

**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 May 4, 2020**

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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 Stay-At-Home order. 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 no later than by noon (12 p.m.) on the day of the scheduled meeting 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) by mail to Village of Skokie, Village Manager's Office, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60077; or via the Village's drop box location 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 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 Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**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, April 20, 2020.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #24-FY20 of May 4, 2020.

**Omnibus vote.**

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

Celebrating Graduates

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation commending all of the graduating students in the Village of Skokie and acclaims them and their families for all of the diligent work that brought them in the distinction of graduate.

\* International Compost Awareness Week – May 3-9, 2020

**Omnibus vote.**

Police Week – May 10-16, 2020

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 10-16, 2020 as "POLICE WEEK"

He is calling all residents of Skokie to observe May 15<sup>th</sup>, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

Manager Lockerby spoke about the Eden Expressway standoff in Skokie where there was barricaded situation with a truck driver. The Skokie Police assisted with other Communities and the Illinois State police.

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\* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Resignations

*Board of Health: Jessica Jones, Vice Chair*

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

Dr. Catherine Counard presented the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Health Partners of Excellence awards to **Erie Family Health Center** who provide assessible affordable and high quality health care for those in need.

Also to **PEER Services**

**PEER Services** provides community-based substance abuse prevention and treatment **services** to the residents of Evanston, Northfield, New Trier, Maine and Niles Townships, and the north side of Chicago. Our mission is to prevent and treat the problems that substance abuse causes youth, adults, families and our communities. Beth Lindley, Director of Human Services answered questions from the Board.

COVID-19 Update.

Dr. Counard spoke about the global pandemic. The Skokie Health Department is working closely with the health care providers,. There is a flattening the curve but of as of the date, there has been 520 confirmed cases, 83 hospitalized, 311 recovered and 19 deaths. The department has volunteers who has helped with contact tracing. She thanked the Mayor, Village Manager and colleagues for their daily work. She also answered questions from the Board.

Manager Lockerby spoke about a Community Task Force that would work on Reopening Skokie.

\* B. Gross Point Road STP Roadway Improvement Project – ROW Agreement.

Resolution 20-5-R-1465

Motion to authorize Right of Way Acquisition for the subject Local Public Agency agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois.

**Omnibus vote.**

Resolution 20-5-R-1466

Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Gross Point Road STP Roadway Improvement project.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* C. Skokie Valley Trail (Dempster Street to Golf Road) – Design Engineering Services.

Resolution 20-5-R-1467

Motion to request Mayor and Board approval authorizing the Engineering Services Agreement with Epstein and Sons International, Inc.

**Omnibus vote.**

Resolution 20-5-R-1468

Motion to authorize the Local Public Agency agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois.

**Omnibus vote.**

D. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the Manager's request for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C.11 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act at the end of the regular meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

**Moved: Trustee Roberts**

**Seconded: Trustee Bromberg**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

A. An ordinance amending Chapter 98, Article XVI, Section 98-391, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the May 18, 2020 agenda for second reading and adoption.

B. Request for a motion to extend the Village of Skokie Emergency Declaration for Public Health, necessitated by the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which was enacted by Resolution Number 20-3-R-1460 on March 16, 2020 and extended by motion to June 2, 2020.

**Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Citizen Comments.

Two Residents provided correspondence for the Citizen Comments.

Madeleine England-Skokie's future after Covid 19.

Jerry Brozek- Governor Pritzler's rule.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:59 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

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:03 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen , Manager Lockerby , Assistant Manager Wyatt, Corporation Counsel Lorge,

Clerk Shah and Trustees Robert, Sutker, Ulrich Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Personnel Director Ballowe all joining by remote electronic access. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

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