

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, April 17, 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, Khoehn, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin

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, April 3, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #23-FY23 of April 17, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

*A. Proclamation

Arbor Day – April 28, 2023

Omnibus vote.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Award Presentation

Block Party of the Year Awards presented by Maria Monastero Bueno, Chair, Human Relations Commission. Awards were presented to:

8300 block of Kolmar (Madison St. to Main St.)

George and Park “George-A-Palooza (George Ave & Park Ave.)

8000-8100 blocks of Lowell (Oakton to Keeney)

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

*A. Appointments

Beautification & Improvement Commission: Mike Madalinski

*B. Resignations

Board of Health: Dr. Michael Drachler (Emeritus)

Consumer Affairs Commission: Joanne Haerberlin (Chair)

Omnibus vote.

Mayor Van Dusen requested that the Corporation Counsel’s report be taken before the Report of the Village Manager’s report.

Trustee Robinson left after the Corporation Counsel’s report.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance 23-4-Z-4642

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting Site Plan approval for demonstration project planned development at 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, Illinois, in an R4 Multifamily Residential District and various relief from Chapter 118 of the Skokie Village Code.

Omnibus vote.

FIRST READING:

B. A memorandum proposing early intervention in Hate Crimes; a program to identify and assess data of bias and hate incidents as an indicator of future hate crimes.

Corporation Counsel Lorge, Trustees Khoeun and Trustee Robinson conducted research using experts throughout the United States and from this information presented a Program which will use data collected in the Village concerning Bias and Hate incidents to anticipate and intervene on potential Hate Crimes.

Trustees Khoeun and Robinson motioned to approve an additional \$2500 to the Human Relations Commission's budget to support their participation in this initiative.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Village Manager.

*A. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment Purchase – Air One Equipment, Inc., South Elgin, Illinois - \$787,869.

Motion to award a contract to Air One Equipment Inc., South Elgin, IL in the amount of \$787,869 for a Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment purchase.

Omnibus vote.

*B. 5" Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter/PCC Patching/New Sidewalk – Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc., Skokie, Illinois - \$624,168.43.

Motion to award a contract to Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc., Skokie, IL in the amount of \$624,168.43 for 5" sidewalk/curb & gutter/PCC Patching/new sidewalk.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Resolution for Extension of Time for Permit Submittal for Linder Touhy LLC.

Resolution 23-4-R-1551

Motion to approve a Resolution granting an extension of time pursuant to Chapter 118-10 of the Village Code regarding the site plan approved for 5404-5440 Touhy and 7235 Linder Avenue.

Omnibus vote.

*D. 2023 Crack Sealing Services – Patriot Pavement Maintenance, Des Plaines, Illinois – \$40,000.

Motion to award a contract to Patriot Pavement Maintenance, Des Plaines, IL in the amount of \$40,000.

Omnibus vote.

*E. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie Service Door Retrofit – Via Meridiana Contractors LLC, Darien, Illinois - \$59,996.67.

Motion to award a contract to Via Meridiana Contractors LLC, Darien, IL in the amount of \$59,996.67 for North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie-service door retrofit.

Omnibus vote.

Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request for an Executive Session of the Village Manager pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C.2 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act at the end of the regular meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case – Affordable Housing Policy Recommendations Presentation (This item will also be scheduled for discussion during the Village Board Meeting on May 1, 2023).

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The Village supports providing affordable and attainable housing for all who seek to live in Skokie and remains consistent with the Village's Consolidated Plan that the Village will, "Ensure housing is affordable, accessible, and sustainable."

Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director presented a power point presentation on the background on Skokie Community for Affordable Housing, This included Skokie's Demographics and Housing background, housing median income, race & ethnicity.

These are the following goal-based framework that expands this policy recommendation:
 Goal A: Study and assess the ongoing supply and demand for inclusive affordable housing in Skokie;

Goal B: Preserve, protect, and improve Skokie's existing affordable housing to be accessible and sustainable.

Goal C: Reduce "jobs/housing mismatch" and ensure that housing is available to all of Skokie's workers.

