

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois held in the Council Chambers at 5127 Oakton Street at 8 p.m. on Monday July 6, 2021



With Skokie and the entire State of Illinois now in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan and the lifting of restrictions on in-person gatherings, Skokie Village Board meetings are in-person in the Council Chambers at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Village Board meetings begin at 8 p.m. and will continue to be broadcast live on the [Village's YouTube channel](#) as well as on SkokieVision cable television channels 17 (Comcast) and 25 (RCN). Meetings also are re-broadcast on the cable channels in the weeks following each meeting, and the videos are archived on the Village's YouTube channel.

In keeping with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting should be prepared to practice social distancing, and masks should be worn by any individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Public comments may still be submitted to publiccomments@skokie.org; comments received prior to the meeting or during the meeting will be provided to the Village Board and will not be read aloud. Public comments also can be mailed or hand-delivered to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60077, Attention: Village Manager's Office or placed in the exterior drop box on the west side of Skokie Village Hall. Each Village Board meeting agenda includes time for public comments, and individuals wishing to speak on an issue will be allocated three minutes to address the Village Board.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod C. Shah.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Van Dusen announced that the Trustees were in approval with the Plan Commission Case heard before the presentation.

*Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, June 212021.

Omnibus vote.

*Approve Voucher List #4-FY22 of July 6, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Reappointments

Board of Fire & Police Commission: Nicole Potthast

Fine Arts Commission: Jeff Rhodes as Vice Chair and Pamela Garbarini as Chair

Telecommunications & Technology Commission: Sam Corcione as Chair

Omnibus vote.

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Presentations and Reports.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked the members of the Skokie Public Safety Commission, representatives of the Human Relations Commission, the many residents, organizations and the Skokie Police Department that participated in the public deliberations.

He also thanked Ann Tennes, Director of Marketing and Communications who facilitated the months of meetings..

A. Presentation

Public Safety Commission Use of Force Policy Recommendation

Public Safety Commission Chairperson Paul Pitalis provided a brief introduction and acknowledgements and the recommendations that represent the community 's voice regarding the Skokie Police Department Use of Force Policy.

Public Safety Commission Vice Chairperson Mark Penning, gave a Project overview.

Alicia Case, spoke about use of Force Training and recommendations for Trust and Community Engagement,

Karen Lise Sherman gave recommendations for Transparency and Accountability,

Trustee Sutker made a motion to authorize Chief Brian Baker to implement the Use of Force policies within his jurisdiction as recommended by the Public Safety Commission with input from the Human Relations Commission and residents of the Village of Skokie. Also, the Village Board will authorize the Corporation Council to draft and implement the use of force recommendations. Additionally, this motion directs the Village Manager and Chief of Police to report to the Village Board in six months of the progress of the implementation

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Public comments

The Trustees thanked the Public Safety Commission for their hard work and effort, They expressed gratitude to the Commission and citizens for feedback, recommendations, their engagement and energy over the many months of meetings.

Beth Demes, Maggie Vandermeer, Carrie Brezine, Shereen Lannoye, Fairview School 72 member, and Molly Greening all support the Public Safety Commission's Use of Force Police recommendation, accountability, Fairness and Equity.

Angela Sangha-Gadsden, and Roxan Salgado from Abolition Coalition spoke about hate crimes and systemic racism.

Chief Baker answered questions from the Board. All the Trustees expressed their final views in support of the Skokie Police Department's Use of Force Policy.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked the members of the Public Safety Commission, Human Relation Commission and the many community groups that brought the Community together during the process.

Report of the Village Manager.

*A. Annual Maintenance Contract for Cisco Network Infrastructure-CDW, Chicago, Illinois \$24,942.42

Motion to award an Annual Maintenance Contract for Cisco Network Infrastructure – CDW, Chicago, Illinois - \$24,942.42.

Omnibus vote.

*B. CentralSquare Public Safety Software Maintenance Contract – CentralSquare, Lake Mary, Florida – \$141,427.37.

Motion to award a contract to CentralSquare Lake Mary, Florida in the amount of \$141,427.37 for a CentralSquare Public Safety Software Maintenance Contract.

Omnibus vote.

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*C. Request to Sell Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.

Motion to sell surplus vehicles and equipment.

Omnibus vote.,

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance 21-7-C-4557

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Sections 2-38 and 2-42, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the conducting of and attendance at public meetings via video and telephone conferencing. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance 21-7C-4558

An ordinance granting a special use permit to allow outdoor storage at 5550 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois, in an M2 Light Industry district (2020-12P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2021-18P – Street Vacation: Alley between 8057 Niles Center Road and 8052 Elmwood Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner’s request to vacate the alley between 8057 Niles Center Road and 8052 Elmwood Avenue in a CX Core Mixed-use zoning district be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Klein

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor George Van Dusen

Items marked with an asterisk (*) indicate they are part of the Consent Agenda that contains routine items or items which have already been discussed by the Mayor and Board at a previous public meeting and require a second reading. Items on the Consent Agenda are passed in one vote at the beginning of the Board Meeting. Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will inquire if there is any matter which anyone wishes to remove from the Consent Agenda. If there is an item on the Consent Agenda which you wish to address, please inform the Mayor at that time you wish to remove it from the Consent Agenda.

