

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 Tuesday September 6, 2022



Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod C. Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with removal of Item A on Appointments

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, August 15, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #8-FY23 of September 6, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Resolution

Resolution 22-9-R-1540

Motion to adopt a Resolution calling upon Federal and State Government for action on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

Moved: Trustee Khoehn

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*B. Proclamations

Payroll Week – September 4-10, 2022

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments

Beautification & Improvement Commission: Mitch Sandler as Vice Chair and
Bob Quane as Chair

Trustee Johnson had questions about how the appointments are made. Mayor Van Dusen addressed his concerns.

Motion to approve the appointments to the Beautification & Improvement Commission.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resignations

Beautification & Improvement Commission: Ferdinand Soco as Chair
Consumer Affairs Commission: Pouriya Soltani
Economic Development Commission: Michael Delanois

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Oakton Terrace and Lamon Avenue Roadway Improvements.

Resolution 22-9- R-1541

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approval of the Resolution authorizing a special services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$103,450 to be awarded to Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$103,450 in conjunction with constructing the parking garage located that the new Skokie Homewood suites.

Moved: Trustee Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*B. Tree Removal Services – Advanced Tree Care, Inc., Lincolnshire, Illinois - \$49,305.

Motion to award a contract to Advanced Tree Care, Inc., Lincolnshire, Illinois in the amount of \$49,305 for tree removal services.

Omnibus vote.

C. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request of the Village Manager 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 Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

A. An ordinance approving a plat of dedication for property located at 8047 Floral Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a CX Core Mixed-Use district. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the September 19, 2022 agenda for second reading and adoption.

B. Motion to approve the Corporation Counsel's request for an executive session in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the vote on the next meeting about eliminating the 2nd week garbage pick-up.

Motion to wait for recommendations from the Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission and Public Works in November to educate the Public before the vote is taken. The first meeting in November will be a presentation and the 2nd meeting will be the vote.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

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Trustee Pure Slovin and Mayor Van Dusen commented on the successful Backlot Bash- the first responders, Skokie Park District, all of the people that helped organize, Public Works and all the work that was done to make it happen.

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Public Comments.

Rabbi Ralph Ruebner, Maple Tower of Optima spoke about the possibility of deconversion and the effects that it would present to the residents. He asked for help from the Village.

Andrew Tinkler and Eric Inboby also spoke in support of the Rabbi’s comments.

Briana Quinn, Hong Wu and Frances Aparicio from Central Park by Joan of Arc Parish spoke about the ongoing noise with events that are going on. They want to work with the Village to find solutions to address these problems. The Manager will work with the residents on the issues.

James Johnson, spoke about the Referendums that were presented in June and then taken off. He also spoke about Democracy, and Systemic changes

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about CO2 in the atmosphere-land and sea, fossil fuels and reducing emissions.

Comments send thru email.

Aug. 18 from Carl Kettler regarding Waste Collection fees and schedule.

Aug. 22 from Central Park Neighbor Response to 8/10 Manager update email.

Aug. 24 from Emi Yamauchi regarding trash pick-ups to only once weekly.

Sept. 6 from Sheila Gross regarding citizens condos being forced to sell to investors

Sept. 6 from Emi Yamauchi regarding concerns about traffic/speeding/illegal turns on Oakton.

Sept. 8 from Elline Eliasoff regarding Optima Old Orchard and Public Comments from James Johnson.

All of these can be viewed in the Clerk’s office.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 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

Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Van Dusen

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:10 p.m. Those present were Mayor, Clerk, Corporation Counsel Lorge, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Klein. Also present were Community Director Nyden, Risk Manager Prottzman and Economic Development Manager Becker. The meeting ended at 9:45p.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.

