

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, August 21, 2023



Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

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 with the exception of B for sub-committee Appointments, C Reappointment, and Item A on the Corporation Counsel's report.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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, August 7, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #7-FY24 of August 21, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards Presentation

1. Thirteenth Annual Public Health Partners of Excellence Awards presented by Dr. Edward Linn and Michael Charley.

Skokie Community Foundation

Since 2014 the Skokie Community Foundation has been granting monies to organizations to help fund projects associate with social services, services for youth and seniors and health and wellness. Since 2015, the foundation's unique grant program has funded 40 grants totaling more than \$225,000 addressing a broad range of community concerns.

On behalf of the Foundation, Ann Tennes accepted the award and expressed gratitude and recognition for the award. She introduced the Board Members that were present.'

Dr. Namratha Kandula and the South Asian Healthy Lifestyle Initiative (SAHELI) for creating a culturally -targeted, community-based lifestyle intervention sturdy to improve physical activity and diet behaviors among South Asians.

Dr. Namratha Kandula was honored to be acknowledged and recognized for this award. She introduced several of the Partners.

Skokie's Fourth of July Parade presented by Committee Chairperson, Richard Evonitz.

Chairperson Evonitz gave an update that there were 76 parade units, 1393 participants and 1,929 feet of parade, This was a healthy turnout, many social media postings, over many volunteers brought out by organizations which included Oakton Community College, District 219 Dance Marathon, and Skokie Community Fund. He acknowledged all the committee members who helped in the many months of planning.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked all the workers who helped put this together and grateful for all the time and energy that was put in.

Mayor Van Dusen also recognized and thanked Chief Hoeflich and the Fire Department for achieving the highest rating for fire protection-ISO designation.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by Commissioner Bruce Rottner of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Claudia Contreras	New Hire	Police Officer

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Police Officer who introduced her family and friends.

B. Appointments

Consumer Affairs Commission: Biju Krishnan as Chair

Omnibus vote

Motion to approve the members of the Housing Sub-Committee of the Plan Commission.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

Housing Sub-Committee of the Plan Commission: Joe Maschek (Appearance Commission), Scott Gendell (Economic Development Commission), Melissa Ponce (Family Services Commission), Jonathan Lavin (Human Relations Commission), Charlie Saxe (Sustainability Environmental Advisory Commission), Vijai Gupta (Plan Commission), Scott Berman (Plan Commission), Jeff Burman (Plan Commission), Sargon Zaya (Quadrant 1), Michael Shiner (Quadrant 2), Abigail Stone (Quadrant 3), Hersh Friedman (Quadrant 4) and Peter Ousley as Chair (Plan Commission)

Gail Schechter, Kimberly Polka, Rachel Vanhooose, Emi Yamauchi

These residents had input on the Sub Committee process, how the chairman will be reporting, workings of the Committee. Appointment process to the Plan Commission-not inclusive, expert resources, diverse make up of Village, qualifications of the members-variety of experience, makeup of mostly men, and how many women applied .Trustee Johnson-inclusive appointments for men than women, consider tabling to get more input, and adding members to the Commission.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Reappointment

Plan Commission: Talia Gevaryahu

This was taken off the Consent Agenda. Trustee Pure Slovin addressed the unethical behavior of Trustee Johnson concerning the lack of attendance on Plan Commission meetings with email posts and on social media of Talia Gevaryahu. He did not inquire or speak with her first before publicizing. Trustee Johnson stated that it was misinterpreted.

Rachel Vanhooose, Kimberly Polka and Judy Mendel commented on tracking attendance for commissioners as in the Ordinance.

***D. Resignation**

Public Arts Advisory Committee: Mary Fedorowski

Omnibus vote.

