

**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 15, 2023**

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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, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Khoeun was not present.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Khoeun.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, May 1, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #1-FY24 of May 15, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Award Presentation

Jimmy Gonzalez, member of the Skokie Telecommunications and Technology Commission presented the Skokie Telecommunications and Technology Award to Natalie Ng, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Niles North High School. She received her award on her Science Fair project of “Effects of Digital & Physical Textbook on Learning”.

Trustee Khoeun arrived.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

\* A. Resignations

*Skokie Police Use of Force Board: James Boehm*

*Telecommunications & Technology Commission: Ninos Youkhana*

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

\*A. Commercial All-Risk Property / Cyber Liability Coverage Renewals – Affiliated FM Insurance – \$106,500 and BCS Insurance Company - \$35,971.

Motion to award a contract to Affiliated FM Insurance -\$106,500 and BCS Insurance Co. in the amount of \$35,971.0 for commercial all-risk property/cyber liability coverage renewals.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*B. Police Department Drone – RMUS Unmanned Solutions – Centerville, Utah - \$31,096.90.

Motion to award a contract to RMUS Unmanned Solutions-Centerville, UT in the amount of \$31,096.90 for Police department drone.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*C. HP Infrastructure Maintenance Contract – CDW G, Vernon Hills, Illinois - \$27,316.32.

Motion to award a contract to CDW G, Vernon Hills, IL in the amount of \$27,316.32 for HP Infrastructure maintenance contract.

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

A. An ordinance amending Chapters 46 and 58 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to Affordable Housing. Item A is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the June 20, 2023 second reading and adoption.

Trustees discussed where the Chapter will be placed in the Code, inclusionary requirement permanent, allowing affordability requirements to sunset for 40 years, discussion for 20 or 30 years, giving developers the option for payment-in Lieu fee and opt-out of the full requirement.

Community Development Director Nyden answered questions from the Board.

B. Resolution 23-5-R-1552

Motion to adopt a resolution establishing a housing Sub-Committee of the Plan Commission to make recommendations concerning the housing chapter of the Village of Skokie Comprehensive Plan. Item B is on the agenda for the first reading and adoption.

Discussion included a permanent advisory Housing Committee, the roles and responsibilities of the Housing Commission.

Kimberly Polka, Lauren Grodnicki, Judy Mendel, Gail Schechter on behalf of Skokie Neighbors for Housing justice thanked the Village. Judy Mendel spoke about the % of inclusionary housing and read a letter from Betty Lazar-Highland Park regarding affordable housing.

Jason -resident from Skokie spoke about a letter signed by over 325 residents, homeowner, voters not in favor of the proposed affordable housing ordinance referencing that Skokie has the highest % of the North Shore.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C. Resolution 23-5-R-1553

Motion to adopt a resolution approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 9318 Lockwood Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in an R2 Single-Family district. Item C is on the agenda for first reading and adoption.

**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**

New Business.

A. Appointment Process for Village Attorneys.

Trustee Johnson advocated that the Village Board update and revise the appointment process for Village attorneys to mirror the current appointment process for the Village Manager. These included:

An Inclusive Process

That the process for Corporation Council be revised to include the entire Village Board, that the Village Trustees be allowed a more active role in the selection of Corporation Counsel, not the consent to the Mayor's nomination.

A Limited Process

That the appointment process for Village attorneys be revised to limit the scope of the Mayor and Board's appointment power to just the Corporation Counsel and allow the Corporation Counsel to appoint their own Assistant Corporation Counsels.

A Nonpartisan Process

That the appt. process for Corporation Counsel to revised to include language to the appt. process for Village Manager, requiring that the Corporation Counsel be appointed for their professional qualifications and remain nonpartisan in the performance of their official duties

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Discussion included residency requirements, clarifying language with advise of Trustees, qualification-non partisan positions-hired without regard of affiliations, code of ethics, in house Legal Department . The current process outlined in Chapter2, Article III, Division 5 of the Village will be modified with clarifying language.

These residents spoke concerning the New Business.

Kimberly Polka spoke about political appointments, Steve Franklin spoke about honest, effective government, not in favor of outside counsel.

Betty Dworkin-business owner complimented the Corporation Counsel's office.

Rich Evonitz read a letter from Elline Eliasoff about the Corporation Counsel's office as a trusted advisor and their expertise, provide information, problem solve, and that the system is working.

Brad Rosen an attorney spoke about revising the code in the legal department

Brian Clarke spoke about the domination of the Caucus party and revising the code in the Legal Department.

Michael Smith, co-owner of Culver's spoke about the Corporation Counsel's office when their expertise was needed.

Mark Collins, Niles Township Trustee read a letter from Marilyn Glazer, retired supervisor of Niles Township government commending the work of the Corporation Counsel staff.

Judy Mendel commented on the ethics code and language.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-07P – Zoning Map Amendment: 8000 East Prairie Road. Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve a map amendment to rezone the northern section of 8000 subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-08P – Subdivision: 8000 East Prairie Road.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the subdivision at 8000 East Prairie Road subject to all conditions.

**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. Plan Commission Case 2023-09P – Site Plan Approval: 8000 East Prairie Road.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the site plan approval at 8000 East Prairie Rd. subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment.

Jerry Brozek spoke about the ethics complaint from Trustee Johnson

Judy Mendel spoke about whether the attorney has been hired regarding the referendum.

Mr. Hirsch spoke about the once a week garbage pickup.

Shelly Patt thanked the Board. Plan Commission and staff for the Affordable Housing ordinance.

Lauren Grodnicki thanked Trustee Sutker for organizing the 1st grade Girl Scouts trip to the Village Hall.

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Public Comments by email

Gail Schechter, comments to the draft affordable housing ordinance and housing sub-committee of the Plan Commission

Linda Sanchez-revision to Chapter 2, article 3, Division 5, Appointment of the Village Legal Counsel.

Jinsky Jean Pois-appointment of Village Legal Counsel

Elline Eliasoff-satisfaction with Corporation Counsel's office

Mike Reid satisfaction with Corporation Counsel office & Skokie Park District.

Ted Yusen-thanks for the inclusionary zoning ordinance and the Resolution on the Housing Committee.

Cathi White -Commented on Affordable housing and a Housing Commission.

Bonnie Ognisanti, Niles Township supervisor-appreciate for the role of the Corporation Counsel in intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration between other governing bodies.

John Ivaska-thanked the Village staff for the housing ordinance.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:37 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**

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Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

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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.

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