

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 January 3, 2022



With Skokie and the entire State of Illinois now in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan and the lifting of restrictions on in-person gatherings, Skokie Village Board meetings are in-person in the Council Chambers at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Village Board meetings begin at 8 p.m. and will continue to be broadcast live on the [Village's YouTube channel](#) as well as on SkokieVision cable television channels 17 (Comcast) and 25 (RCN). Meetings also are re-broadcast on the cable channels in the weeks following each meeting, and the videos are archived on the Village's YouTube channel.

As of August 30, 2021, all individuals in Illinois shall be required to wear masks when indoors including Village buildings.

Public comments may still be submitted to publiccomments@skokie.org; comments received prior to the meeting or during the meeting will be provided to the Village Board and will not be read aloud. Public comments also can be mailed or hand-delivered to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60077, Attention: Village Manager's Office or placed in the exterior drop box on the west side of Skokie Village Hall. Each Village Board meeting agenda includes time for public comments, and individuals wishing to speak on an issue will be allocated three minutes to address the Village Board.

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

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

Motion to permit Trustees Robinson and Sutker to participate remotely for this meeting.

Moved: Trustee Khoehn **Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

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 the removal of Item A on the Appointments and Item A on the Corporation Counsel's report.

Moved: Trustee Klein **Seconded: Trustee Khoehn**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, December 20, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

*Approve Voucher List #16-FY22 of January 3, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments

Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board:

Karen Lise Sherman (Human Relations Commission member representative) (1-yr appointment)

Dennis Rizo (Public Safety Commission member representative) (1-yr appointment)

Elizabeth Demes (Quadrant 1 representative) (3-yr appointment)

James Specker (Quadrant 2 representative) (3-yr appointment)

Casey Diers (Quadrant 3 representative) (3-yr appointment)

Alecia Wartowski (Quadrant 4 representative) (3-yr appointment)

Hon. Edward Bobrick (At Large) (2-yr appointment)

James Boehm (At Large) (2-yr appointment)

Abel Figueria (Ad Hoc)

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Will Evans, Chair (Board of Fire & Police Commission, Chair) (1-yr appointment)

Chief Brian Baker, Staff Liaison

Deputy Chief Jesse Barnes, Staff Liaison (back-up)

Mayor Van Dusen answered questions from the Board.

Motion to accept the recommendations for the appointments for Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*B. Resignation

Fine Arts Commission: Jacqueline Moses

Omnibus vote.

Presentations and Reports.

A. Presentation

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Presentation by Jaime Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

The 2021 CAFR includes the audit opinion from the auditors, who attest that the Village has properly reported its financial position in accordance with accounting standards.

Ms Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amend made a brief presentation on the annual audit.

Report of the Acting Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave a brief update. There have been 10,461 cases, Skokie's positivity rate is 8.15 and the 7 day moving average is 122/day. The report included Skokie's weekly vaccine clinic & booster, Omicron, proof of vaccination order, overview of order's mitigations, proof of vaccination means and isolation & quarantine guidelines.

Mayor Van Dusen expressed gratitude to the entire staff for their hard work.

B Interior/Exterior TIF Rehabilitation Program Grant for 4933 Oakton Street
(Complimentary Café).

Leslie Murphy, Economic Development Specialist answered questions from the Board.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and respectfully request Mayor and Board approval of the interior and exterior rehab improvement grant estimated and a not to exceed amount of \$44,353 for Complimentary café located at 4933 Oakton Street.

Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*C. Proprietary Purchase of Fire Safety Gear – W.S. Darley & Company, Itasca, Illinois – \$43,360.

Motion to award a contract to W.S. Darley & Company, Itasca, Illinois in the amount of \$43,360 for proprietary purchase of fire safety gear.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

A. Ordinance 22-1-F-4584

This item was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Motion to adopt an ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$160,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds, Series 2022A and \$27,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022B of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing the execution of a bond order, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Johnson

MOTION CARRIED

2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.

A. FY23 Public Hearing: Proposal Presentations

Davorka Kirincic, Neighborhood Service Manager conducted the Public Hearing.

The Village's entitlement grant for Program Year 2022/Fiscal Year 2023 (PY22/FY23) is not yet known. At this time, we are estimating \$600,000 in entitlement funds. In addition to the new entitlement, we plan to reprogram previously unallocated funds and program income from the current program year, while accommodating a reserve of unobligated funds that could be used for emergency expenses, resulting in a preliminary estimated PY22/FY23 budget of \$607,200. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$818,305, so reductions will be necessary. The program's 20% cap for administrative funding is applied against the new entitlement only, while the 15% cap for public service funding (non-capital/non-construction expenditures) is applied against the new entitlement plus any program income from the current program year.

Budget recommendations by staff will be presented at the next public hearing on Monday, February 7. The Board will determine at that time the proposed funding award for each project or activity.

Trustee Sutker read a prepared statement.

"I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker employed by a social service agency that is an applicant for a CDBG grant. I do not believe this creates a conflict. However, I believe it is important to avoid the appearance of partiality. Therefore, I will recuse myself from participating in the discussions relating to the applications and from voting on the grants. My recusal from participating in the discussion should not be construed as indifference to the valuable services that the applicants provide to people in need. I respect and admire all of the agencies for their fine work, especially during these difficult times with COVID. I thank all the agencies for their work and dedication."