Mayor Van Dusen introduced Abigail Stone who will be serving on the Housing sub-committee of the Plan Commission. He thanked her for her services.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Main Street Commercial Corridor Study – MKSK, Inc., Chicago, Illinois - \$65,000. Motion to award a contract to analysis for the Main Street Commercial Corridor Study-MKSK, Inc. Chicago, IL in the amount of \$65,000. The scope of services under this contract includes three main components: discovery, visioning and development of plan concepts.

Molly Anderson, who lives in the neighborhood commented on the study.

Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director answered questions from the Board which included what we can expect from the study, about the company MKSK Inc, Meet up with Main St.

Moved: Trustee Robinson

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Cook County Class 6b Real Estate Tax Incentive – 7344 Monticello Avenue.

Resolution 23-8-R-1556

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation that M & M Equipment Corporation at 7344 Monticello Avenue is an excellent candidate for a ClassB classification.

Max Lieb, from M & M thanked the Village for the consideration and answered questions from the Board.

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Moved: Trustee Johnson **Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**
Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Recuse: Klein
MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution to Approve Execution of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Master Agreement.

Resolution 23-8-R-1557

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approval of a Resolution approving and authorizing a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) agreement.

Moved: Trustee Johnson **Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**
Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED

* D. Refurbishment of One (1) Ambulance – Foster Coach Sales/Horton Emergency Vehicles – \$286,406.

Motion to award a contract to Foster Coach Sales/Horton Emergency vehicles in the amount of \$286,406 for refurbishment of one ambulance.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

This was taken off the Consent Agenda

A. Ordinance 23-8-Z-4653

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to establish and operate a drive-through at 5252 Dempster Street, Skokie, Illinois in a B3 Business District and grant relief from Sections 118-212(i)(1) and 118-218 of the Skokie Village Code. Item A is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 5, 2023.

Moved: Trustee Robinson **Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**
Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: Johnson
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING:

B. Ordinance 23-8-C-4654

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 10 and Chapter 46 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the retail sale of Alcoholic Liquor and related fees. Item B is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

Moved: Trustee Johnson **Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**
Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED

C. Ordinance 23-8-C-4655

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting relief from Chapter 10, Section 10-10, of the Skokie Village Code to allow the temporary sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor on the public right of way and municipal property during specified hours of Skokie's 16th annual Backlot Bash. Item C is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on August 7, 2023.

Moved: Trustee Sutker **Seconded: Trustee Robinson**
Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED

Unfinished Business.

Trustee Johnson asked when the timeline of the draft Ordinance review for appointment process for Village attorneys be available.

The Mayor and Corporation Counsel stated that it will be soon.

Public Comments

Matt Temkin on behalf of the Skokie Alliance for Electoral Reform, Emi Yamauchi, Emi Yamauchi for Matt Jarvis, Kimberly Polka and Judy Mendel

Discussion included the Mapping meeting at the Library on August 14. Disinformation and unreliable audio input from public participation. More information in other languages, more maps, fair transparent and accountable representation, lacking community outreach and engagement processes before the September 11th meeting. Involve the community input on the revised map after the meeting. Set deadlines for residents to email public comments before the September meeting. The Village to set a meeting to explain the referendums -Q &A .Citizens should be able to comment. Provide an overly map which show all the factors considered -age, race, school district, income etc.

Gail Schechter-Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Arie Crown-affordable housing-fee in lieu not an option.

Rachel Vanhooes commented on the Main St. Study, Gail Schechter applied for Sub-Committee and was not selected, thanked for the sidewalk being put back on Oakton.

Trustee Johnson thanked the Village for the Sustainability Coordinator.

Comments by email.

Gail Schechter-Appointment to the Housing Sub-Committee

Jinsky Jean Pois-The matter of the Village Seal Initiative, Village of Skokie

Wendy Katnelson-Village Trustee’s recent comment

Elline Eliasoff-8/21/23 Public Comment made by Trustee Pure Slovin.

Steve Galante -Fly infestation.

John Hopp-Inclusionary housing ordinance into the Village Zoning Code.

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Van Dusen

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.

