

**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, June 5, 2023**

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

Motion to permit Trustee Pure Slovin to participate remotely for this meeting.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, May 15, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #2-FY24 of June 5, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

Juneteenth – June 19, 2023

Trustee Robinson read a Proclamation urging all residents in the Village of Skokie to recognize the significance of this celebration in African American history and in the heritage of our nation and Village.

Pride Month – June 2023

Trustee Johnson read a Proclamation supporting the young people of Skokie, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers, educators and community leaders.

\* Immigrant Heritage Month – June 2023

**Omnibus vote.**

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

\* A. Appointments

*Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board:* Dennis Rizo as Vice Chair and James Specker as Chair

\* B. Reappointments

*Beautification and Improvement Commission:* Sherwin Ditlove, Vernell Ellison-Smith, Joseph Hasten, Dalya Horowitz, George Hubchak, Chuck Levine, Frederick Lisiewicz, Edward Potash, Rachel Rosenberg, Mitchell Sandler, Valerie Shuman, Brook Sprague and Bob Quane as Chair

*Consumer Affairs Commission:* Regina Kinyui, Jerry Kirkpatrick, Theodore Lavine, George Mathew, Gary Merrill, Howard Meyer, Anil Kumar Pillai, Pratap Sampat and Biju Krishnan as Vice Chair

*Public Safety Commission:* Marcie Claus, Cornell Collins, Paul Kruszynski, Mitchell Kushner, Linda Perlin, Leslie Post-Weissinger, Dennis Rizo, Howard Rosenberg, Bryant Smith, Melissa Villegas, Mark Penning as Vice Chair and Paul Pitalis as Chair

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\* C. Resignation

*Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board: Will Evans as Chair*

Mayor Van Dusen thanked Will Evans for chairing the Skokie Police use of force review board.

**Omnibus Vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Adoption of FY2024 Budget.

The FY2024 General Fund Budget equates to \$67,259,671. All funds, including Water, Pension, Economic Development, Motor Fuel and Local Fuel Tax, Self-Insurance, General Obligation Bonded Debt, Tax Increment Financing, Federal Aid, Performing Arts Center, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Special Service Areas, Wireless Alarms and Capital Improvement Program total \$154,600,571.

Motion to approve the FY2024 Budget is requested.

Lauren Grodnicki thanked the Board for the hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator.

**Moved: Trustee Khoeun**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Election and Districting Legal Services.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approve a contract for Election and Districting Legal Services be awarded to Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins (KTJ) in an amount not to exceed \$36,750.

Manager Lockerby answered questions from the residents and Board. Questions of the timeline, how the Village will combine staggered terms, districting, hybrid representation, implementation issues, updates, public input. Information will be on the Village of Skokie website.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C. Recommendation for Adoption of Building Code Amendments.

Motion concur with staff's recommendation and approve the proposed recommendations for Adoption of Building Code Amendments.

Recommended changes include: define new construction, add email as a method of service, clarify and eliminate duplicate penalty fees associated with work done without permits, reduce submission requirement for permit applications and addition of Property Maintenance Codes language that clarifies some elements to be inspected.

Question on how residents can contact the Village when a neighbor is working without permits and whether a new construction is permitted.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\*D. Skokie Valley Trail (Dempster Street to Golf Road) – Joint Funding Agreement – Right of Way.

Resolution 23-6-R-1554

Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the subject Local Public Agency Joint Funding Agreement for State-Let Construction projects with the State of Illinois.

**Omnibus vote.**

E. 2023 Non-Arterial Street Resurfacing Program – D'Land Construction LLC, Algonquin, Illinois – \$4,478,470.92.

Motion to award a contract to D'Land Construction LLC, Algonquin, IL in the amount of \$4,478,470.92 for 2023 non-arterial street resurfacing program.

**Omnibus vote.**

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\*F. 2023 Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Maintenance Contract – Superior Road Striping, Melrose Park, Illinois - \$90,000.

Motion to award a contract to Superior Road Striping , Melrose Park in the amount for \$90,000 for thermoplastic pavement marking maintenance contract.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*G. Purchase of Two Public Works Administration Ford Explorer Hybrid Vehicles – Community Ford of Bloomington Indiana – \$92,259.50.

Motion to award a contract to Community Ford of Bloomington Indiana in the amount of \$92,259.50 for purchase of two public works administration Ford Explorer Hybrid vehicles.

**Omnibus vote.**

H. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request of the Village Manager 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 Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

\*A. Ordinance 23-6-Z-4644

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the zoning map with regard to the property located at 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, Illinois from an R2 Single-Family district to a B2 Commercial district. Item A is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on April 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*B. Ordinance 23-6-Z-4645

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a Plat of Subdivision for property located at 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district. Item B is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on April 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*C. Ordinance 23-6-Z-4646

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction of a one story building at 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, Illinois, in a B2 Commercial district. Item C is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on April 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-02P – Special Use Permit (drive-through): 5252 Dempster Street.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner’s request for a Special use permit for a Drive-through facility be approve for 5252 Dempster subject to all conditions.

Questions regarding- more trees, very busy corner-congestion , parking, lighting, noise, garbage, traffic safety.

Community Development Director Nyden answered questions from the Board and residents. Also Ms. Reena Panjwani Khowaja representing the family answered concerns from the residents.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-06P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Solar Energy Systems. Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the Chapter 118-72 Solar Energy Systems be amended subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments.

Michael Kroll spoke about the North Shore Channel Trail from a cyclist point of view. regarding the intersections, walk signals and dangerous situations of drivers ignoring signals and signs.

Jerry Brozek spoke about the Ethics Commission and allegations of Trustee Johnson.

Joanne Haberlin had questions about the Lead Pipe Project. Manager Lockerby and Mayor Van Dusen answered her concerns.

Meg, a resident from Skokie was concerned about the homeless situation on Oakton by the Walgreens on Oakton and LaCrosse and the walking bike trail.

Danny Cohn and Jason, Dave Lipshutz spoke about the Refuse Collection-overflowing containers, holes in the garbage containers, smells, squirrels, rats and possibility of extra toters. Public Works Director Slankard spoke about the issues.

Dave Lipshutz also questioned vehicles purchased in Indiana.

Emi Yamauchi commented on the status of the construction development of Homewood Suites, 5400 Old Orchard development, and the subcommittee of the Plan Commission.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about herbicides and vegetables.

Public Comments sent by email

Kathy Janessa commented on the Village Seal.

Reuben Dadon-Request for extension of meeting date due to religious obligations.

Brian Clarke- attach a legal opinion provided by outside counsel to the Illinois City/County Management Association regarding the proposed change in the ordinance dealing with the appointment of the Corporation Counsel.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

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Mayor Van Dusen

A Closed Session was held at 9:05 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Shah, Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein. Also present were Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Corporation Counsel Lorge and Risk Manager Prottzman. The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

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.

