

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 January 6, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Ulrich

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler, and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday December 16, 2019

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #16-FY20 of January 6, 2020.

Omnibus vote.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of Timothy Gramins as Police Commander by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen noted that Gramins was named Illinois State Officer of the year and one of 10 law enforcement officers selected by NAPO to visit the White house for his Heroism in the 2008 Bank Robbery.

Commander Gramins introduced his family and friends. He thanked the Village for wisdom and leadership.

B. Swearing in of Jonathan Ngo by Commissioner Nicole Potthast of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Police Officer Ngo.

Reappointments

* C. Economic Development Commission: David Putrus

Report of the Village Manager.

No Report.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

No Report.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2019-43P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Art Dealers, Supplies, Sales, and Service in M1 Office Assembly Industry zoning districts.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request to amend Appendix of Chapter 118 Zoning of the Skokie Village Code be amended to add art dealers, supplies, sales and service as permitted use in the M1 Office Assembly Industry be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler, and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.

A. FY21 Public Hearing: Proposal Presentations

Carrie J. Haberstick, Planner/CDBG Administrator presented the Public Hearing.

The Village's entitlement grant for FY21 is not yet known. At this time, we are estimating \$600,000 in entitlement funds based on expectations that CDBG funding will be less than the current year's entitlement amount. In addition to the new entitlement, we plan to reprogram roughly \$50,000 in previously unallocated funds and \$0 in program income from the current program year, while accommodating a reserve of unobligated funds that could be used for emergency expenses, resulting in an estimated FY21 budget of \$650,000. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$952,789, so reductions will be necessary. The program's 20% cap for administrative funding is applied against the new entitlement only, while the 15% cap for public service funding (non-capital/non-construction expenditures) is applied against the new entitlement plus any program income from the current program year.

Budget recommendations by staff will be presented at the next public hearing on Monday, February 3. The Board will determine at that time the proposed funding award for each project or activity.

Mayor Van Dusen stated that Trustee Sutker recused herself from participating in the discussion and voting on the grant as she is a Licensed Social Worker employed by a social service agency that is an applicant for a CDBG grant. Trustee Roberts also recused himself from participation because he is on the Board of one of the applicants for a CDBG grant.

Overview of CDBG Proposals for FY21

Village of Skokie Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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			FY20 Allocation (\$)	FY21 Request (\$)
Administration				
	VOS - Program Administration	The Community Development Department is seeking funding to administer the Village's CDBG Program, implement and monitor all projects, submit all required documentation to HUD, and coordinate all planning activities relative to the Village's community development efforts.	88,000	110,000
	VOS - Planning	The Community Development Department is seeking funding to continue to participate in the preparation of a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), to be submitted to HUD in 2020.	12,000	10,000
Housing				
	VOS - Home Improvement Program	The Building, Zoning & Property Standards Division is seeking funding to continue the Village's program of repairing single-family homes, which began in 1983. The request will enable low/moderate-income households (less than 80% of area median family income) to be eligible to receive grants up to \$12,000 to pay for building materials or contractors' services.	50,000	70,000
	HODC - Housing Opportunity Development Corporation	The HODC is seeking funding to purchase and install security cameras in an 11-unit building on Conrad Street.	-	16,842
	WINGS - Construction	WINGS is seeking funding to repair and/or replace the flooring in the main living areas in a transitional housing apartment building in Skokie.	-	11,250
	VOS - Affordable Housing Initiative	The Manager's Office and Community Development Department are seeking funding to further affordable housing in Skokie.	105,328	150,000
Infrastructure				
	VOS - Street and Alley Resurfacing	The Engineering Division is seeking funding to resurface Niles Avenue (between Oakton Street and Lincoln Avenue) and Hull Street (between Niles and Terminal Avenues).	200,000	220,000
	VOS - Sidewalk Replacement Program	The Engineering Division is seeking funding to provide grants to homeowners meeting low/moderate-income eligibility who are required to participate in the Village's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.	3,000	3,000

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Public Services

	VOS - Social Worker	The Human Services Division is seeking funding to offset 60% of the costs for a Village Social Worker position.	43,470	52,057
	JCFS	JCFS is seeking funding to provide financial stability services and coordinated case management for Skokie residents.	4,000	6,000
	Center for Enriched Living	The Center for Enriched Living (CEL) is seeking funding to enable low-income Skokie residents with developmental disabilities to enroll in programs that mitigate social isolation and loneliness.	2,000	5,000
	Asian Human Services - dental services	Asian Human Services is seeking funding to subsidize the salaries of dental assistants to provide dental services to low-income Skokie residents.	7,000	15,000
	Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois (formerly Meals at Home)	Meals on Wheels is seeking funding to offset staffing costs related to providing the elderly, persons with mental illness, individuals with disabilities, and those with temporary illnesses with functional independence.	3,000	10,000
	Suburban Primary Health Care Council	The Suburban Primary Health Care Council is seeking funding for its Access to Care program, providing access to primary health care services for low-income Skokie residents.	-	5,000
	Assyrian Family Health Alliance	Assyrian Family Health Alliance is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with hiring a part-time phlebotomist and/or a part-time healthcare interpreter fluent in the Aramaic language.	-	20,000
	Metropolitan Family Services	Metropolitan Family Services is seeking funding to offset counselor staffing costs, providing counseling services.	6,000	10,000
	PEER Services	PEER Services is seeking funding to offset the costs associated with employing an adult and adolescent program coordinator.	5,000	12,000
	Children's Advocacy Center	Children's Advocacy Center is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs of supporting child victims of abuse, and their non-offending parents and family members.	3,000	4,000
	The Harbour	The Harbour is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs of serving the needs of homeless youth (including locked-out, runaway, or abandoned) ages 12-23 in the north and northwest Chicago suburbs.	3,000	9,410
	North Shore Senior Center (NSSC)	The NSSC is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with providing case management and counseling services to low-income, older adult residents of Skokie.	8,000	10,000
	Argentium (formerly SASI)	Argentium is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with a Program Manager in the Senior Connections Program.	3,000	5,000
	Youth and Opportunity United (YOU)	YOU is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs for a youth development worker for after school and summer programs at Edison Elementary, Lincoln Junior High, and Old Orchard Junior High Schools.	4,000	15,000
	Northwest Compass	Northwest Compass is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with serving Skokie households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.	-	7,500
	Open Communities	Open Communities is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with Skokie residents with housing counseling.	-	15,000

Public Facilities

	Turning Point	Turning Point is seeking funding to replace (1) large HVAC rooftop unit, and make accessibility upgrades to its east entrance, both serving the Turning Point building at 8324 Skokie Boulevard.	25,000	30,871
	SHORE	SHORE is seeking funding to replace HVAC-related equipment at the Lois Lloyd/Administration Center at 8350 Laramie Avenue, serving the organization's home of its adult services program and administrative offices.	20,000	22,789
	CJE SeniorLife - Village Center	CJE SeniorLife is seeking funding to make repairs to the parapet at the Village Center subsidized senior housing apartment building at 5140 Galitz Street.	30,000	75,570
	Search	Search is seeking funding to construct an accessible ramp with landing at its supportive living residence on Enfield Avenue.	18,000	18,750

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	Orchard Village	Orchard Village is seeking funding to upgrade electrical services to 2 of its Skokie group homes, one on Lavergne Avenue and one on Lowell Avenue.	18,000	9,750
	Asian Human Services - facilities	Asian Human Services is seeking funding to replace 2 exhaust fans for its health clinic at 8800 Lockwood Avenue.	5,000	3,000
	Thresholds - Church Street	<i>FY20 project.</i>	9,000	-
	Thresholds - Wright Terrace	<i>FY20 project.</i>	35,000	-

FY20	FY21
Total Allocation	Total Request
709,798	952,789

Representatives from each organization spoke and gave brief overviews of their funding requests.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked all of the agencies for the valuable services that they provide.

Citizen Comments.

Sheila Jacobson, 7402 Karlov spoke about styrofoam, composting and littering in Skokie.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor George Van Dusen

