

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 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023



Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

Motion to permit Trustee Pure Slovin to participate remotely for this meeting.

Moved: Trustee Khoehn **Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoehn, Johnson, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoehn, Johnson, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Pure Slovin was absent.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Johnson **Seconded: Trustee Klein**

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoehn, Johnson, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, August 21, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #8-FY24 of September 5, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

National Suicide Prevention + Action Month – September 2023

Trustee Sutker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker read the Proclamation ensuring that all individuals have access to the necessary tools and community resources for discussing suicide prevention and seeking assistance.

* Payroll Week – September 4-8, 2023

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

*A. Reappointments

Appearance Commission: Julie Naumiak

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners: Helene Levine as Vice Chair

Economic Development Commission: Marc Battista, Barbara Carley, Steve Franklin, Scott Gendell, Curt Hansen, Joseph Hermiz, Serge Khalimsky, Brian Levinson, David Rahija, Michael Rosen and Howard Meyer as Vice Chair

Fire Pension Board: Julian Prendi

Police Pension Board: Harold Primack

Public Arts Advisory Committee: Barbara M Meyer as Chair

Sustainability Environmental Advisory Commission: Rick Moskovitz, Jim McNelis as Vice Chair and Jennifer Grossman as Chair

Zoning Board of Appeals: Sharon Kirkpatrick, Sean Arden, Elaine Jacobson and David Solovy

*B. Resignation

Human Relations Commission: Daphnee Camilien

Omnibus vote.

Presentations and Reports.

A. *The 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan: A Five-year Strategy for a Healthier Skokie* – Presentation by Michael Charley, Director of Health and Human Services and Elizabeth Nelson, Public Health Coordinator/Data Analyst

Elizabeth Nelson, Public Health coordinator/Data Analyst spoke about the primary objectives of the Community Health Improvement Plan:

Identify our community health priorities, focus attention and resources on strategies for positive health outcomes, monitor and measure progress in achieving these outcomes and enhance the overall health of the community.

Also three priorities were chosen:

Priority 1: Access to Healthcare

Priority 2: Access to Behavioral Health

Priority 3: Affordable Housing

George Hanus spoke about concerns with the Plan.

The revised corrected version of the 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan will be presented at the next meeting.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Review and Approval of Closed Session Minutes.

Resolution 23-9-R-1558

Motion to approve the release of certain Executive Minutes.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Trustee Johnson spoke about Exhibit 3 (Destruction of Verbatim Records), not to destroy.

Motion for an Executive Session to discuss. This failed for a seconded.

Motion to Table Exhibit 3 to further discuss. This failed for a seconded.

Motion to keep all the records that had to do with the Corporation's Counsel-Performance review of the Legal Department.

Motion failed for a seconded.

Motion to amend the Resolution to not destroy Item 97 from Exhibit "3"

Moved: Johnson

Seconded: Khoeun

Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: Klein.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED

Hillary Hunter, Kimberly Polka, Rachel Vanhooes, Matt Jarvis, Brandon, Lauren Grodnicki, and Vicki Wolfinger all spoke about destruction, dishonesty, and transparency about the Exhibits.

Motion to divide the vote to Exhibit "1" and Exhibit "2" and Exhibit "3"-separately.

Motion failed for a seconded.

Motion to approve the release of certain Executive Minutes as amended.

Ayes: Sutker, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Abstain: Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson

Nays: None.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED (pending confirmation)

*B. Purchase of One (1) Public Works Aerial Bucket Truck – National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, California - \$186,400.

Motion to award a contract to National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA in the amount of \$186,400 to purchase one public works aerial bucket truck.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Replacement of Fire Hydrants and Accessories – Core and Main, Lake Bluff, IL – 149,125 and Ziebell Water Service Products, Elk Grove Village, IL - \$11,250.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Purchase of One (1) Public Works Pick-Up Truck – National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, California - \$50,865.24.

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Corporation Counsel.

SECOND READING:

An ordinance amending chapters 46 and 58 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to affordable housing. Item A is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on May 15, 2023.

Motion to table this Ordinance for further review.

Moved: Trustee Robinson

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED

Allan Zaid, Mike, Helen Levinson Lauren Grodnicki, Shelli Patt and Gail Schechter from Skokie Neighbors for Housing Justice, David Younker, Jan Beladi, a 2 year resident, Kimberly Polka, Cathy White, Vicki Wolfinger, Molly, Alice Pappas George Hanus all spoke which included data, rental control, land trust, fee in lieu, new multi-family units, disability individuals, grants that pay landlords, increase stock of affordable housing units, basic needs for families-food security, health care and developers. All spoke in regard to the Affordable Housing Ordinance.

Unfinished Business

Lauren Grodnicki gave a power point presentation on Solar Energy

What homeowners should know about installing rooftop solar panels, examples of panels, return on investments, tax credits and incentives.

Public Comment.

Matt Jarvis, John Hopp-spoke about the grants that pay landlords, affordable housing ordinance.

Trustee Johnson commented on the payment in lieu option. Developers with 100 residential units or more shall not be eligible to pay the payment in lieu. All of Skokie developments have been less than 100 units.

Danny Cohen- Problems with rats.

Public Comment-Update

Shelli Patt spoke in favor of the Affordable Housing Ordinance. She also mentioned about the Skokie smoking ban as an illustration of a similar progressive ordinance.

Public Comments by email.

Judy Mendel, Matt Temkin, Emi Yamauchi's public comments from Aug. 21, 2023 concerning the Mapping meeting on August 14, 2023 at the Skokie public library.

Matt Temkin, Judy Mendel-Housing subcommittee membership was not equitable nor transparent.

Cally McKinney-Election reform- new map.

Judy Mendel- How other communities are making the districting process transparent, accessible and inclusive.

JJ Ivaska, Shelli Patt, Charlie Saxe ,Gail Schechter, Judy Mendel , Bob Kusel, John Hopp, and Emi Yamauchi -affordable Housing Policy-why a new draft is needed.

Jinsky Jean Pois-The Origin of Skokie Electoral Reform.

Alexander "Sasha" Gutfraind, Phd., Zev Geller, Ben Kirschner -Opposing "affordable housing" mandate.

Gail Schechter-Inclusionary zoning parameters and correspondence to property tax relief.

Lisa Silverman- Rats at 9447 Lockwood.

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pure Slovin.

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor 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.

