

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP
2 MINUTES OF
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
4 February 16, 2009
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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, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels, Village
8 Attorney Todd Hayden and Mayor Kitching. Absent: Trustee Collins.
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10 MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kitching reported: a) EJ&E Railroad was purchased last week by
11 Canadian National, and the Village of Alsip will experience 8.6 less trains daily. b) Police Chief
12 Troy reported his resignation effective March 16, 2009, and thanked the Village Board and
13 community for their support and assistance. Chief Troy reported the Department is in good hands
14 with Deputy Chief Radz. c) Presentation of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 (Alcoholic
15 Beverages and Liquor Control), Article II (Administration and Enforcement), Division 2
16 (License), Section 4-67 (Location of Place of Sale) of the Municipal Code for the Village of
17 Alsip.
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19 Mayor Kitching reported that as of 11:30 a.m., today's date, the Village of Alsip took over
20 dispatching for the Village of Crestwood Police and Fire Departments.
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22 CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Venhuizen presented: a) January 2009 IDOT MFT allotment
23 totaling \$47,225.89. b) Report that the Clerk's Office will be participating at the Chamber of
24 Commerce Annual Community Expo on Saturday, February 28, 2009, and will be distributing
25 information regarding the 2010 Census and will be registering voters.
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27 ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.
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29 ENGINEER REPORT: Village Engineer, Tom Lang, presented a request for approval of an
30 IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois
31 Highway Code, in the amount of \$100,000.
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33 FINANCE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented: a) List of bills dated February 9, 2009,
34 totaling \$539,001.98.
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36 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to have
37 Deputy Chief Vrshek begin the process of familiarizing Lt. Dennis Kelly with all aspects of the
38 Deputy Chief position. Deputy Chief Vrshek has officially submitted a letter of retirement to be
39 effective on June 2, 2009. In preparation for this retirement, Chief Geraci is recommending the
40 future promotion of Lt. Dennis Kelly to fill the vacancy. b) Letters of appreciation: 1. Letter
41 from Vince Cullen recognizing Lt. Andrew Hufnagel, and Firefighters Reaka Bondoni, Kenneth
42 Marotzke and Chris Miller for their dedication and commitment to their profession displayed
43 during Vince's recent 911 call. 2. Letter from Steven Carr, Fire Chief, Palos Fire Protection
44 District, commending the firefighters responding to PFPD Box 6309. Thanks to response and
45 assistance at the scene by the Alsip Fire Department, the fire was contained and extinguished in
46 a safe and efficient manner. 3. Letter from James Kobelt, Evergreen Park, thanking Alsip's EMS
47 team consisting of Lt. Faruzzi and Firefighters Marotzke, Davies and Cortilet for their
48 professional and rapid response to an incident at the Southwest Vascular Access.
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50 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented: a) January 2009 Monthly
51 Productivity Report. b) Request for approval to dispose of antiquated and no longer operational
52 equipment as listed on the property Control Sheet dated January 9, 2009. c) Congratulations to
53 Investigator Michael Dollear who has been promoted to Command Staff Supervisor of the South
54 Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.
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56 Trustee Shapiro reported that he and Trustees Godfrey and Graczyk attended the police
57 orientation with 140 candidates in attendance. Trustee Shapiro extended special thanks to Deputy
58 Chief Radz, Lt. Wolf and Commissioner Jack Carlson for their professionalism in conducting
59 this well organized orientation. Testing will start on February 22, 2009.
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61 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee McGreal presented: a) January 2009
62 Monthly Productivity Report. b) Vince Cullen has started preparation of the 2009 Road Program
63 with Village Engineer Tom Lang, and a report will follow later.
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69 c) Salt supply update – currently, the Village has 650 tons of salt and if the current conservation
70 methods are maintained, it is expected this supply should last through the end of the snow
71 season. Trustee McGreal acknowledged Vince Cullen, Steve Martinez and the entire Public
72 Works Department on the excellent job with snow and ice removal.

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74 BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro presented the January, 2009 Building
75 Department Activity Report.

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77 HEALTH & POLLUTION: Trustee Godfrey presented: a) Report that February is National
78 Health Month. During the month of February, the Advocate Christ Medical Center is offering the
79 following: Heart of Winds Health Seminar on Saturday, February 21, 2009, 8:00 a.m. –
80 12:30 p.m., and a community education program, “Team Approach to Pancreatic Cancer,”
81 February 26, 2009. b) Health Inspector has been on light duty and will resume inspections when
82 she is physically able to resume her regular duties. c) The Public Works Department will be
83 participating at the Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Community Expo on Saturday, February
84 28, 2009. Information regarding the elimination of pollutants from the Village’s sewer systems
85 will be highlighted at our table as part of the expo’s “going green” theme. Materials have been
86 designed to educate residents about healthy household habits they can follow to reduce such
87 pollution. These materials are part of the Village’s compliance with the National Pollutant
88 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program set forth by the EPA.

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90 SEWER & WATER: Trustee Godfrey presented the January 2009 Water Department Monthly
91 Report.

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93 LICENSE REPORT: Trustee Graczyk presented a list of licenses dated February 9, 2009.

