

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 Tuesday February 16, 2021



Until further notice, meetings of the Skokie Village Board will be held electronically, with a majority of Village officials participating via remote access in order to comply with the State of Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. Members of the public who wish to comment as to an item on the published agenda or to comment during public comments must submit their statement or question in writing to the Village Manager's Office and all properly submitted statements or questions will be presented and read during the relevant portion of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted by email to citizencomments@skokie.org before or during the meetings; by mail to Village of Skokie, Village Manager's Office, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60077; or via the Village's drop box located by the public entry to Village Hall.

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 Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen. The Trustees were joining by remote electronic access.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

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, February 1, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #19-FY21 of February 16, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

* Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

29th Anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre Commemoration Day – February 26, 2021

Omnibus vote.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Resignation

Telecommunications & Technology Commission: Randall Cling

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Through February 12th, the Village has vaccinated 6,199 individuals. The Village has held ten vaccine clinics including first and second dose clinics. There are 50 staff and volunteers working with approximately 200 patrons an hour. The number and duration of clinics are dependent on the quantity of vaccine received. Postcards were mailed to all addresses in town for residents to pre-register. 25,085 pre-registrations have been completed. The Village of Skokie's positivity rate is 3.82% , Cook County rate is 4.8%.

Manager Lockerby answered questions from the Board.

B. Sustainability Presentation by Max Slankard.

Public Works Director, Max Slankard presented the Village 's Environmental Sustainability Plan.

This included:

Reduce the amount of water that is consumed in Skokie, and ensure the quality of our water supply.

Reduce the production and release of air pollutants and greenhouse gases in the Village.

Reduce overall energy use in the Village and increase the use of renewable energy sources.

Promote transportation infrastructure that incorporated multiple modes of transportation, while optimizing the efficient use of motor vehicles to maximize energy efficiency and reduce emissions.

Reduce, reuse and recycle and use as much of the Village waste stream as is economically and technically feasible.

The Skokie Environmental Sustainability Plan was developed over an eight year period by the Skokie Community Development, Public Works, Legal and Health Departments. Over time, there was substantial input and support from other Skokie community members and outside entities. Max Slankard answered questions from the Board.

C. Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Electricity Aggregation Program.

Assistant to the Director of Public Works Liz Zimmerman presented the Public Hearing.

A new pricing model, Electric Aggregation 2.0 provides a variable price for a set term that always matches the ComEd rate. Only residents and businesses that have a low cost to serve will be supplied by the retail energy supplier while accounts with a higher cost to serve will remain on the ComEd default supply service. Resident and small businesses will be enrolled in the program if their account is considered a low cost to serve and they are not already in contract with an alternative retail supplier or community solar. They will receive a letter and have the option to opt out. The 2.0 program is different than the original Electricity Aggregation Program, the Village must amend and adopt an amended POGO prior to accepting any bid.

February 16th is the first reading of the POGO amendment, March 1st is the second reading of the POGO amendments. March or April of 2021, approval of contract if bids are favorable.

*D. Fire Records Management System Annual Maintenance – ImageTrend, Lakeville, Minnesota \$23,870.25.

Motion to award a contract to ImageTrend, Lakeville, Minnesota in the amount of \$23,870.25 for fire records management system annual maintenance.

Omnibus vote.

*E. Parkway Tree Planting – Acres Group, Wauconda, Illinois - \$36,825 and St. Aubin Nursery, Kirkland, Illinois - \$23,175.

Motion to award a contract to Acres Group, Wauconda, IL in the amount of \$36,825 and St. Aubin Nursery, Kirkland, IL in the amount of \$23,175 for Parkway tree planting.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

An ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Sections 10-63 and 10-64 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the retail sale of alcoholic liquor. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the March 1, 2021 agenda for second reading and adoption.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2020-18P – Special Use Permit: 4035 Dempster Street
Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for a child day care at 4035 Dempster be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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Citizen Comments.

Rosa Negrete complimented the Village of the COVID Vaccine Clinic.

Adisa Kahvedzic complimented the Skokie Police.

These residents commented about Police body cam, use force by Police, racial justice for the community, racism , Skokie Police Department budget, Police reform and adopting “8 can’t Wait”:

Vernice Bogan, Mark Erickson, Molly Greening-4821 Hull St., Jen Karlovitz, Louis Mercer, 4257 Oakton, Leslie Nathan, Angela Sangha-Gadsden, Jasmine Sebagala, Margie Smithe, Elaine Vincent, Kathleen & Darron McNutt, Nicole Reynolds, The Thomas Family, and Maggie Vandermeer-5304 Mulford, James Johnson, and Skokie United Policy Team:

Matt Temkin, Lawrence Walters, Annie Warshaw, and Brian Williams.

Richard Bart commented on the snow plowing and the Village’s snow parking ordinance.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 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

