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 February 4, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #85 from Middleton School

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Gray-Keeler was not present.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Klein    Seconded: Trustee Sutker
Ayes:   Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays:    None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Omnibus vote.


Proclamations and Resolutions.
A. Proclamation
Food Pantry Month – February 2019
Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation proclaiming February as “Food Pantry Month” urging all residents to support the efforts of the Niles Township Food Pantry by donating non-perishable food items or volunteering time at the pantry.
Lisa Hanley, Director of Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation made comments about the Food Pantry.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.
A. Appointment
Telecommunications & Advisory Commission: Ninos Youkhana

B. Reappointments
Commission on Family Services: Rebecca Abraham, Caroline Benjamin, Romeo Esangga, Wendy Gahm, Shajan Jose, Dr. Edward McCarron, Angelo Militello, Heather O'Donnell, Nicole Perry, Stacey Porter, Richard Reagen, Annie Shear and Brian Williams as Commissioners and Harold Primack as Chair
Plan Commission: Paul Luke as Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals: Mike Shah

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.
A. Cook County Class 6b Property Tax Incentive – 8121 Central Park Avenue.
Economic Development Specialist Leslie Murphy and Mr. Baruch Schur answered questions from the Board.
Resolution 19-2-R-1415
Motion to concur with staff’s recommendation that this project is an excellent candidate for a Class 6B classification.
Moved: Trustee Ulrich    Seconded: Trustee Roberts
Ayes:   Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays:    None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED
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B. Review of Fees, Including Fee Amendments and New Fees.
Motion to approve in concept the amended fees changes and request Mayor and Board to amend the Ordinances and placed on a future Corporation Counsel’s agenda.

Moved: Trustee Klein  Seconded: Trustee Sutker
Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED

C. Hotel and Motel Gross Receipts Tax.
Motion to concur with staff’s recommendation on the draft ordinances amendment that rental of private residences of rooms in residences are subject to the hotel tax on gross rental receipts when the rental period is less than 30 days.

Moved: Trustee Klein  Seconded: Trustee Roberts
Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED

*D. Resolution 19-2-R-1416
Motion to adopt a Biennial Resolution to Allow Work Performed by Village of Skokie for Construction and Maintenance in State of Illinois Rights-of-Way.
Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel
*A. Ordinance 19-2-C-4442
Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow outdoor storage at 7720 Austin Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in an M3 Industry district, and relief from certain sections of Chapter 90 and Chapter 118 of the Skokie Village Code (2018-44P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.
Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance 19-2-C-4443
Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Article III, Sections 118-75 and 118-91 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to air conditioning condensers (2018-45P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.
Omnibus vote.

FIRST READING
C. Resolution 19-2-R-1417
Motion to adopt a resolution approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 8455 Lockwood Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in an R2 Single-Family district. This item is on the agenda for first reading and approval.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich  Seconded: Trustee Sutker
Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED

Plan Commission.
A. Plan Commission Case 2018-48P – Subdivision: 7515-7555 Linder Avenue and 7520 Long Avenue
Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner’s request to resubdivide 3 lots into 1 lot in an M1 office assembly industry district be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Klein  Seconded: Trustee Bromberg
Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED
2019-20 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #3.
The CDBG entitlement amount remains unknown, so an estimate of $550,000 is in the budget, based on a rough average of the last three years of funding amounts. In addition to the new entitlement, $100,000 in unobligated funds and $0 in program income is recommended to be applied to the Program Year 2019-20 budget. A balance of unobligated funds will be retained for emergencies for construction-related activities. The total estimated budget is $650,000.

For the sixth year in a row, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is requesting that the Village not submit its Annual Action Plan until the entitlement amount is known. We are proceeding with our typical public hearing schedule on the condition that flexibility is incorporated into the draft plan to accommodate a range of funding level possibilities. The following guidelines will apply if the funding is greater than, equal to, or less than the base entitlement estimate of $550,000:

- Less than $440,000: a substantial amendment to the Action Plan will be necessary
- Less than $550,000: an across-the-board proportional reduction will be pursued
- $550,000: ("full funding") the fund will be distributed as budgeted
- $570,000: The 15% service cap, or $3,000, to be awarded to Alternate Activity #1
- $583,334: The 15% service cap, or $2,000, to be awarded to Alternate Activity #2
- Less than $660,000: The balance of the 15% service cap will be applied to the Village social worker position, and the balance of the entitlement funds will be applied to the Village’s Affordable Housing Initiative.
- Greater than $660,000: the balance above $660,000 will be carried forward to the following program year. No substantial amendment to the Action Plan will be pursued.

CDBG proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies totaled $982,848, so reductions are necessary to meet the estimated budget.
Motion to concur with the recommended projects and funding levels for 2019-2020 CDBG Programs.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg     Seconded: Trustee Klein
Ayes: Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
Abstain: Roberts, Sutker
MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Comments.
Mayor Van Dusen thanked Village Manager Lockerby, and the Village staff for all the services that was provided during the weather last week.

Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Roberts     Seconded: Trustee Bromberg
Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: Gray-Keeler
MOTION CARRIED

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Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor George Van Dusen