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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, February 6, 2023

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Pledge of Allegiance led by the Deputy Village Clerk Sylvia Luke



Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

Motion to permit Trustee Khoeun to participate remotely for this meeting

Moved: Trustee Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Klein.

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Klein was absent.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Klein.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #18-FY23 of February 6, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

Honoring Firefighter Andrew Cutting

On behalf of the elected officials and residents, Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation honoring the life of Firefighter Andy Cutting and extending condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Andy Cutting's wife Karla, thanked the elected officials, residents, and colleagues for the honor, love and support that she received.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award – Alex Franz, Management Analyst.

Chris Morrill the Executive Director of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) congratulated the Village for receiving the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) award. This is a document that must be easily accessible and understandable to the public without having to have a background in government finance.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

* A. Appointments

Beautification & Improvement Commission: Ross Del Rosario

Human Relations Commission: John Muszynski and Mayha Syed

Public Relations Commission: Ibrahim Manusri, Jeff Schvimer, Scott Ford and Nick Vickers

Omnibus vote.

* B. Reappointments

Commission on Family Services: Shajan Jose as Vice Chair and Harold Primack as Chair

Plan Commission: Jeff Burman as Vice Chair and Paul Luke as Chair

Omnibus vote.

* C. Leave of Absence

Public Safety Commission: Ken Mantel

Omnibus vote.

* D. Resignations

Consumer Affairs Commission: Jeff Schvimer

Human Relations Commission: Maureen Yanes

Public Safety Commission: Edward McCarthy and Mayha Syed

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Adoption of Ratified IAFF Contract.

Motion to adopt the ratified IAFF contract with the Skokie Fire firefighters, Local 3033.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Klein.

MOTION CARRIED

B. TIF Development Agreement for 8047 Skokie Boulevard.

Len Becker, Economic Development Manager and Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director provided an overview of the project.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about sustainability possibilities on the proposed development.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation request Mayor and Board approval of the Resolution authorizing the Development Agreement which contains a "pay as you go" TIF reimbursement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: Johnson.

Absent: Klein.

MOTION CARRIED

*C. Village Hall Mechanical System Engineering Design & Construction Administrative Services – Grumman Butkus Associates, Evanston, Illinois - \$347,270.

Motion to award a contract to Grumman Butkus Associates, Evanston, Illinois in the amount of \$347,270 for Village Hall mechanical system engineering design & construction administrative services.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Pest Control Services – Platinum Pest Solutions, Lansing, Illinois - \$45,472.

Motion to award a contract to Platinum Pest Solutions, Lansing, IL in the amount of \$45,472

Omnibus vote.

*E. Parkway Tree Planting – Yellowstone Landscaping, Wauconda, Illinois - \$50,000 and St. Aubin Nursery, Kirkland, Illinois - \$30,000.

Motion to award a contract to Yellowstone Landscaping, Wauconda, IL in the amount of \$50,000 and St. Aubin Nursery, Kirkland, IL in the amount of \$30,000 for parkway tree planting.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

No Report.

2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #3.

Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director, and Justin Malone, Neighborhood Services Coordinator presented the Public Hearing.

The Village's entitlement grant for Program Year 2023 is not yet known. At this time, we are estimating \$600,000 in entitlement funds. Fifteen (15) proposals from service

organizations and Village staff were heard at the last Village board meeting, totaling over \$810,000, so funding and/or project reductions will be necessary to align with our budget expectations and meet the funding cap requirements.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is requesting that the Village not submit its Annual Action Plan until the entitlement amount is known. We are proceeding with our typical hearing schedule on the condition that flexibility and contingency language is incorporated into the draft to accommodate a range of funding level possibilities.