Goal D; Create new opportunities to increase Skokie's supply of affordable housing and Community Development Director Nyden spoke about the Draft Affordable housing framework.

Amount of units required in new development.

Income level limits required in new developments

Fee-in-lieu option

Relief or incentives offered for on-site unit

Goal E: Support local and region-wide partner efforts to promote and expand fair housing efforts.

Community Director Nyden answered questions from the Board.

Public Comments.

Bonnie Ognisanti, supervisor for Niles Township Government, Gail Schechter, Shelly Patt, Jasmine Sabaggalla, from Skokie Neighbors for Housing Justice, Shelley Patt, Charlie Sax, Cathy White, Gerry Wasserman, Carrie Bradean, spoke about an inclusionary zoning ordinance, a Housing Commission, a comprehensive housing policy, long term strategy, outreach, increase the required percentage of on-site units from 5-10 to 15%.

Mathew Gliebe spoke about code enforcement, current rental units-landlords, maintenance and improvements and land trusts.

Lauren Grodnicki presented a Case Study on an 18 unit 100 year building and the costs to live there.

Trustee Johnson was also in favor of a Housing Committee.

Everyone thanked the Plan Commission for the recommendations on an Affordable Housing policy for Skokie.

One-Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2023 (FY24).

Justin Malone, Neighborhood & Housing Coordinator/CDBG Administrator presented the Action Plan.

HUD regulations require that public input to the Action Plan be sought through a legal notice, making a draft of the plan available to the public and conducting a public hearing. at the Board of meeting on Monday, April 17. The upcoming CDBG projects and activities and activities were also the subject of public hearings in December, January, and February, therefore any public feedback during that period will be collaborated.

Funding Reward Amounts

VOS-Program Administration and Planning (20% cap): \$72,507

Public Services (15% cap): \$82,898

VOS-Social Worker: \$30,898

AHS Family Health Center (affordable dental services): \$20,000

Metropolitan Family Services (mental health services): \$10,000

PEER Services, Inc (substance abuse outreach and treatment): \$12,000

North Shore Senior Center (case management/counseling services for seniors): \$10,000

Eligible Construction Projects (No cap): \$397,251

VOS-Home Improvement Program: \$80,945

VOS-Neighborhood Enhancement Program: \$80,800

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VOS-Street Resurfacing (low-to-moderate-income blocks): \$185,300

VOS-50/50 Sidewalk Program: \$2,900

Turning Point (window replacement project at 8324 Skokie Blvd): \$14,156

SHORE Community Services Inc. (variable air volume (VAV) boxes at 8350 Laramie Ave & community home kitchen remodel projects at 4324 Church St): \$33,150

TOTAL: \$552,656 PY23 Funding

Motion to accept Staff’s recommendation for the one year action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2023.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments by email.

Jerome Brozek- 1st email-operation of democracy in the Village of Skokie, Village Board

Meetings, One Party Rule. 2nd email-Open Meetings Act., 3rd email- Ethics complaint.

Noreen Winningham-securing Affordable Housing in Skokie.

Trustee Khoeun spoke about the Cambodian genocide April 17, 1975, to January 7, 1979. The Khmer Rouge perpetrated one of the greatest crimes of the 20th century. Nearly two million people died under the rule of the fanatical Communist movement, which imposed a ruthless agenda of forced labor, thought control, and mass execution on Cambodia.

Trustee Pure Slovin spoke about atrocity of the Holocaust Remembrance Day and the hateful acts and mass murder of Jewish people under the German Nazi regime during the period 1941–5. More than 6 million European Jews, as well as members of other persecuted groups such as Romani, gay people, and disabled people, were murdered at concentration camps.

Elline Eliasoff, resident of Skokie spoke about many qualities living in Skokie-Park District, Library, schools, taxes, services , Fire Department, Police Department and Health Department. She told Trustee Johnson to stop bullying attack on her and her family, false remarks, and division of Board members.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Van Dusen

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:14 pm. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Shah, Trustees Sutker, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, and Corporation Counsel Lorge. The meeting ended at 9:24 p.m.

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.
