

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
4 March 19, 2007

5 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll. Present:
6 Trustees Castaldo, Quinn, Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk and Godfrey. Also present Mayor Kitching,
7 Clerk Venhuizen and Attorney Paul Stephanides.

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9 Mayor Kitching led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported the Village received a grant from the Department of
12 Economic Opportunities that allowed a corridor study on Pulaski between 115th and 123rd Street. The
13 Hitchcock Design Group was hired by the Village and representatives are in attendance to make a
14 short presentation to the Board. Mr. Rick Hitchcock, President of the Hitchcock Design Group
15 introduced Joe Baldwin, Senior Associate, and Terry Jenkins, President, Business District Inc.
16 Mr. Hitchcock reported the idea was not to develop a comprehensive plan that would include in
17 depth, market analysis, transportation analysis and implementation. Joe Baldwin took a view of the
18 corridor and offered some ideas worth sharing. Additionally, the community does not have the
19 resources required for a detailed comprehensive plan. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the plan and referenced
20 copies given to Board members. He focused on some key areas and gave an overview of the project.
21 Terry Jenkins reported the first step would be to understand what the public sector improvements
22 might be and then the next step would be financial planning. We would want to talk to property
23 owners on which sites would have the earliest opportunity for redevelopment based on the property
24 owners' interest. At the same time we would talk to developers about the market analysis we
25 prepared and show both developers and tenants how to make money. We would match property
26 owners who may be interested in a greater return on their property and developers who see an
27 opportunity to make money. The whole corridor will not be developed in year one or two, but we
28 would begin to get individual sites developed with the public sector improvements priming the pump
29 and then move to other sites, similar to Oak Lawn. We have never recommended eminent domain,
30 and don't see it as a dominant tool because it is a very difficult tool, costs a lot of money and time.
31 Mayor Kitching reported this plan is conceptual only.

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33 Stan Marek, 120th & Hamlin, recommended the area at 115th Street from Pulaski to Komensky as a
34 good place to start, and made some recommendations on businesses to approach.

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36 Ted Lownik, 4608 W. 116th Place, reported he appreciated the concept but questioned what influence
37 the public interests will have on the project. Mr. Hitchcock responded it is imperative to understand
38 the interests of property owners, trustees, financial, developers and residents.

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40 Mayor Kitching thanked the group that walked the corridor on a very cold day which included, Susan
41 Bruesch, Mike Behrens, Mike Sponberg, Stan Marek, Rocky Golomb, Lucy Kwiatkowski, Bill
42 Tellano, Vince Cullen, Greg Palumbo, and Mary Schmidt.

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44 Mayor Kitching presented a Resolution to Enhance the Single-Family Rehabilitation Program.

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46 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) the IDOT February 2007 MFT report allocating
47 \$50,114.21 to the Village of Alsip; b) request for authorization to rent a Pitney Bowes postage meter
48 machine at a cost of \$343.00 per month, plus a free table from Pitney Bowes; c) request for
49 authorization to update the 13 plaques in the lobby at a cost of \$737.70, lowest quote, next quote was
50 \$1,600; d) Economic Ethics Statements are due.

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52 Clerk Venhuizen announced that the first place winner of the 2007-2008 Alsip Vehicle Sticker
53 Contest is Bryanna Cross, a third grade student at Stony Creek School. Clerk Venhuizen awarded
54 Bryanna with a Certificate of Recognition, a \$50.00 Savings Bond from Midwest Bank and the Alsip
55 Chamber of Commerce, and a framed rendering of the completed Sticker design that Bryanna
56 submitted.

57 The second place winner, Alsip resident and fifth grade student, Autumn Regan-Steinberg, also
58 received a Certificate of Recognition.

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61 ATTORNEY'S REPORT: no report.

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63 ENGINEER'S REPORT: no report.
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71 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) list of bills totaling \$1,321,870.71; b) a request
72 for transfer tax refund for Ryan M. and Renee Oganovich, 5224 West 121st Place, totaling \$731.50;
73 c) a Resolution for a 6B application from LLC, 11859 S. Central Avenue; d) request for authorization
74 to initiate the procedure to obtain the proposed bonds for the Water and Sewer Department.

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76 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins presented: a) request for acceptance of the U.S.
77 Department of Homeland Security Assistance Grant (AFG) and authorize the purchase of protective
78 equipment and the installation of vehicle exhaust extraction systems at both fire stations at the
79 following costs: Project Costs: \$186,500, Federal Share (\$177,175) Village of Alsip share \$9,325,
80 and thanked FF Bodoni for securing the grant; b) a letter from a resident thanking ff/paramedics
81 Bruder, Hufnagl, Brenza, and Walsh for their professional, and efficient response to an emergency
82 call.

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84 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) a request for approval to
85 purchase three (3) in-car video recording systems, L3Mobile vision video recording units at a unit
86 cost of \$5,295, through the Illinois state purchase contract (budgeted item); b) removal of block party
87 request for Amer Rostuir, 12109 Lockwood, with live band, on Saturday, July 21, 2007, 6-10 p.m.
88 from the Consent Agenda (item M); the Police Department February 2007 report.

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90 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Castaldo presented the Public Works
91 Department February 2007 report.

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93 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) the Building Department
94 February 2007 monthly report; b) an Ordinance granting LA Fitness a variance to the Chicago
95 Plumbing Codes as to the number of plumbing fixtures required for their building located at 121st &
96 Cicero; c) request for extension of time for an office trailer for Strictly Trucking at 12260 Shirley
97 Lane with a recommendation of ~~sixty days~~ six months; d) request from Blue Island Park District for
98 authorization to place program advertising signs at various sites throughout the Village of Alsip for
99 their annual fest July 4 – July 8, 2007 only; e) request for refund of a building permit #06-5846 from
100 Labriola Baking Company, 5324 West 123rd Place totaling \$595.00.

101 HEALTH & POLLUTION – no report.

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103 SEWER & WATER: - no report.

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105 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) list of licenses dated March 12, 2007; b) request
106 for a one-day special event business license from Crescent Jewelers to hold a one day antique
107 appraisal buying show at the Double Tree Hotel on March 28, 2007; c) a letter of commendation
108 directed toward Melanie Rehling for successful collection of delinquent business license accounts
109 totaling an estimated \$8,000.

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111 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Quinn presented: a request for approval of an
112 Ordinance Approving the Resubdivision of Property Located at 12030 S. Lawler Avenue, Alsip,
113 Illinois. Trustee Quinn requested removal of Item I from the consent agenda.

114 115 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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117 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Castaldo presented a request for authorization to hire a cleaning
118 person to replace retiring cleaning person effective May 16, 2007.

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120 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: no report.

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122 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Collins presented: a) an Ordinance to increase the water
123 and sewer rates for the Village of Alsip; b) an Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 21 (Community
124 Antenna Television Systems) to the Village of Alsip Municipal Code Requiring Community Antenna
125 Television systems to Obtain Franchises.

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127 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: Trustee Castaldo reported bid specifications are being
128 prepared for the Sidewalk Replacement Program.

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130 BOAT LAUNCH: no report.

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135 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS

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137 CONSENT AGENDA

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139 Mayor Kitching asked if there are any items the Board would like to remove from the Consent
140 Agenda; Trustee Quinn removed Item C.

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142 Motion by Trustee Collins to accept the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Trustee Graczyk.
143 Roll No. 1: Voting "aye": Trustees Castaldo, Quinn, Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk and Godfrey. Motion
144 carried.

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146 Clerk Venhuizen read selected items on the Consent Agenda:

- 147 A. Approval of minutes of March 5, 2007 Board meeting.
148 B. Approval of minutes of March 12, 2007 Committee meeting.
149 C. ~~Approval of a Resolution to Enhance the Single family Rehabilitation Program~~
150 ~~Resolution No. _____.~~
151 D. Acceptance of the IDOT February 2007 MFT report as presented.
152 E. Authorization to rent a Pitney Bowes postage meter machine at a cost of \$343.00 per month.
153 F. Approval to update 13 plaques in the lobby at a total cost \$737.70.
154 G. Approval of a list of bills totaling \$1,321,870.71.
155 H. Approval of a transfer tax refund for Ryan M. and Renee Oganovich, 5224 W. 121st Place,
156 totaling \$731.50.
157 I. Approval of a Resolution for a 6B application request from LLC, 11859 S. Central Avenue.
158 Resolution No. 2007-3-R-1.
159 J. Authorization to initiate the procedure to obtain the proposed bonds for the Water & Sewer
160 Department.
161 K. Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance Grant (AFG) and
162 authorization for the purchase of protective equipment and the installation of vehicle exhaust
163 extraction systems at both fire stations at the following costs: project Costs: \$186,500 less
164 Federal Share (\$177,175) Village of Alsip share \$9,325.
165 L. Authorization to purchase three (3) in-car video recording systems, L3Mobile vision video
166 recording units at a unit cost of \$5,295, through the Illinois state purchase contract.
167 M. ~~Approval of a block party request from Amer Rostuir, 12109 S. Lockwood, with live band, on~~
168 ~~Saturday, July 21, 2007, 6-10 p.m. (removed)~~
169 N. Acceptance of the February 2007 Police Department, Public Works Department and Building
170 Department monthly reports.
171 O. Approval of an Ordinance Granting LA Fitness a variance to the Chicago Plumbing Codes as
172 to the number of plumbing fixtures required for their building located at 121st & Cicero.
173 Ordinance No. 2007-3-5.
174 P. Authorization for an extension of ~~sixty days~~ six months for an office trailer for Strictly
175 Trucking at 12260 Shirley Lane.
176 Q. Approval of a request from Blue Island Park District for authorization to place program
177 advertising signs at various sites throughout the Village of Alsip for their annual fest July 4 –
178 July 8, 2007 only.
179 R. Approval to refund a building permit #06-5846 from Labriola Baking Company, 5324 West
180 123rd Place, totaling \$595.00.
181 S. Approval of a list of licenses dated March 12, 2007.
182 T. Approval of a one day special event business license for Crescent Jewelers to hold a one day
183 antique appraisal buying show at the Double Tree Hotel on March 28, 2007.
184 U. ~~Approval of an Ordinance Approving the Resubdivision of Property Located at 12030 S.~~
185 ~~Lawler Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. Ordinance No. _____.~~
186 V. Acceptance of resignation of cleaning person effective May 16, 2007 and authorization to hire
187 a replacement.
188 W. Approval of Ordinance increasing water and sewer fees for the Village of Alsip.
189 Ordinance No. 2007-3-6.
190 X. Approval of an Ordinance Adopting a new Chapter 21 (Community Antenna Television
191 Systems) to the Village of Alsip Municipal Code Requiring Community Antenna Television
192 systems to Obtain Franchises. Ordinance 2007-3-7.
193 Y. Accept Committee reports as presented.

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200 Motion by Trustee Collins to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Godfrey.
201 Roll No. 2: Voting "aye": Trustees Castaldo, Quinn, Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk and Godfrey.
202 Motion carried.
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204 Item C: In response to a question from Trustee Quinn, the Village Attorney reported no other
205 paperwork is required by the Village, except the resolution. Trustee Castaldo questioned the
206 level of income to qualify for this program, and noted dissatisfaction with the information
207 provided regarding eligibility for this program.
208 Motion by Trustee Collins to approve the Resolution to Enhance the Single family
209 Rehabilitation Program; seconded by Trustee Graczyk.
210 Roll No. 2: Voting "aye": Trustees Quinn, Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk and Godfrey.
211 Voting "nay": Trustee Castaldo based on lack of information. Motion carried 5-1.
212 Resolution No. 2007-3-R-2.
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214 Item M: Trustee Shapiro reported more paperwork is required. Motion by Trustee Shapiro to table the
215 request from Amer Rostuir, 12109 S. Lockwood, with live band, on Saturday, July 21, 2007, 6-10
216 p.m. until the proper paper work is completed; seconded by Trustee Collins. All in favor; none
217 opposed. Motion carried.
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219 Item U: Motion by Trustee Quinn to table the request for re-subdivision of property located at 12030
220 S. Lawler Avenue, Alsip, Illinois, awaiting further information; seconded by Trustee Godfrey.
221 Roll No. 3: Voting "aye": Trustees Castaldo, Quinn, Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk and Godfrey.
222 Motion carried.
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224 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
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226 NEW BUSINESS: None.
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228 Stan Marek, 120th & Hamlin, commented on the local improvements of sidewalk replacement
229 recommended a mud jacking. Discussion followed.
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231 ADJOURNMENT
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233 Motion by Trustee Collins to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Graczyk. All in favor; none opposed.
234 Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.
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237 Respectfully submitted,
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242 Clerk Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois