

**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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023**

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.  
Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Khoehn, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Robinson was absent.  
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item A and Item C on Appointments, reappointments and resignations.

**Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

**Ayes: Sutker, Khoehn, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Robinson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, March 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #22-FY23 of April 3, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Proclamations and Resolutions.

\*A. Proclamation

Fair Housing is not an Option. It's the Law Month – April 2023

**Omnibus vote.**

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards Presentation

Beautification and Improvement Commission Awards

Chair, Bob Quane thanked the committee members and liaisons for their hard work.

Vice Chair Mitchell Sandler presented the awards.

The top 3 winners were 28 Williamsburg Rd. , 8101 Kenneth Ave., and 8455 Skokie Blvd.

Awards were presented to 8733 Keystone, 9543 Keeler Ave., 51 Williamsburg Rd., 8027 Long Ave., 7530 Kilbourn Ave., 3907 Keeney St., 4530 Concord Lane, 33 Williamsburg Rd., 8316 Harding Ave, 3800 Jarvis Ave., 63 Williamsburg Rd. , 9509 Leamington Ave., 3800 Howard St., 3920 Cleveland St., 3939 Fargo Ave., 9851 Kedvale Ave., 4200 Keeney St., 4225 Lee St., 8442 Keystone Ave., 8632 Lawndale Ave., 3943 Fargo Ave., 8850 Karlov Ave., 8001 Long Ave., 9455 Skokie Blvd. 9445 Latrobe Ave., 4635 Howard St., 8303 Emerson St., 4224 Brummel St., 9300 Ridgeway Ave., and 9655 Karlov Ave.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

Appointments

*Beautification & Improvement Commission:* William Oney-Paige

*Plan Commission:* Vijai Gupta

*Public Safety Commission:* Fred Moore

*Telecommunications & Technology Commission:* Richard Owen

\* B. Reappointments

*Human Relations Commission:* Deborah Arnold, Daphnee Camilien, Alexander Chaparro,

Sheila Crumrine, David Donegan, Krishna Goyal, Jonathan Lavin, Marcos Levy, Swarupa

Pahan, Michelle Reitman, Pearl Rubenzik, Jeremy Segall, Karen L Sherman, James Specker and Maria Monestero Bueno as Chair

**Omnibus vote.**

C. Resignations

*Plan Commission:* Mike Shah

*Zoning Board of Appeals:* Vijai Gupta

These two items were taken off the Consent Agenda.

Rachel Van Hooes, Kimberly Polka and Trustee Johnson had questions about the appointment process when there are vacancies on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Van Dusen explained the process.

Trustee Johnson wanted to Table this matter for further discussion.

The motion failed.

Motion to accept the recommendation on Vijai Gupta on the Plan Commission the resignation of Mike Shah from the Plan Commission.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**Ayes: Sutker, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: Robinson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Resolution 23-4-R-1550

Motion to concur with Mayor and Board to approve a Resolution Regarding Private Side Cost Sharing of Lead Water Service Line Replacements.

Manager Lockerby, Public Works Director Slankard and Finance Director Prendi answered questions from the Board and residents regarding the cost share program, payment program, grants and loans and interest.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**Ayes: Sutker, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Robinson.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Hotel Project Promissory Note Public Private Partnership.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board to authorize the Village Manager to execute a promissory note as a public private partnership with the downtown hotel.

Louis Mercer, Rachel Van Hoose Trustee Johnson, Lauren Grodnicki, and Kimberly Polka had concerns about the proposed promissory note.

Manager Lockerby, Corporation Counsel Lorge, and Finance Director answered questions from the Board and residents.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Ayes: Sutker, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: Robinson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

\*A. Ordinance 23-4-C-4641

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 11, Sections 1-11 and 18-39 of the Skokie Village Code, prohibiting platform feeders and increasing the number of dogs allowed per residence. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

New Business.

Trustee Johnson inquired about when the appointment process for Village attorneys will be discussed. The Village Manager stated that the discussion will be on the Village Board meeting of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Pure Slovin read a prepared statement expressing her dismay regarding divisive accusations in the Village. She stated that she supports a strong Village to benefit all residents in fair housing, environmental sustainability, green space, and first responders.

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Public Comment.

Jerry Brozek , lives at Optima spoke about graffiti by Golf and Old Orchard underpass, democracy and complaints about ethics. Mayor stated that Golf and the Old Orchard underpass is under the authority of IDOT and the Tollway authority.

Rachel Van Hoose commented the Village on composting and local agriculture-outdoor vegetable gardens.

Kimberly Polka appreciate the Village services.

Richard Evonitz spoke about Mike Shah and thanked him for his services.

Trustee Klein congratulated the Mayor for receiving the Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Visionary Leader Award.

Public Comments by email

Don Miner commented about the meeting regarding the Crawford Avenue reconstruction project, and the many problems that the home owners face with heavy weight vehicles hitting potholes, buses and trucks going down the street.

Judy Mendel-ethics and morality.

Emi Yamauchi-The \$4.5 million loan to Hilton Hotels/Homewood Suites.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**Ayes: Sutker, Khoeun , Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Robinson.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

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Mayor Van Dusen

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) indicate they are part of the Consent Agenda that contains routine items or items which have already been discussed by the Mayor and Board at a previous public meeting and require a second reading. Items on the Consent Agenda are passed in one vote at the beginning of the Board Meeting. Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will inquire if there is any matter which anyone wishes to remove from the Consent Agenda. If there is an item on the Consent Agenda which you wish to address, please inform the Mayor at that time you wish to remove it from the Consent Agenda.