Overview of CDBG Proposals for PY22/FY23

Village of Skokie Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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		PY22/FY23 Recommendations (\$)
Administration		
VOS - Program Administration	The Community Development Department is seeking funding to administer the Village's CDBG Program, implement and monitor all projects, submit all required documentation to HUD, utilize software to more efficiently and effectively administer the CDBG programming, participate in the preparation of a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and coordinate all planning activities relative to the Village's community development efforts.	115,000
VOS - Planning	The Community Development Department is seeking funding to complete the preparation of a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).	5,000
Housing		
VOS - Home Improvement Program	The Community Development Department is seeking funding to continue the Village's program of repairing single-family homes, which began in 1983. The request will enable low/moderate-income households (less than 80% of area median family income) to be eligible to receive grants up to \$12,000 to pay for building materials or contractors' services.	90,000
HODC - Housing Opportunity Development Corporation	Funding will be used to purchase and install security cameras for up to 4 Skokie properties: 8519 Niles Center Road, 7850 Niles Avenue, 8256 Keating Avenue, and/or 8218 Kilpatrick Avenue. The goal is to improve the living environment for all tenants living in each building.	45,000
VOS - Neighborhood Enhancement Program	Funding will be used to further affordable housing in Skokie at a neighborhood level. The expectation is that these funds will be used to facilitate improving existing housing units that are affordable low/moderate-income households.	100,000

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Infrastructure

VOS - Street and Alley Resurfacing	Funding will be used to resurface Lavergne Avenue (between Greenwood and Gross Point), and Bronx Avenue (between Greenwood and Davis). Both street segments are located in Census Tract 8070, Block Group #1 (8070-1), which is an eligible low/moderate-income residential area.	200,000
VOS - Sidewalk Replacement Program	Funding will be used to provide grants to homeowners meeting low/moderate-income eligibility who are required to participate in the Village's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.	3,000

Public Facilities

Turning Point	Funding will be used to replace (1) large HVAC rooftop unit serving the Turning Point building at 8324 Skokie Boulevard.	20,082
SHORE	Funding will be used to replace approximately 10 variable air volume (VAV) boxes in the Lois Lloyd/Administration Center at 8350 Laramie Avenue, serving the organization's home of its adult services program and administrative offices.	22,627
CJE SeniorLife	Funding will be used to purchase and install an intercom system and a magnetic hold-open system for the main suite doors for the Robineau Residence at 7550 Kostner Avenue.	21,517
Search	Funding will be used to renovate an existing bathroom in a supportive living residence on Kildare Avenue.	22,500
Orchard Village	Funding will be used to renovate two existing bathrooms in a group home on Marmora Avenue.	37,500

Public Services

VOS - Social Worker	Funding will be used to offset the costs for a Village Social Worker position. The Social Worker works with low/moderate-income residents who need various types of case management, financial assistance, counseling, and referrals.	48,760
JCFS	Funding will be used to provide financial stability services and coordinated case management for Skokie residents	6,000
Center fo Enriched Living	Funding will be used to support an employment specialist to assist low-income Skokie residents with developmental disabilities.	5,000
Asian Human Services - dental services	Funding will be used to ensure an optimal level of qualified support staff for the dental clinic to provide dental services to low-income Skokie residents.	15,000
Metropolitan Family Services	Funding will be used to offset counselor staffing costs, providing counseling services, including grief, trauma, family/couple and/or parent/child relationships, child and adolescent school performance and behavior problems, work performance, substance abuse, individual and family development, and family violence.	10,000
Impact Behavioral Health Partners	Funding will be used to offset employment specialist staffing costs. Impact's Employment Services Program assists adults living with mental illness in seeking, acquiring, and maintaining competitive employment in their communities	9,000
PEER Services	Funding will be used to offset the costs associated with employing an adult and adolescent program coordinator to provide outreach, assessment, and treatment services.	12,000
Children's Advocacy Center	Funding will be used to offset the staffing costs of supporting child victims of abuse, and their non-offending parents and family members, through a Child and Family Advocate position.	5,000
The Harbour	Funding will be used to offset the staffing costs of serving the needs of homeless youth (including locked-out, runaway, or abandoned) ages 12-23 in the north and northwest Chicago suburbs.	7,319
North Shore Senior Center (NSSC)	Funding will be used to offset the staffing costs associated with providing case management and counseling services to low-income, older adult residents of Skokie.	10,000
WINGS	Funding will be used to offset the staffing costs to support nights of shelter and therapeutic counseling, including Family and Child Advocates.	8,000

PY22/FY23
Total Request
818,305

On behalf of the Board, the Mayor expressed gratefulness for the work of all the organizations.

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Public Comments.

Dina Rubalcha, spoke about concerns about the Covid 19 and certain data that was presented. Director of Health and Human Services will contact her and discuss her concerns. James Johnson, spoke about the Village of Skokie Sustainability Plan, greenhouse gases, environmental policies and the Comprehensive Plan of the Village. He also commented on the proposed Carvana development. Mayor Van Dusen mentioned that the Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission is working on the issues.

Public Comments for the January 3, 2022 Board meeting were received by email from Candida Abrahamson, Mark & Ginger Jusko, Judy Pollock, Clare Connor, Lauren Marquez-Viso, Joanne Kalnitz, Linda Henderson, Leo Schlosberg, Joyce Wandel, Carol and Robert Grannick, Michelle Thomas, Julia Bunn, Hasha Perman, Marilee Cole, Judith Ebenhoeh, Matt Temkin, and Matt Greenberger.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 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.