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95 PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval of an
96 Ordinance Amending the Permitted Uses in the I-1 Industrial – Light District to Add Passenger
97 Car and Light Truck Rental and Leasing as a Permitted Use, to be referred to the Planning and
98 Zoning Commission for public hearing on February 25, 2009. B) Request for approval of an
99 Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Property Located at 11600 South Pulaski.

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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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103 VILLAGE PROPERTY: Trustee Michaels presented: a) Request for approval to go out to bid
104 for a 2009 Ford F-350 truck with salt spreader. This is a budgeted item for Heritage I. b) Request
105 for approval for two employees to attend a certified pool and operation course on March 30th and
106 31st, and for two employees to attend the same course on April 2nd and 3rd. Consensus approval
107 was received at the February 9, 2009 Committee meeting. Trustee Michaels amended the
108 original request to read April 2 and 3 and omit February 16 and 17, Item M on the Consent
109 Agenda.

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111 INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee McGreal reported the Employee Newsletter was
112 distributed with positive feedback.

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114 ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION: Trustee Godfrey reported all Ordinances are presented under
115 respective committees.

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117 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT: Trustee Shapiro reported: a) Com Ed has contracted
118 Asplundh Tree Expert Company to trim trees interfering with electrical wires in the industrial
119 and trailer park area just east of Ridgeland Avenue, from 115th Street to 119th Street. The
120 trimming is scheduled to be performed during this month. Residents and business owners will be
121 notified of this service via post cards sent out by Com Ed. b) The MWRD is currently in the
122 process of removing trees and debris in and along the banks of Stony Creek, from Homan
123 Avenue west to Cicero Avenue. Should time permit the District will also be clearing the Central
124 Park Avenue ditch.

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126 BOAT LAUNCH: Trustee McGreal reported: a) Boat Launch will open April 1st.
127 b) Applications are being accepted for seasonal part time position of Boat Launch Attendant for
128 the 2009 boating season. Applications can be obtained from the Village Clerk’s Office.

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130 PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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133 Mayor Kitching asked for any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda; there were none.
134 Clerk Venhuizen read the Ordinance numbers and corrections.

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136 CONSENT AGENDA

- 137 A. Approval of minutes of February 2, 2009 Board meeting.
138 B. Approval of minutes of February 9, 2009 Committee meeting.
139 C. Approval of a list of bills dated February 9, 2009 totaling \$539,001.98.
140 D. Approval of a list of licenses dated February 9, 2009.
141 E. Approval of an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
142 AND LIQUOR CONROL), ARTICLE 11 (ADMINISTRATION AND
143 ENFORCEMENT), DIVISION 2 (LICENSE), SECTION 4-67 (LOCATION OF PLACE
144 OF SALE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALSIP, ILLINOIS.
145 Ordinance No. 2009-2-2.
146 F. Approval of an ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR
147 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11600 SOUTH PULASKI. Ordinance No. 2009-2-152-1.
148 G. Approval of an IDOT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND
149 HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.
150 Resolution No. 2009-2-R-1.
151 H. Acceptance of the January 2009 IDOT MFT allotment totaling \$47,225.89.
152 I. Approval for Deputy Fire Chief Vrshek to begin familiarizing Lt. Dennis Kelly with all
153 aspects of the Deputy Chief position.
154 J. Approval to dispose of antiquated, no longer operational Police Department equipment as
155 listed on the Property Control Sheet dated January 9, 2009.
156 K. Approval to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for hearing on February 25,
157 2009, an Ordinance Amending the Permitted Uses in the I-1 Industrial – Light District to
158 Add Passenger Car and Light Truck Rental and Leasing as a Permitted Use.
159 L. Approval for Village Properties to go out to bid for a 2009 Ford F-350 truck with a salt
160 spreader. This is a budgeted item for Heritage I.
161 M. Approval for two employee to attend a certified pool and operation course on ~~February~~
162 ~~16 and 17~~ March 30 and March 31, and two employees to attend the same course on
163 ~~March 30 and March 31~~ April 2 and April 3, at a cost of \$350.00. Consensus approval
164 was previously received at the February 9, 2009 Committee meeting.
165 N. Acceptance of committee reports as presented.

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167 Motion by Trustee Graczyk to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by
168 Trustee Godfrey. Roll #1: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Graczyk, Godfrey, McGreal
169 and Michaels. Motion carried.

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171 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Godfrey reported all Board members have received a final
172 copy of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Alsip and AFSCME Council
173 31, Local 3053. Two items discussed last week were: 1) Separate letter of agreement between the
174 Village of Alsip and AFSCME on a scheduling item that was reviewed and approved by Mr.
175 Cullen. 2) Conversion Upon Retirement: Approximately nine employees will be grandfathered in
176 and be allowed to convert accumulated sick days.

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178 Motion by Trustee Godfrey to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME
179 Council 31, Local 3053-Village of Alsip Employees and the Village of Alsip, May 1, 2008 to
180 April 30, 2011; seconded by Trustee Michael. Roll #2: Voting “aye”: Trustees Shapiro, Graczyk,
181 Godfrey, McGreal and Michaels. Motion carried. Trustee Godfrey reported this contract has
182 been ratified by the Union, and read the confirmation email.

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184 NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Graczyk reported the Finance Committee will meet on Friday,
185 February 20, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

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187 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Graczyk to adjourn; seconded by Trustee McGreal.
188 Motion carried at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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190 Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Venhuizen
Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois