

SKOKIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

PRESENT: Police Chief Brian Baker, Marcie Claus, Cornell Collins, Deputy Chief Nicholas Eschner, Scott Ford, Paul Kruszynski, Mitchell Kushner, Vice Chair Mark Penning, Chairperson Paul Pitalis, Leslie Post-Weissinger, Director of Engineering Russ Rietveld, Dennis Rizo, Trustee Edie Sue Sutker, Melissa Villegas

EXCUSED: Fire Chief Jeff Hoeflich, Deputy Chief Stephen Jagman, Senior Engineer Samantha Maximilian, Fred Moore, Linda Perlin, Trustee Alison Pure-Slovin, Howard Rosenburg, Jeff Schvimer, Director of Public Works Max Slankard,

ABSENT: Ibrahim Mansuri, Kenneth Mantel, Bryant Smith, Nicholas Vickers

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Pitalis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the May 17th meeting were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Baker gave the Police Department Report. Currently six vacancies within the Department, but hopefully they will be filled soon. Recently purchased a new drone. The pertinent state law now more widely allows drone use in police operations. QA discussion followed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Eschner gave the Fire Department Report. Call volumes are still up. On track for more calls than last year, which was the highest volume received. QA discussion followed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Russ Rietveld gave the Engineering Report. The PSC safety tips were posted on the Village website at the end of May. The tips were/will be published in SkokieNews 6/6, 6/13 and 6/27. Gross Point Road construction started this week. Detour will commence in two to three weeks. Nicor construction on Oakton will not be an issue with the July 4th parade. Provided follow up on items from last time. QA discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Kushner expressed concerns about RRFB push button location/arrangement and asked if the southern eastbound lanes at both the Howard St and Lincoln Ave and Howard St and Skokie Blvd intersections could be converted to right turn lanes.

NEW BUSINESS

A group picture was taken and Chairperson Pitalis mentioned that anyone interested in riding in the July 4th parade should meet at Oakton College around 11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:16 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn which was seconded and then passed unanimously.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SKOKIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON
AT THE SKOKIE POLICE STATION TRAINING ROOM AT
7300 NILES CENTER ROAD
PLEASE CALL ENGINEERING DIVISION AT 847-933-8232 IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING