsip, Illinois as follows: one 86' x 134.33' lot into one 43' x 134.33' lot and another 43' x 134.33 lot with an existing 50' x 132.89 lot on property with an existing home.
- V. Approval of an Ordinance for request by George Solum, Solum Schwartz Subdivision, 11512 Karlov, Alsip, Illinois, for re-subdivision of one 100' x 132.89' lot into one 48' x 132.89' lot and another 52' x 132.89' lot, with a 4% variance for Lot 2 that will allow it to be 48' wide, a second variance of 12%, which allows the existing house on Lot 1 to be 4.4' off the south property line, and a 60% variance for Lot 2 that will allow the proposed house to be 3' off of the south property line. *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-R-100.* Ordinance: 2007-8-152-1.
- W. Approval of an Ordinance, request by Mark Jackson, representative for Ozinga Brothers, Inc., for a change in zoning from P-1 to I-2 for property located at 12660 S. Laramie Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. Petitioners proposed use of the property is for a portable concrete mix plant. *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-Z-200.* Ordinance: 2007-8-152-2.
- X. ~~Approval of *Plan Commission Case 2007-7*, remanded back from the Village Board to hear additional evidence regarding application for Petitioner Walter R. Tucker III for a special use permit in an I-1 Industrial Light District to operate a church on the property located at 12400 S. Keeler, Alsip, Illinois. (removed)~~
- Y. Approval of, request by Raymond Madison of J.A.S. Trucking, a/k/a Alsip Truck Center, for a special use permit to sell Class 8 vehicles in an I-2 Industrial-Medium District. *Plan Commission Case 2007-7-S-100.* Ordinance: 2007-8-152-3.
- Z. Approval to accept the bid from Murphy's Windows totaling \$349,091 from the bid opening on July 11, 2007, for the purchase of 336 windows to be installed at Heritage I.
- AA. Approval of a three year contract with Cintas at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,000 annually to supply maintenance employees at Heritage I, Heritage II and Village Hall with work uniforms.
- BB. Approval of a Resolution authorizing attendance at the Illinois Municipal League's Annual Conference. Resolution: 2007-8-R-1.
- CC. ~~Approval of an Ordinance allowing soliciting for contributions on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 11, 2007. (removed)~~
- DD. Acceptance of committee reports.

Motion by Trustee Collins to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Graczyk. Roll #2: Voting "aye": Trustees: Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels. Motion carried.

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266 Item CC: Trustee Shapiro reported that with approval of this ordinance, the Board was not
267 trying to set precedence and open the floodgates for additional solicitation requests. Trustee
268 Shapiro further stated his respect for the men and women of the Fire Department who dedicate
269 their lives everyday in the line of duty and he was not asking them to dedicate their lives by
270 standing on street corners.
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272 Motion by Trustee Collins to approve an Ordinance allowing soliciting for contributions on
273 behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 11, 2007; seconded by
274 Trustee Michaels. Roll #3: Voting "aye": Trustees: Collins, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal and
275 Michaels. Voting "present": Trustee Shapiro. Motion carried. Ordinance: 2007-8-3.
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277 Item X: Approval of *Plan Commission Case 2007-7*, remanded back from the Village
278 Board to hear additional evidence regarding application for Petitioner Walter
279 R.Tucker III for a special use permit in an I-1 Industrial Light District to operate a
280 church on the property located at 12400 S. Keeler, Alsip, Illinois.
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282 Pastor Walter Tucker III, 3742 Forest Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois 60513, addressed the Board
283 and reviewed steps taken over the last eight months which included two meetings with the
284 Planning & Zoning Board, clarification a church can apply for a special use permit, increased
285 parking spaces from 47 to 50, close proximity of the Lawmen Motorcycle Club liquor license to
286 the church. The hours of operation for the church would be Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m. and
287 bible study mid-week on Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. Discussion followed.
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289 Richard Loman, 12506 Keller, reported he lives a half block from the proposed location for the
290 church, and was against granting this special use because of parking concerns, excessive traffic,
291 excessive pedestrians with no sidewalks, quiet residential area, and making this parcel tax
292 exempt when Alsip needs the tax dollars.
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294 Julie Walsh, 4206 W. Holmberg Ct, reported as a former bar and restaurant owner she was
295 familiar with the laws and municipalities are the governing body in matters related to liquor
296 licenses. Ms. Walsh was against granting this special use, and if granted, she could apply to open
297 a Day Care Center across the street.
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299 The Village Attorney cited sections of the Municipal Code related to this special use request.
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301 Motion by Trustee Michaels to deny the request from Petitioner Walter R. Tucker III for a
302 special use permit in an I-1 Industrial Light District to operate a church on the property located at
303 12400 S. Keeler, Alsip, Illinois; seconded by Trustee Shapiro. Roll #4: Voting "aye": Trustees:
304 Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal, Michaels. Mayor Kitching voted present. Motion
305 carried.
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307 Motion by Trustee Michaels to direct the attorney to prepare the Ordinance to deny special use;
308 seconded by Trustee Shapiro. Roll #5: Voting "aye": Trustees: Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk,
309 Godfrey, McGreal, and Michaels. Motion carried.
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311 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none.
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313 NEW BUSINESS: none.
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315 OPEN TO PUBLIC:
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317 Robert Lawrence, 4348 W. Emerald Way, reported a sewer problem in several of the town
318 homes, and claimed the builder put in underground piping and used a soft form of piping which
319 is now collapsing. The Building Department will check out. Discussion followed.
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321 Resident at 4331 W. Emerald Way, asked about free garbage pickup and Mayor Kitching
322 responded the Village pays for half of the cost of garbage pickup for buildings in multiple
323 density areas.
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325 Nicole Panici, 11415 S. Lawler, asked about stop signs on Lawler and replacement of the
326 bumper strips. Mayor Kitching explained the Village plans on increasing police patrol.
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332 Stan Marek, 3759 W. 120th Street, asked about the Clean Air Counts, and voiced concern about
333 the incinerator in Robbins burning 350,000 tons of wood chips and what affect this will have on
334 the air quality. Mr. Marek suggested the Village hold a hearing for the public. Mayor Kitching
335 reported meetings were held in Springfield concerning this issue.

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337 ADJOURNMENT

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339 Motion by Trustee Collins to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Graczyk. All in favor;
340 none opposed. Motion carried at 8:40 p.m.

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343 Respectfully submitted,

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347 Deborah Venhuizen
348 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois