

**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 8 p.m. on Monday June 21, 2021**

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With Skokie and the entire State of Illinois now in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan and the lifting of restrictions on in-person gatherings, beginning on Monday, June 21, 2021, Skokie Village Board meetings will return to in-person in the Council Chambers at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Village Board meetings begin at 8 p.m. and will continue to be broadcast live on the [Village's YouTube channel](#) as well as on SkokieVision cable television channels 17 (Comcast) and 25 (RCN). Meetings also are re-broadcast on the cable channels in the weeks following each meeting, and the videos are archived on the Village's YouTube channel.

In keeping with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting should be prepared to practice social distancing, and masks should be worn by any individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Public comments may still be submitted to [publiccomments@skokie.org](mailto:publiccomments@skokie.org); comments received by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Village Board in advance of the meeting and will not be read aloud. Public comments also can be mailed or hand-delivered to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60077, Attention: Village Manager's Office or placed in the exterior drop box on the west side of Skokie Village Hall. Each Village Board meeting agenda includes time for public comments, and individuals wishing to speak on an issue will be allocated three minutes to address the Village Board.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod C. Shah.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called 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 Klein**

**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, June 7, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #3-FY22 of June 21, 2021.

**Omnibus vote**

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by Willard Evans, Jr., Chair of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Ed (Will) Zahn	Police Officer	Police Sergeant

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Sergeant who introduced his family and friends.

\*B. Appointment

*Zoning Board of Appeals:* Vijai Gupta

**Omnibus vote.**

\* C. Reappointments

*Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission:* Christopher Buccola, Andrew DeCanniere, Michael Gershbein, Lisa Gotkin, Olivia Mahoney, Emily Okallau, Robert Render and Charles Saxe as Commissioners; Jim McNelis as Vice Chair and Jennifer Grossman as Chair

**Omnibus vote.**

\* D. Resignation

*Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission:* Vijai Gupta

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Adoption of the FY2022 Budget, Water Rate and Refuse Fee.

Motion to request Mayor and Board approval of the FY2022 Budget and to authorize Corporation Counsel to draft the necessary ordinances.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau Agreement.

Gina Speckman, Executive Director of the Bureau since 2004 provided a detailed power point presentation of the history of the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau..

Resolution 21-6-R-1506

Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing a one-year agreement between the Village and the Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Manager Lockerby gave an update on the storm. He stated that the Village of Skokie had 2" of rain on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> there was 1½ " of rain in 15 minutes. There is a task force on storm events, sensors in inlets to collect data. There was total of 3 down trees and 6 fire alarms,

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

A. An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Sections 2-38 and 2-42, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the conducting of and attendance at public meetings via video and telephone conferencing. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the July 6, 2021 agenda for second reading and adoption.

New Business.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Village Board instruct the Corporation Counsel to prepare an ordinance to amend the Skokie Village Code – specifically article VII, concerning Boards and Commissions – to stipulate that elected officials are ineligible for membership on Village Boards and Commissions."

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Also, Trustee Johnson moved that the Public Comments are read during the meeting. Mayor Van Dusen stated the Public Comments will be acknowledged before and during the meeting and will be acknowledged and available for review in the Clerk’s office. Corporation Counsel Lorge will review the request and draft a legal description that will probably be on the agenda in the next meeting.

Public Comment.

Mayor Van Dusen acknowledged the passing of Fritzie Fritzshall who was an Auschwitz survivor and innovator in rhe Holocaust Education. She was the President of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

These Public Comments were received:

Roland Simonis, 78 Williamsburg Rd.

Carrie Bradean, Skokie

Maggie Vandermeer,

Abolition Coalition

Jasmine Sebagala, 5344 Crain spoke about the rise of hate crimes in Skokie. She read the letter from the Abolition Coalition.

Bonnie Ognisanti, Niles Township Supervisor complemented the Village of Skokie on the COVD19 vaccination program and the Food pantry emergency program.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 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 George Van Dusen

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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.



