

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 Tuesday January 19, 2021



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 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. 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 before or during the meetings; 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 Trustees 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.

Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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, January 4, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #17-FY21 of January 19, 2021.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

50th Anniversary of the Harbour

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation congratulating The Harbour and its staff for their dedication and commitment for the safety and well-being of our youth. On behalf of the Village of Skokie and our elected officials, we wish The Harbour much continued success and look forward to continuing to work with The Harbour.

Terri Szewczyk from the Harbour thanked the Village for the recognition and support.

Recognitions, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards

Business of the Year Awards presented by the Consumer Affairs Commission

Chair Joanne Haerberlin: She thanked the Village, the committee members and residents who submitted applications. The recipients were thankful for the recognition and appreciate the honor. Mayor Van Dusen congratulated everyone in this challenging year.

Winner: Kaleidoscope Dance – 3944 Church Street

Runner Up: Kneads and Wants Artisan Bakery & Cafe – 8042 Lincoln Avenue

Runner Up: Affinity Smiles – 5550 Touhy Avenue

Runner Up: Cassandra Strings – 3409 Church Street

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Resignation

Fine Arts Commission: Hope Salmanoff

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Mike Charley , Director of Health and Human Service gave an overview of the COVID 19. COVID-19 Memorial-103 members of the Skokie Community loss lives due to COVID 19. 4,890 total cases, deaths 104, 7 day average cases/day 25.5, 7 day moving average 5.9 which is a decrease in cases.

He spoke about Restore Illinois, the 5 Phases, Contact Tracing and the Vaccine. Information is on the Village's COVID-19 webpage, and a COVID Hotline 847-779-7726

B. Overview of the Downtown Skokie Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center.

Len Becker, Economic Development Manager gave an overview and synopsis of the Downtown Skokie Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center.

This included:

Community Support for Downtown Skokie Development

Recent History of Downtown Skokie Development Progress

Village Processes and Public Outreach for Hotel Development

Proposed Oakton-Niles TIF District-Appearance Commission, SkokieNews and Village website,

Economic Development Commission, Open House, TIF Public Hearing, and Plan Commission

Economic Benefits for Skokie

Affordable Housing

These Citizens had concerns that were sent to the Village regarding the proposed development Downtown Skokie Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel that included an Environmental Sustainability Plan, Community Involvement, Climate change and Affordable housing.

Maggie Vandermeer, 5304 Mulford, James Johnson, 4821 Hull, 2D, Matt Temkin, Leslie Nathan, Shira Hammann, 8921 Lincolnwood Dr. sent in comments.

C. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY20/21 - Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

A proposed pilot of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program plans to assist a group of households with repairs and upgrades to the exteriors of their homes, similar to the Village's existing Home Improvement Program, but with a neighborhood focus.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approval of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

Moved: Trustee

Seconded: Trustee

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* D. Emergency Replacement of Camera Servers and Software.

Motion to award a contract to Current Technologies in the amount of \$63,311.84 for emergency replacement of camera servers and software.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

A. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4543

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the Zoning Map with regard to portions of the public right of way located at 8031 Niles Avenue and 8030 Lamon Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, from a CX Core Mixed-Use district to a B6 Downtown Science and Technology district (2019-33P). This item is on the agenda for second reading and adoption.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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B. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4544

Motion to adopt an ordinance vacating the east-west alley north of and adjacent to 4930 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois in B6 Downtown Science and Technology and CX Core Mixed Use districts (2019-34P). This item is on the agenda for second reading and adoption.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution 21-1-R-1487

Motion to adopt a resolution approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 4900-4906 and 4930 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois in a CX Core Mixed-Use district (2019-35P). This item is on the agenda for approval.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4545

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction and establishment of a planned development at the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Niles Avenue (4918-4949 Oakton Street, 8009 Niles Avenue and 4933 Oakton Terrace), Skokie, Illinois, in a CX Core Mixed-Use district, and relief from certain sections of Chapter 118 of the Skokie Village Code (2019-36P). This item is on the agenda for second reading and adoption.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Ulrich

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

E. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4546

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a hotel at 8009 Niles Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a CX Core Mixed-Use district, and relief from Chapter 82, Sections 82-27(c)(5), 82-27(d) and 82-27(e) of the Skokie Village Code (2019-37P). This item is on the agenda for second reading and adoption.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Gray-Keeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*** F. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4547**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Section 118-218, and the Appendix A Use Table of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to miscellaneous crop farming (2020-16P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

*** G. Ordinance 21-1-Z-4548**

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving modifications to the previously approved special use permit for the motor vehicle gas station with a mini food mart, limited service restaurant and motor vehicle laundry at 5015 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B3 Business district and the repeal of Village Ordinance Number 04-6-Z-3272 (2020-02M). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 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