CDBG Suggested Budget

Program Year 2023-24

Projects	Program Year	Program Year	
	2022-23	Requested	Scenario 1 Scenario 2
Administration		Funded	
VOS - Program Administration and Planning, AFH	112,684	115,000	112,684 112,684
Subtotal	112,684	115,000	112,684 112,684
Service			
Tier 1 VOS - Social Worker	38,653	48,760	43,000 38,653
Tier 1 Jewish Child Family Services (JCFS)	3,720	6,000	0 0
Tier 1 AHS Family Health Center	6,520	20,000	12,000 19,347
Tier 1 Metropolitan Family Services	5,580	10,000	8,000 10,000
Tier 1 PEER Services, Inc.	5,580	12,000	10,000 12,000
Tier 1 North Shore Senior Center	7,440	10,000	9,000 10,000
Tier 2 Impact Behavioral Health Partners	3,000	9,000	8,000 0
Tier 2 Children's Advocacy Center	3,720	0	0 0
Tier 2 The Harbour, Inc.	3,720	5,489	0 0
Tier 2 WINGS	4,660	5,000	0 0
Tier 3 Center for Enriched Living (CEL)	3,000	5,000	0 0
Tier 3 YOU Youth and Opportunity United	0	0	0 0
Subtotal	85,593	131,239	90,000 90,000
Construction			
VOS - Home Improvement Program	80,945	90,000	80,945 80,945
HODC	21,400	45,000	0 0
VOS - Neighborhood Enhancement Program	80,800	100,000	80,800 80,800
VOS - Street Resurfacing	185,300	200,000	185,300 185,300
VOS - 50/50 Sidewalk Grant Program	2,900	3,000	2,900 2,900
Turning Point	19,000	14,156	10,171 14,156
SHORE	21,400	33,150	21,400 33,150
CJE SeniorLife	20,400	28,881	0 0
Search, Inc.	21,400	22,500	0 0
Orchard Village	23,800	22,125	15,800 0
Subtotal	477,345	558,612	397,316 397,251
Grand Total	675,622	805,061	600,000 600,000

Scenario 1

Public Services Funding for 5 organizations at their requested amounts.

Capitol Improvements Funding for 3 organizations at their requested amounts.

Scenario 2

Public Services Funding for 4 organizations at their requested amounts.

Capitol Improvements Funding for 2 organizations closer to their requested amounts.

Motion to select Scenario 2 for the 2024CDBG.

Moved: Trustee Khoehn

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Klein.

Abstain: Sutker

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments

Skokie resident, Mr. Burton spoke about the once a week trash collection, when it will start and the tax on garbage pick-up.

Trustee Robinson recognized Black History Month and the rich accomplishments of the African American community. He spoke of the tragic killing of Tyre Nichols's in Memphis and the call for action from "My Brother's Keeper Alliance" to local elected officials to implement common sense limits on police use of force, including Skokie. He is looking forward to the UOF report from our commission.

Judy Mendel commented on transparency of all the Commissions. She spoke about being able to view minutes and attendance of the members of the Plan Commission, Electoral Reform and change in the Skokie government. Also mentioned about the outdated Zoning Code.

Marty Relesky spoke about water intake and about a water main that broke in front of his house. He also spoke about the Lead water service line replacement.

Kimberly Polka spoke about the Plan Commission meetings, commissioners being more welcoming, and being able to solicit feedback, and time allotted to Skokie residents wanting to speak. She thanked Trustee Robinson for the issue of Affordable Housing to be taken up.

Shelly Patt, also thanked Trustee Robinson for his support of imitating the affordable housing issue. She spoke about the 19% Affordable Housing in Skokie. Mayor Van Dusen stated that is from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. The State Mandate is 10%.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about funds for energy improvement, restart discussion forums that were started in 2019, and solicit developers and market of people that want to live in Skokie.

Emi Yamauchi spoke about the Plan Commission Public Hearing-time allotted to people that want to speak, conduct of the Commission. She spoke about the Affordable Housing issue, 8047 Skokie Boulevard regarding the TIF, Old Orchard Tax and about Electoral Reform updates.

Public Comments received by email.

Lisa Silverman-Carvana-news update, Pest control for skunks.

Bonnie Helwig, Naomi Leighton, Amy Skalinder-Carvana Tower

Howard Sproull-inclusion % new building restriction.

Jan Beladi-TIF money to the developer-8047 Skokie Blvd.

Gail Schechter -request for a Town Hall Meeting-follow up

Skokie Housing Needs and Recommended Solutions

Gail Schechter- no TIF subsidy without affordable Housing-8047 Skokie Boulevard

Charlie Saxe-8047 Skokie Boulevard.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Klein.

MOTION CARRIED

 Sylvia Luke Deputy 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.