

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, May 1, 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 Monday, April 17, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #24-FY23 of May 1, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

* ALS Awareness Month – May 2023

* Jewish American Heritage Month – May 2023

* Older Americans Month – May 2023

Employee Recognition

Paul Livieri Day

On behalf of the Village of Skokie and the elected officials, the residents and friends and colleagues of Paul, we express out sincerest gratitude for his longtime commitment and service to the Village of Skokie.

Building Safety Month – May 2023

Each year in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

Angel Schnur, Building & Inspection Services Division Manager introduced the Building Department team and thanked them for their service.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

* A. Appointments

Performing Arts Center Board: Ronnie Berk

Zoning Board of Appeals: David Putrus

* B. Reappointments

Board of Fire & Police Commission: Bruce Rottner

Board of Health: Sibyl Yau as Vice Chair and Dr. Edward Linn as Chair

* C. Resignation

Economic Development Commission: David Putrus

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Village Manager.

*A. Purchase of Two Street Department Dump Trucks Replacement and One Dump Body Replacement – Lindco Equipment, Merriville, Indiana - \$653,287.

Motion to award a contract to Lindco Equipment, Merriville, IN in the amount of \$653,287 for the purchase of two street department dump trucks replacement and one dump body replacement.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Excess Liability Coverage for Fiscal Year 2024 – Marsh/Allied World Assurance Company.

Motion to award a contract to Marsh/Allied World Assurance Company for excess liability coverage for Fiscal year 2024.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Adoption of Ratified FOP Contract.

Motion to adopt the Ratified FOP contract.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Purchase of One Fire Department Ford Expedition Max – Community Ford, Bloomington, Indiana \$59,8025.25.

Motion to award a contract to Community Ford, Bloomington, IN in the amount of \$59,8025.25 for purchase of one fire department Ford Expedition Max.

Omnibus vote.

*E. Purchase of One Water and Sewer Division EV Full-Size Van – National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, California - \$59,255.

Motion to award a contract to National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA in the amount of \$59,255 for one water and sewer division EV full-size van.

Omnibus vote.

F. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the Manager's request for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2, paragraph C.5 and C.6 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act at the end of the regular meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

* A. Ordinance 23-5-C-4643

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to building construction and fire safety. Item A is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on March 7, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Unfinished Business.

A. Plan Commission Report – Affordable Housing Policy

Summary:

Draft affordable housing policy recommendations:

The PowerPoint presentation provided by the Chairman that included the affordable housing policy recommendations from the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission's report and recommendation and materials provided in the April 17, 2023 Village Board meeting,.

A matrix highlighting the different attributes of inclusionary housing ordinances in the region and a memorandum from Corporation Counsel Lorge regarding current state legislative activity associated with affordable housing.

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Trustee Pure Slovin made a motion to adopt the goals outlined by the Plan Commission-Goals A, B,C,D, and E., create an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance for new development, Establish a fund for a Skokie Land trust as recommended by the experts, Update the Village's comprehensive plan -5% inclusionary for new developments and create a subcommittee on Housing.

Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin

Seconded: Trustee Klein

All the Trustees made comments and recommendations ,thanked the Staff, Plan Commission, Johanna Nyden, groups that worked on this Affordable Housing project. Discussion included inclusionary housing ordinance,- amending to 20%, prioritizing framework for staff's proposals, set up temporary subcommittee for the Housing Commission, resident applications ,prioritize essential workers that work in Skokie, and encourage development.

Director of Community Development Nyden answered questions from the Board.

These residents spoke concerning the proposed ordinance.

Elline Eliasoff, Ethan Nagar-Realtor from North Shore Barrington Association of Realtors, Kimberly Polka, Lauren Grodnicki, Jasmine Sabaggala, Gail Schechter-from Skokie Neighbor for Housing Justice, Jan Beladi, Rob Anthony-President form Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Shira Hammann, JJ Avoska, Shelly Patt, Carrie Bradean, Roxanna Salgado, Bob Quane, and Jason-Skokie resident.

Rachel Gradstein read a statement from 325 residents stating that what has been happening naturally has been working as we have the highest rate almost 20% on the Northshore and not to impose standards unless the affordable housing level reaches 12% or below.

The discussions include allocating money to older adults, inclusion for new construction, possibility for financing and encouraging developers, a Housing Commission, upgrading the Comprehensive Plan, immigrants, college grads, elderly people, single parents, increase affordable housing for families. Also an Inclusionary ordinance that is 15% instead of 5%, 38% of Skokie-house burden, diverse housing stock, homeowner's vs renters, living where you work, land trust, upgrade and create more housing.

Trustee Sutker made an amendment to the motion to require 5% on 11-150 units and 10% on 151 units affordability levels would be split between 60 percent and 80 percent of Area Median Income and affordable units would need to be a mix of all unit types offered throughout the building.

Roll Call on the amendment.

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

Nays: Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Khoeun made an amendment to the motion to review the Inclusionary Ordinance once approved after 1 year.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the original motion as amended.

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

Nays: Klein.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Johnson requested that staff update the Zoning code concerning accessory dwelling units. The trustees wanted to gain more understanding, and a subcommittee to provide more information.

Moved: Trustee Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

Ayes: Johnson

Nays: Sutker, Robinson, Pure Slovin, Klein, Mayor Van Dusen

Absent: None.

Abstain: Khoeun

MOTION DENIED

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Trustee Johnson requested to adopt the Staff's recommendation regarding Goal B to create a vacant resident's home registry. The trustees agreed that more information is needed before a vote.

Trustee Sutker stated that May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
Trustee Khoeun acknowledged all the people that helped with research, and worked to provide feedback in this complex issue.

New Business.

Trustee Johnson requested information regarding Attorney General's determination concerning the Village of Skokie's violation of the Open Meeting's Act. He wanted to know when it will be discussed.

Public Comment

Gail Schechter wanted to revisit the inclusionary ordinance to 15%.
Kimberly Polka commented that a review of the Ordinance in 1 year is unacceptable.

Public Comments by Email.

Jerome S. Brozek 2 email about Hate crimes.
Cathi White, Brian Williams, - in favor of Housing Commission,
Ted Smukler, Ted Yusen, Janna Simon, Maggie Vandermeer -in favor of Affordable Housing,
Letter signed by over 325 residents, homeowners, and voters-not in favor of the proposed Affordable housing.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 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

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 10:15 pm. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Shah, Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, and Corporation Counsel Lorge, Director of Community Development Director Nyden and Economic Development Manager Becker. The meeting ended at 10:21 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.
