

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 15, 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 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 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 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 C on the Manager's report.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

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, June 1, 2020.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #3-FY21 of June 15, 2020.

Omnibus vote.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Resignation

Board of Health: Dr. Timothy Youkhana

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Dr. Counard gave an update on COVID-19. She stated the Skokie has slowed the spread of the Virus. New cases have been declining. There have been 900 positive cases, 115 hospitalized and 31 deaths. You can call NorthShore University HealthSystem to be screened for testing if you have symptoms Hotline 847-432-5849 . There is a Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing site at Heartland Health Center at 8320 Skokie Boulevard providing PCR Testing. Also, information is on the Village of Skokie website. Phase IV would be starting June 26th.

Dr. Counard answered questions from the Board.

B. Commercial Corridor Storefront Enhancement Program: 4249 Main Street.
Motion to approve a grant not to exceed \$43,000 for the 4249 Main Street property.
Melina Kelson, owner of Bootleg Batard, Inc. recently entered into a lease at 4249 Main Street answered questions from the Board.

Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler

Seconded: Trustee Ulrich

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Crawford Avenue (Golf Road to Oakton Street) Improvement Project: Phase I Engineering Services – Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois – \$682,652.06 .

This was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Manager Lockerby read Citizen Comments regarding the Crawford Avenue (Golf Road to Oakton Street) Improvement project. He answered questions from the Board and has been in contact to the residents.

Dave Lawlor, 9439 Crawford, and Ken Pywell, 9433 Crawford. They spoke of a plan that lower speeds, no truck, better lighting and sewers, more stop lights/signs, input from residents and other interest parties, costs, completion schedule, for public input prior to and during negotiations with the County and other agencies.

Motion to award a contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois in the amount of \$682,652.06 for Crawford Avenue (Golf Road to Oakton Street) Improvement Project Phase I Engineering Services.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C.5 and C.6 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act at the end of the regular meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

No Report.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2020-08P – Special Use Permit – 6001 Oakton Street.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for school and employee bus transportation at 6001 Oakton Street in an M2 Light Industry be approved subject to all conditions.

Mayor Van Dusen introduced Ken Florey, attorney behalf of School District 219.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

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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A. Substantial Amendments for the Citizen Participation Plan, PY15-19 Consolidated Plan and PY19 Action Plan
Carrie Haberstich, Planning/CDBG Administrator presented the Community Development Block Grant Hearing.

Overview

In April 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities. The Village of Skokie will receive \$361,988 in CDBG-CV funds to support its COVID-19 response. In the weeks that followed, guidance was provided by HUD.

The CDBG-CV program builds upon the standard CDBG program, with waivers such as allowing a reduction from the 30-day public review period to a minimum of five days, allowing a remote public hearing process, allowing up to 100% of funds to support public services, and allowing the reimbursement of funds already spent on COVID-19 activities (proper documentation is required).

Background

The substantial amendments will facilitate the distribution of CDBG-CV funding.

Citizen Participation Plan

The draft Citizen Participation Plan was reformatted and updated to include the waivers mentioned above.

Consolidated Plan

The draft Consolidated Plan amendment primarily includes new language to be added to the existing approved plan.

Action Plan

The draft Action Plan amendment primarily includes new language to be added to the existing approved plan.

Motion to approve the Substantial amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan and Consolidated and Action Plans so they can be submitted to HUD for review and approval.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Comments.

Tim Stewart, requested all available information about the approval process for the Lincolnwood water transmission project along Hamlin and Birchwood.
Manager Lockerby will reach out to the individual.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 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

Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor George Van Dusen

Closed Session

A Closed session was held in the main conference room at 8:59. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Corporation Counsel Lorge, Clerk Shah and Trustees Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein and Gray-Keeler. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.