

**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 April 5, 2021**

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**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](mailto: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 with the exception of Item B on the Manager's Report.

**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**

\* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, March 15, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #22-FY21 of April 5, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

Mayor Van Dusen recognized Eric P. Cook, Director of Engineering on his retirement from the Village and thanked him for his expertise and the many projects and improvements that he was involved with.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

**A. Proclamations**

Active Transportation Alliance 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation honoring Active Transportation Alliance in providing technical assistance to the Village of Skokie to develop a Complete Streets Policy, a Complete Streets demonstration project on Lawler Avenue and a walk audit in downtown Skokie.

Peggy Reins and Heather Schady thanked the Village for the recognition and honor.

\* National Public Health Week - April 5-11, 2021

Skokie Village Board, the Skokie Board of Health and our residents, all recognize the outstanding services that the Skokie Department of Health and Human Service's staff, Medical Reserve Corp and volunteers provide to the Village and express our gratitude to you for your dedication, professionalism and innovation in response to a one in a century public health crisis.

**Omnibus vote.**

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

**A. Award Presentation**

Fire Prevention Commendation to Ammeraal Beltech & Megadyne

Fire Chief Hoefflich along with Captain Tom Doran presented the Fire Prevention Commendation plaque to Patrick Lightner, Manufacturing Engineer and Operations Safety Manager for Ammeraal Beltech & Megadyne. While employees were operating manufacturing equipment, a fire occurred in the laminating machinery. Due to awareness and quick alerting, the fire was safely brought under control.

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**\* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.**

**A. Reappointments**

*Fire Pension Board:* Rich Evonitz

*Human Relations Commission:* Maria Monastero Bueno as Chair

*Public Arts Advisory Commission:* Susie Lorge as Vice Chair and Barbara M Meyer as Chair

**Omnibus vote.**

**Report of the Village Manager.**

**A. COVID-19 Update.**

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave the update. To date, Skokie has 5,832 cases, 121 deaths. 7 day moving average 10.5/day. Positivity rate 4.3%-has gone up slightly. He spoke about the variants. The CDC is monitoring the variants with the help from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Information can be found-skokie.org, SkokieNews, Covid hotline, and by email. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be for homebound residents. There will be a Johnson and Johnson 3 hr. clinic starting the week of April 20.

**B. 115 Trust Agreement to Manage the Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan for Collective Bargaining Employees.**

**Resolution 21-4-R-1490**

Motion to approve the 115 Trust Agreement to manage the retirement healthcare funding plan for collective bargaining employees.

Finance Director Julian Prendi answered questions from the Board.

**Moved: Trustee Ulrich**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**\*C.2021 Non-Arterial Street Resurfacing Program – Arrow Road Construction, Mount Prospect, Illinois - \$3,928,888.88**

Motion to award a contract to Arrow Road Construction, Mt. Prospect, IL in the amount of \$3,928,888.88 for 2021 non-arterial street resurfacing program.

**Omnibus vote.**

**Resolution 21-4-R-1491**

Motion to approve a Resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2021 Non-arterial street resurfacing Program using Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

**Omnibus vote.**

**Resolution 21-4-R-1492**

Motion to approve a Resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2021 Non-arterial street program using Rebuild Illinois funds.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*D. Church Street Bike Lanes (Linder Avenue to McCormick Blvd.) Phase II Engineering Services – Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois - \$123,411.**

**Resolution 21-4-R-1493**

Motion to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing a Supplemental Local Public Agency Amendment #1 Agreement for Federal participation with the State of Illinois pertaining to bicycle lane improvements on Church street from Linder Avenue to McCormick Blvd.

**Omnibus vote.**

**Resolution 21-4R-1494**

Motion to approve and authorize a Supplemental Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement for Phase II Design Engineering Services with Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. for bicycle lane improvement on Church Street from Linder Avenue to McCormick Blvd.

**Omnibus vote.**

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\*E. Construction Material Testing & Inspection Services for Various Village Infrastructure Projects – Construction & Geotechnical Material Testing, Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois – \$86,760.

Motion to award a contract to Construction & Geotechnical Material Testing, Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL in the amount of \$86,760.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*F. Geographic Information System (GIS) Consortium Membership Agreement Amendment and Service Provider Agreement Renewal.

Resolution 21-4-R-1495

Motion to approve and authorizing an Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc., pertaining to the GIS Service Provider contract.

**Omnibus vote.**

Resolution 21-4-R-1496

Motion to approve a Resolution amending an Agreement with the Geographic Information System Consortium.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*G. Emergency Snow Expenditures – Mauro Sewer Construction, Inc. - \$47,223.

Motion to award a contract to Mauro Sewer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$47,223 for emergency snow expenditures.

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

A. Executive Session

Motion to approve the request for an executive session in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation.

**Moved: Trustee Bromberg**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2021-06P – Special Use Permit: 3900 Dempster Street Limited-Service Restaurant with Drive-Through.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's requests for a special use permit for a new construction limited service restaurant with a drive-through facility and outdoor dining at 3900 Dempster St in a B2 Commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler**

**Seconded: Trustee Bromberg**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2021-07P – Special Use Permit: 3900 Dempster Street Outdoor Dining

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor dining associated with a limited service restaurant with drive-through at 3900 Dempster Street be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Ulrich**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

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Public Comment.

Leslie Nathan 7700 block Kedvale, shared comments on hopes for Skokie's future.

Judy Mendel, 24 Williamsburg Terrace, comments on Affordable Housing,

Elana Jacobs, shared comments on creating more in-person dialogues that are in multiple languages, talk about difficult issues, increase funding for social workers and dealing with conflict.

Maggie Vandermeer, commented contested elections, voter turnout, commitment to sustainability, policing, affordable housing, commitment to equity and anti-racism.

Nicole Reynolds commented on non- partisan elections, climate action and sustainability, affordable housing and police reform.

Laura Williams, President People for a Safer Society thanked the Village for support of SB568 and HB3245 and the stronger laws around the Firearm Owner Identification System.(FOID).

There were 3 comments that were political in nature that was not read.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 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**

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Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

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Mayor George Van Dusen

**Executive Session**

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:15 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 was Max Slankard, Public Works Director. The meeting ended at 9:32 p.m.

