

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, March 20, 2023



Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.
Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #21-FY23 of March 20, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

*A. Proclamation

Certified Government Financial Manager Month – March 2023

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

* A. Appointments

Beautification & Improvement Commission: William Barney

Consumer Affairs Commission: Natalie Lopatkiewicz

Fine Arts Commission: Pramod Joshi

Mayor Van Dusen introduced the new appointments and thanked them for their service.

* B. Resignation

Telecommunications & Technology Commission: Frances Roehm

Omnibus vote.

Presentations and Reports.

A. Presentation

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Presentation by Jennifer Martinson of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Jennifer Martinson of Lauterbach & Amen made a brief presentation on Financial Statements for the Year ended April 30, 2022. The 2022 ACFR includes the audit opinion from the auditors, who attest that the Village has properly reported its financial position in accordance with accounting standards. In addition to the ACFR, is also the Auditor's Management Letter report which discusses the results of the internal control review undertaken as part of the annual audit.

She answered questions from the Board.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Private Side Cost Sharing for Lead Service Line Replacements.

At this time, the estimated number of lead service lines to be abated is 11,287 services. The Village is recommending a private side replacement cost of \$3,000 for effected property owners with the Village to pay the remainder. The Village has received a 2 million dollar federal funding for this program.

Julian Prendi, Finance Director and Russ Rietveld, Director of Engineering answered questions from the Board and residents.

B. Recommendation for Adoption of Code Amendments.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation to authorize Corporation Counsel to draft the necessary changes for recommendation for adoption of Building Code amendments.

Trustee Johnson asked about exploring the possibility of Green Building Codes for consideration.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*C. 2023 Water Main & Sewer Rehabilitation Improvement Project – Martam Construction, Inc., Elgin, Illinois - \$6,216,584.

Motion to award a contract to Martam Construction, Inc for the 2023 water main & sewer rehabilitation improvement project.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Oakton Terrace Overhead Power Relocation Services – Intren LLC., Union, Illinois – \$147,830.

Motion to award a contract to Intren LLC., Union, Illinois in the amount of \$147,830 for Oakton Terrace overhead power relocation services.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

* A. Ordinance 23-3-Z-4638

Motion to adopt an ordinance vacating the alley behind 9965 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois, in a B2 Commercial district and an R1 Single Family district. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on February 21, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* B. Ordinance 23-3-Z-4639

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision with a dedication for property located at 9965 Gross Point Road and 4101 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Business district and an R1 Single Family Residential district. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on February 21, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* C. Ordinance 23-3-Z-4640

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the zoning map with regard to the property located at 9925 Kedvale Avenue, Skokie, Illinois from an R1 Single Family District to a B2 Commercial district. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on February 21, 2023.

New Business.

Trustee Johnson asked about why reviewing and consider revising the appointment process for Village Attorney's under New Business was not on the agenda.

The Mayor responded that he was waiting for the Public Access Superintendent in the Illinois Attorney General Office for her determination.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-01P – Site Plan Approval: 8610 Niles Center Road.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a site plan approval demonstration project planned development in a R4 Multifamily Housing district at 8610 Niles Center Rd, be approved subject to all conditions.

Mark Gershon, attorney representing the developer answered questions concerning parking, sustainability, affordable housing and the meaning of "a demonstration planned development".

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: Johnson, Klein.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

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2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #4.

The CDBG Action Plan for the 2023 Program Year will be presented to the Board on April 17, 2023 for consideration and adoption.

On February 27, 2023 the Department of Housing and Urban Development Program announced funding allocations for municipalities who participate in Community Development Block Grant Program. While the Village budgeted to receive around \$600,000 in funding, it was announced that Skokie's allocation was \$552,656. The news of the allocation and the subsequent adjustment of the Village's allocation resulted in a delay of the Village Board consideration and adoption. As a result, the Annual Action Plan is currently available for public comment on the Village's website and undergoing the HUD-required 30-day review period. The final public hearing will not occur until April 17, 2023.

Public Comments.

Angie Rosen, Louis Mercer, Member from GoGreen Skokie, Brian Clarke, Judy Mendel, Bob Kusel, Brad Rosen, Maggie Vandermeer, All spoke about Skokie patronage politics, nonpartisan - corporation counsel transparency, appointment, evaluation and employment of Village attorneys, appointments of Committee Chairman's, polarization of the Legal Department. ethic complaints, representations, inclusion, conflict of interest, trust, and Agenda items.

Judy Mendel had comments about the Public Access Superintendent, Commission appointments, Township School Trustee, and elected officials serving on Commissions.

Brian Clark also spoke about the reasonable \$3,000 cap for the lead service line replacement, sustainable building codes, climate change and affordable housing.

Steven Franklin spoke about satisfaction and congratulated the Village's accomplishments- holding the tax levy for 30 years, continued accreditation for Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department Health department , leadership and conduct of meetings.

Tony spoke about people parking in handicap spots to go and pick up food orders

Michael Horwitz spoke about bringing back street signs so cars have to move for street cleaning. .

He also spoke about alley grading and flooding.

Michael Kaplow spoke about abuse of parking places.

Trustee Johnson read some parts of emails submitted for Public Comments from residents about the appointment process of the Corporation Counsel's office.

Public Comments by email.

Noelle Sullivan-Ethics and legal processes, Leslie Nathan-Skokie patronage politics, Judith Bruber and Manuel Castillon- protest the approval of a 192 rent unit to be built on Main Street, Victoria Wolfinger-Corporate counsel transparency, Emi Yamauchi-concern about conflicts of interest and professional/political nepotism in the Corporation Counsel's office, Emi Yamauchi- Development at 8610 Niles Center Road, Jerome Brozek- Corporation appointment process for future, Gail Schechter-Plan Commission -increase number of affordable units, unit sizes.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 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

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.

