

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 June 1, 2020



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 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 Ulrich

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, May 18, 2020.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #2-FY21 of June 1, 2020.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

Kate Donegan Day – June 1, 2020

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation commending and congratulating Kate Donegan for her inspiration, strategic vision and overall devotion given to the students, staff members parents and the indelible mark she has made to our community.

Congratulations to D65 and D202 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 the distinction of graduate.

*Immigrant Heritage Month – June 2020

Omnibus vote.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments

Board of Health: Dr. Michael Drachler as Emeritus, Dr. William Werner as Chair and Dr. Edward Linn

Mayor Van Dusen payed a tribute in appreciation to Dr. Michael Drachler as Chairman of the Board of Health for over 18 years. He spoke about some of the projects that he was involved with Tobacco 21, Health Care center, Skokie Environmental Sustainable Plan and creation of the Medical Reserve Corp. Dr. William Werner was introduced as the new Chairman of the Board of Health.

B. Reappointments

Beautification and Improvement Commission: Ferdinand Soco as Chair

Consumer Affairs Commission: Joanne Haerberlin as Chair and Biju Krishnan as Vice Chair

Police Pension Board: Harold Primack and Dan Ryan

Public Safety Commission: Paul Pitalis as Chair and Mark Penning as Vice Chair

Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission: Jennifer Grossman as Chair and Jim McNelis as Vice Chair

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

COVID-19 Update.

Dr. Counard gave an update on the COVID-19. Skokie is on a downward trend,. 840 confirmed cases, 684 recovered or recovering. , 109 hospitalized and 27 deaths.

She spoke about the updated graphs that are on the website. Skokie Covid-19 test by week with Positivity rate, Number of Skokie residents hospitalized, Ages of Skokie resident with Covid-19 and Gender percentage of Skokie residents with Covid-19.

Skokie received \$817,000 from the Illinois Department of Public Health for contact tracing.

Dr, Counard also spoke about antibody testing and answered questions from the Board.

Report of the Corporation Counsel

*A. Ordinance 20-6-F-4521

Motion to adopt an ordinance reducing the tax levy of the Village of Skokie for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,246,588.25.

This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

Citizen Comments.

These residents commented about the flooding that happened May 16 and 17th.

Erin Mohip, 6957 LeClaire, Trudy Turner, 4325 Lee St., Patrick Rams, 9536 Avers, Donna Robey, 7553 Kolmar, Phyllis Sugar, David Laub, Antonia Kasalo Terihaj, 4914 Farwell, Jacques Rivera, Marissa Monahan Woodward, 9448 Drake, Paul Lusson 5156 Howard, Julie Koidin, 7814 Keystone.

Village of Skokie is actively working with State & local representatives on a Disaster Declaration for the recent flooding. There is information on the Village of Skokie website-Water and Sewer Division.

Bill Goldberg, Stacy Jaffe commented on support for Skokie’s leaders taking a “Stand against Racism” an urged Skokie Police Department to adopt and practice the 10 Shared Principals of Law Enforcement. Skokie adopted the Ten Shared Principles Resolution in June 2018.

Mayor Van Dusen spoke on behalf of the Village Board about the recent events in the United States. “We are all heartsick over the events in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the passing of Mr. Floyd as well as all the preceding incidents that have happened in the country.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 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

