

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 July 18, 2022



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

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Khoehn, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen

Motion to permit Trustee Robinson to participate remotely for this meeting.

Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Johnson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, July 5, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #5-FY23 of July 18, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

Trustee Sutker read a statement reflecting on the horrific mass shooting in Highland Park on Independence Day. She stated the Village should be prepared to a community trauma by proposing the Village institute a Mental Health Reserve Corps of volunteer licensed mental health professionals to activate if necessary.

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: 8037 Lowell (From Keeney St. to Oakton St.), 4334 Madison St. (From Lowell Ave. to Alley before Kostner), and 8107 Kostner (From Cleveland Ave. to Keeney. St.). Chairman of the Commission and the Mayor thanked the staff, Human Relations Commission, Elected Officials and the Fire Department for their hard work.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by Commissioner Nicole Potthast of the Board of Fire and Police:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Brian Fitzgerald	New Hire	Police Officer
Ariella Loew	New Hire	Police Officer
Alfonso Hernandez	New Hire	Police Officer
Zohaib Zaib	New Hire	Police Officer

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Police Officers who introduced their family and friends.

* B. Appointments

Commission on Family Services: Naadirah Shapley-Wells

Fine Arts Commission: James VanOsdol

Human Relations Commission: Rabbi Ralph Ruebner

Public Arts Commission: Mary Fedorowski

Omnibus vote.

Trustee Robinson arrived.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Commercial Corridor Storefront Enhancement Program: 5041 Oakton Street.

Motion to approve a grant not to exceed \$53,500 for CK Studio Salon located at 5041 Oakton for work that includes electrical, plumbing, mechanical/HVAC, flooring, drywall, painting and signage.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Building Codes and Other Code Amendments.

The Community Development and Fire Departments are recommending updates to various Building Codes including adoption of the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 International Residential Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code, the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code and the 2020 National Electrical Code with Local amendments.

Motion to authorize Corporation Counsel to draft the necessary changes.

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

*C. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie (NSCPAS) Entry Canopies

Restoration Design Services – The HOH Group, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois - \$32,000.

Motion to award a contract to The HOH Group, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois in the amount of \$32,000 for the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Proprietary Purchase of Fire Safety Gear – W. S. Darley & Company, Itasca, Illinois – \$47,750.

Motion to award a contract to W.S. Darley & Company, Itasca, IL in the amount of \$47,750 for propriety purchase of fire safety gear.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

* A. Ordinance 22-7-Z-4607

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow outdoor storage at an Existing convenience store at 5363 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in a B1 Service Commercial district (2022-14P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

* B. Ordinance 22-7-C-4608

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapters 38 and 50 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to Emergency Services and Fire Prevention and Protection. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

* C. Ordinance 22-7-C-4609

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapters 26 and 46 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to garage sales. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

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FIRST READING:

D. An ordinance granting relief from Chapter 10, Section 10-10 of the Skokie Village Code in order to allow the temporary sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor on the public right of way and municipal property during specified hours of Skokie's 15th Annual Backlot Bash. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the August 1, 2022 agenda for second reading and adoption.

New Business.

A. Discussion regarding referendums.

Trustee Johnson spoke about having deeper conversations about referendums, asking the Board to use the power of referendum for long term and using it meaningfully. Mayor Van Dusen responded and said that Corporation Counsel would produce a report for the discussion. He also spoke about Binding and Advisory referendums. Mayor and Trustees were open to future discussions for referendums depending on specific matters.

Public Comment.

Emi Yamauchi commented on binding referendums and updates on Carvana.

Patrick commented on Skokie Park District-Drag Queen story hour.

Carrie Bradean also comment on referendums, sustainable matters and the Skokie Park District story hour.

Kimberly Polka also commented on Carvana's problems.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about fireworks, colors and wave lengths and sustainability.

Trustee Robinson stated that the Skokie Community has values-not perfect but strive for inclusivity for all gender, races and ethnicities.

Public Comments by email.

Opposition to cities policies which approve of any new buildings that are not safe for birds in flight. No name provided.

Ken Ditekowsky commented about Police going onto a private property to do a wellness check and ended up seizing a private vehicle. Assistant Village Manager Wyatt gave a summary of the situation and stated that the Police were legally on the property conducting a well-being check and had the obligation to tow the vehicle when it was identified as stolen

All comments send by email can be viewed at the Clerk's Office.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 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.