

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 March 1, 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 Bromberg

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 Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #20-FY21 of March 1, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

*Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day – March 1, 2021

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave the COVID 19 update. Skokie has had 5,469 cases, 112 deaths, average 10 cases/day, positivity rate 2.68%. Cook County is 3.5%. Skokie is in Region 10 and is under Phase 4 Resurgence Mitigation. Residents who have questions can go to Skokie.org, SkokieNews, COVID19 hotline 847-779-7726, or email covid19@skokie.org.

The Skokie vaccine process is to pre-register and you will be noticed when to come. We are in Phases 1A and 1B. Vaccines supplies have been limited. So far we have received 3,750 Pfizer vaccines which have been given to Northshore University Health system. Also, we have received Moderna and soon Johnson and Johnson. The clinic site is located at 7770 Frontage Road. Mike Charley answered questions from the Board.

B. 2020 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance.

A total of \$3,550,754.50 is presented for first reading and review with the second reading for Mayor and Board approval at the March 15th Board Meeting.

Finance Director Prendi 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 Public Works Director, Liz Zimmerman conducted the second hearing.

Because 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.

James Johnson, 4821 Hull, Skokie commented on the Electrical aggregation agreement. He had questions about Renewable energy-what percentage of Skokie's electricity comes from renewable sources and in what ways can this aggregation agreement increase the direct supply of renewable energy in Skokie.

Resolution 21-3-R-1488

Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Electricity Aggregation Program.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

D. TIF 'Pay As You Go' Reimbursement Grant for 4901 Main Street (Sketchbook Brewing Company).

The categories include the following: sewage line renovations and replacement, HVAC expansion, concrete flooring, plumbing/electric for boiler and cooler, metalwork, new fire hydrant and silo and glycol chiller enclosures, etc.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendations authorizing the "Pay As You Go" TIF Reimbursement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*E. Proprietary Purchase of Fire Safety Gear – W.S. Darley & Company, Itasca, Illinois – \$46,360.

Motion to award a contract to W.S.Darley & Company, Itasca, IL in the amount of \$46,360 for Proprietary purchase of Fire Safety Gear.

Omnibus vote.

F. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request of the Village Manager for an Executive Session pursuant to Section C.5 and C.6 of the Open Meetings Act at the end of the meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance 21-3-C-4549

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 consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

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FIRST READING:

B. Resolution 21-3-R-1489

Motion to adopt a resolution urging the Illinois General Assembly to adopt Fix The FOID Act, SB1066 and HB3245. This item is on the agenda for first reading and approval.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #4.

Carrie Haberstich, Planner/CDBG Administrator presented the One-Year Action Plan for CDBG Program Year 2021-22 and Public Hearing.

Background

The term of the five-year Consolidated Plan began May 1, 2020, and will continue through April 30, 2024. The elements of the Consolidated Plan address community issues as they relate to low/moderate-income residents.

The one-year Action Plan serves as the annual funding application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG funding. It includes the Village's strategies to address community development needs, project and activity descriptions, and certifications regarding Skokie's eligibility to apply for federal funding. In addition, the Action Plan addresses the Village's continued efforts to prevent homelessness, aid persons with special needs, enhance the supply of affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, enhance social services, and promote citizen participation in the CDBG process. Furthermore, the plan provides updates on the number of Housing Choice Vouchers in use in Skokie, and planned coordination between various Village departments and social service providers in the Skokie area. A draft of the one-year Action Plan was distributed to the Mayor and Board of Trustees and is attached to this memorandum.

The Consolidated and Action Plans are required by HUD of all communities receiving CDBG entitlement funds.

Motion to approve the one-year Action Plan so it can be submitted to HUD.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Comments.

Denise Beal Adonissi commented on the use of tax dollars

These citizens were in support of body cameras for the Skokie Police Department. Leslie Nathan, Dr. Sylvia Romero, 2350 Choctaw Road, Waukegan, IL, Elaine Viincent, 4757 Howard, Nancy Graham, Skokie United Policy Team-*Matt Temkin, Lawrence Walters, Annie Warshaw, Brian Williams*, Nicole Reynolds, Maggie Vandermeer, Jasmine Sebagala, and Molly Greening, 4821 Hull.

The Manager and Mayor responded that the Village is preparing the annual budget 2021-2022. The budget will include the program supporting body cameras for the Skokie Police Department. The Village will be working with the State legislature for funding.

Vartan Paylan, commented on refinancing 10 year bonds.

These citizens were dissatisfied with the approval of the February 16th proclamation regarding the "Khojaly Massacre Commemoration Day"

Vartan Paylan, Hagop Soulakian, Vitaly, Ken Hachikian and Genevieve Missirlian.

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Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

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

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main conference room at 9:28 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Corporation Counsel Lorge, Clerk Shah, Trustees Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Gray-Keeler. Also present were Economic Development Manager Becker and Community Development Director Brandmeyer. The meeting ended at 9:56 p.m.