

SKOKIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

PRESENT: Cornell Collins, Deputy Chief Nicholas Eschner, Scott Ford, Fire Chief Jeff Hoeflich, Mitchell Kushner
Ibrahim Mansuri, Linda Perlin, Chairperson Paul Pitalis, Leslie Post-Weissinger, Director of Engineering Russ
Rietveld, Dennis Rizo, Nicholas Vickers, Melissa Villegas, Jeff Schvimer, Deputy Chief Jesse Barnes

EXCUSED: Police Chief Brian Baker, Deputy Chief Stephen Jagman, Kenneth Mantel , Senior Engineer Samantha Maximilian
Vice Chair Mark Penning, Trustee Alison Pure-Slovin, Howard Rosenberg, Director of Public Works Max Slankard
Bryant Smith, Trustee Edie Sue Sutker

ABSENT: Marcie Claus, Paul Kruszynski

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Pitalis called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** The minutes of the January 18th meeting were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Barnes gave the Police Department Report. The comparative summary was provided for the month. He also gave an overview of recent pedestrian traffic accidents. He provided information about the ride along program and citizen's Police Academy. QA discussion followed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Eschner gave the Fire Department Report. Calls received in January were down, but there was a big fire in the 8300 block of Kilpatrick that started from a Christmas tree. In addition, there have been numerous plan reviews completed and training is going well. Unfortunately Firefighter Andrew Cutting recently lost his battle with cancer and passed away. QA discussion followed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Russ Rietveld gave the Engineering Report. Russ reviewed current and upcoming bicycle related projects on the horizon. QA discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The no left turn sign near Oakton and Kostner was reinstalled by CCDOTH.

NEW BUSINESS

We reviewed the proposed promotional piece regarding pedestrian safety and determined a plan of action for distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn which was seconded and then passed unanimously.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SKOKIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 15, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON
AT THE SKOKIE POLICE STATION TRAINING ROOM AT
7300 NILES CENTER ROAD
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