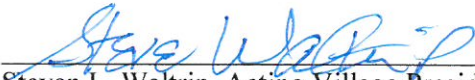


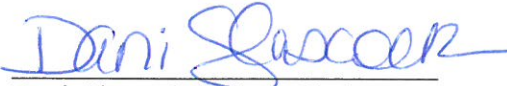


Village of South Jacksonville ~ Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Village Hall Board Room  
 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois  
**SPECIAL Session Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Mayor Steve Waltrip called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Noted.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mike Elliott.	Noted.
Roll Call	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b> Acting Village President/Trustee Steve Waltrip; Village Clerk Dani Glascock; Trustees: Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, Paula Belobrajdic-Stewart and Kem Wilson.</p> <p><b><u>Also present:</u></b> Village Attorneys Rob Cross and Jeff Wilday.</p>	
Comments from the Floor	<p>1 <b>Colby Huff</b>, 408 N. Laurel, South Jacksonville, thanked the Board for making an amendment to the agenda as it was in violation of Open Meetings Act. Mr. Huff reiterated his statements made during last week's Board meeting regarding the administrative leave of Chief Hallock. He stated the situation is a personal vendetta by someone inside the administration as there appears to be no wrongdoing by Chief Hallock. He added the personnel action by Mayor Waltrip is not supported by at least half of the Board. He stated the training was lawful, conducted under ISP guidelines, and performed for multiple police agencies. He asked if it was fair to ask police officers, regardless of their rank, to focus 100% of their energy every day on being police officers. He also asked if it was fair to ask a man to set aside his dreams of music and sharing his artistic vision just because he wears an extra bar on his collar or extra words on his badge. He asked if it was fair to judge a police officer on his personal life while not wearing a uniform, regarding activities that are not illegal or have anything to do with their job. Mr. Huff quoted <i>John 8:7</i>. Mr. Huff stated this matter is a non-issue and shouldn't have been brought up in the first place. He added if this was politically motivated, there is an election in two months and the new Mayor will have opportunity to make personnel decisions. He urged the Board to restore Chief Hallock to his position with back pay and to move on.</p>	Noted.
Approval of Agenda	Mike Elliott made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, John Gotschall seconded, and motion carried unanimously.	Motion carried.

Executive/Closed Session	Mayor Waltrip asked for a motion to move into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body for the public body to determine its validity. Stacy Pinkerton moved and Mike Elliott seconded. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, Paula Stewart, Steve Waltrip, and Kem Wilson. There were no dissenting votes. The Board went into closed session at 6:07 p.m.	Motion carried.
Roll Call	Mike Elliott made a motion to return to open session, Stacy Pinkerton seconded. The Board returned to open session at 8:54 p.m. Roll Call: Mike Elliott John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, Paula Stewart, Steve Waltrip, and Kem Wilson.	Motion carried.
Adjournment	There being no further business for discussion, John Gotschall made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m., Mike Elliott seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.	Motion carried.

  
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 Steven L. Waltrip, Acting Village President

  
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 Dani Glascock, Village Clerk  
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