

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 February 18, 2008
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6 Mayor Kitching called the Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the
7 roll and the following members were present: Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey,
8 McGreal and Michaels. Also present Mayor Kitching, Clerk Venhuizen and Attorney Paul
9 Stephanides.

10 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported the LA Fitness Grand Opening Party and
11 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony were held Saturday, February 9, 2008, and the Grand Opening for
12 Home Depot is scheduled for April 3, 2008. Additionally , the condemned Gary Steel Building is
13 under demolition.
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15 CLERK'S REPORT: No report.
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17 ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.
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19 ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Lang, Village Engineer, requested approval of an MFT Resolution
20 appropriating \$80,000 for the Village's Road Maintenance Program. Mayor Kitching called for a
21 motion approving the addition of the MFT Resolution to the Consent Agenda.
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23 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to add the IDOT MFT Resolution to the Consent Agenda (Item O);
24 seconded by Trustee Collins. Roll #1: Voting "aye": Trustees Collins, Shapiro, Graczyk,
25 Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels. Motion carried.
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27 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) list of bills dated February 18, 2008
28 totaling \$855,356.21; b) request for approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a
29 Franchise Agreement Between the Village of Alsip and Comcast of California/Colorado/Illinois/
30 Indiana /Michigan, LP for the Operation of a Cable System; c) request for approval of a refund
31 totaling \$130.00 to Labriola Baking Company, 5329 W 123rd Place for overcharge of vehicle
32 stickers.
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34 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins presented: a) request for acceptance of the
35 resignation of Firefighter Christopher Marella effective February 15, 2008; b) request for the
36 authorization for the Fire and Police Commission to hire one person from the established
37 eligibility list to fill the vacated firefighter position.
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39 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) January, 2008 Police
40 Department Activity Report; b) request for approval to purchase a canine dog, 240 hours of
41 training, canine transport vehicle including vehicle equipment and canine equipment to
42 supplement the patrol division of the Alsip Police Department at an estimated cost of \$46,000
43 less an estimated \$20,000 supplemented by narcotic and vehicle seizure funds. This is a budgeted
44 item. The annual anticipated cost for operation of the canine dog program is \$12,800.
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46 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Collins presented the January, 2008
47 Public Works Activity report.
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49 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report.
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51 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee McGreal reported the Health and Pollution Committee
52 continue discussions with Allied Waste regarding the waste removal contract.
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54 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) the January, 2008 Water & Sewer
55 Department monthly report; b) a request for authorization to advertise for bid for the cleaning of
56 the 3.2 million gallon north reservoir (tennis courts); c) request for authorization to contract with
57 Metropolitan Equipment Company, lowest quote received, at a cost of \$16,626.61 for the
58 replacement of a Variable Frequency Drive at the main pumping station. This is a budgeted item.
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60 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented a list of licenses dated February 11, 2008.
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62 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: No report.
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70 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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72 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented a request for approval of a rental rate
73 adjustment for the Heritage apartments.

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75 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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77 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: No report.

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79 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: No report.

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81 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee McGreal reported that bids are currently being accepted for the
82 removal of existing wooden deck material and the installation of 1875 square feet of new lock
83 dry powder coated aluminum deck material at the Alsip Boat Launch facility. Bids will be
84 received until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 in the Clerk's Office and bid opening
85 will be February 20, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Board room

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87 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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89 Mayor Kitching asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda; there
90 were none.

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92 CONSENT AGENDA

- 93 A. Approval of minutes of February 4, 2008 Committee meeting.
94 B. Approval of minutes of February 11, 2008 Board meeting.
95 C. Approval of recommendation to complete Laramie Avenue from 117th Street to 119th
96 Street and various small resurfacing projects.
97 D. Approval of a list of bills dated February 18, 2008 totaling \$855,366.21.
98 E. Approval of A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE
99 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP AND COMCAST OF
100 CALIFORNIA/COLORADO/ILLINOIS/INDIANA/MICHIGAN, LP FOR THE
101 OPERATION OF A CABLE SYSTEM. **Resolution No. 2008-2-R-4.**
102 F. Approval of a refund of \$130.00 to Labriola Baking Company, 5329 W. 123rd Place, for
103 overcharge of vehicle stickers.
104 G. Acceptance of the resignation of Firefighter Christopher Marella, effective February 15,
105 2008.
106 H. Authorization for the Police and Fire Commission to hire one firefighter from the
107 established eligibility list to fill the vacated firefighter position.
108 I. Approval to purchase a canine dog, 240 hours of training, a canine transport vehicle,
109 vehicle equipment and canine equipment for a total of \$46,000. The purchase price of the
110 vehicle will be supplemented by approximately \$20,000 of the narcotic and seizure funds.
111 Estimated annual costs for operation of the canine program is \$12,800.
112 J. Authorization to advertise for bid for the cleaning of the 3.2 million gallon north
113 reservoir (tennis courts).
114 K. Authorization to contract with Metropolitan Equipment Company (lowest quote) at a cost
115 of \$16,626.61 for the replacement of a Variable Frequency Drive at the main pumping
116 station. This is a budgeted item.
117 L. Approval of a list of licenses dated February 11, 2008.
118 M. Approval of a rental rate adjustment for the Heritage apartments.
119 N. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.
120 O. Approval of a IDOT RESOLUTION FOR THE 2008 ROAD IMPROVEMENT
121 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, MFT ALLOCATION. **Resolution 2008-2-R-3.**

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

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127 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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129 NEW BUSINESS: None.

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136 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mayor Kitching opened the meeting to the public and asked for a
137 spokesman to represent the group in attendance.
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139 Jerry Ann Dauber, 3840 Gaslite Sq., asked if there will be a \$20.00 increase in rental fees every
140 year, and asked for a list of expenses. Trustee Michaels responded with 2007 budget figures;
141 total income for Heritage I was \$1,248,680.00 and total expense was \$1,504,300.00, leaving an
142 estimated \$300,000.00 deficit. Heritage II income was \$2,582,440.00 and total expense was
143 \$3,171,260.00 leaving an estimated deficit of \$282,860.00. Mayor Kitching reported the fees
144 have to be increased to cover the increased costs in water of 15% this year, 15% in 2009 and
145 14% in 2010, the 23% increased costs in of gas, million dollar contract for scavenger services,
146 contractors' fees, etc., and noted the residents of Heritage I and II do not pay water or garbage
147 fees. Residents Collette Glynn, 3800 Gaslite Sq., #110, Goldine Neal, 3840 Gaslite Sq., #206,
148 Dolores Flynn, 3840 Gaslite Sq., #103, Bernice Griffin, 3725 W. 123rd Place, #211, John
149 Dichtel, 12346 Benck Drive, #111, Art Meyer, 12415 Benck Drive, #207, Lula Walker, 3807 W.
150 123rd Place, #112, Richard E. Langford, 12346 Benck Drive, #212, Betty Davis, and Bette Tobin,
151 3759 W. 123rd Place addressed the Board in opposition to the increase in rental fees. Some
152 concerns voiced were senior citizens living on a limited income and not able to pay the increase;
153 whether the Village pays property taxes on the property; possibility of securing grants to
154 subsidize the costs; filling the vacant apartments (Ms. Neal complained about ceiling falling in at
155 her apartment). Suggestions offered by Heritage residents but not well accepted by a majority
156 present were: a) turning the buildings into Section 8; b) eliminating the pools. Art Meyer
157 suggested spreading the increase over two years in order to allow the seniors budgeting time.
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159 Trustee Godfrey recommended a \$10.00 increase when contracts are renewed in 2008 and
160 another \$10.00 increase when contracts are renewed in 2009.
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162 In response to whether the increases were only for two years, Mayor Kitching reported the
163 \$20.00 increase should cover expenses for awhile, but if major expenses surface the Board will
164 have to take another look at the rental fees. Some of the costs associated with the buildings were
165 roof replacements at \$85,000 per roof, boiler replacements at \$20,000 each, several hundred
166 dollars in concrete repairs, replacement of pool at Heritage II at \$360,000 and the Village makes
167 no profit on the buildings.
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169 Trustee Shapiro reported good information was provided and recommended further review by
170 the Board. Mayor Kitching was in agreement and recommended further review by the Board and
171 modification of the resolution authorized by the Board at this meeting.
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173 ADJOURNMENT

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175 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried at
176 approximately 8:35 p.m.
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178 Respectfully submitted,

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181 Deborah Venhuizen
182 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois