

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 October 3, 2022



Pledge of Allegiance led by the Deputy Village Clerk Sylvia Luke

Mayor Van Dusen 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 Pure Slovin

Seconded: Trustee Johnson

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, September 19, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #10-FY23 of October 3, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2022

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation calling upon the people of Skokie to raise awareness about the societal problem of domestic violence throughout our community and its devastating effects on families and communities.

Charlotte Coats, staff attorney for North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic thanked the Village of Skokie for the Proclamation.

Filipino American History Month – October 2022

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation urging people of Skokie to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate program and activities.

Jelly Carandang expressed appreciation and honor for the Proclamation.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards Presentation

Twelfth Annual Public Health Partners of Excellence Awards presented by Dr. Edward Linn and Michael Charley

Public Health Partners in Excellence Awards to:

Heartland Health Center

For being a great partner in assisting Skokie residents with applying for state benefits. Also Heartland provides accessible mental health, women's health, dental services, immigrant senior care and other essential health service to Skokie residents.

Nicole Willis Chief Executive Officer accepted the award.

Kids First Pediatric Partners

For Kids Pediatric Partners immunizing countless of Skokie children with the COVID-19 vaccine. Kids First was one of the first providers to hold drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinics ensuring individuals and families had easy access to the vaccine.

Dr. Cathy DiVincenzo, owner and founder accepted the award.

Director of Health and Human Services, Mike Charley congratulated Personal Health Supervisor Susan Reisberg on her retirement and thanked her for all of her expertise and years of service.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments

Consumer Affairs Commission: Regina Kinyui

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Village Manager.

A. Cook County Class 7c Real Estate Tax Incentive – 3818 Oakton Street.

Resolution 22-10-R-1545

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and their assessment that 3818 Oakton Street is excellent for a Class 7C designation.

Moved: Trustee Robinson

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

*B. High Priority Street Patching Program 2022 – Arrow Road Construction, Elk Grove Village, Illinois - \$369,400.

Motion to award a contract to Arrow Road Construction, Elk Grove, Illinois in the amount of \$369,400 for high priority street patching program 2022.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Purchase of One Public Works Street Sweeper – Standard Equipment, Chicago Illinois - \$268,321.65.

Motion to award a contract to Standard Equipment, Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$268,321.65 for purchase of one public works street sweeper.

Omnibus vote.

D. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request of the Village Manager for an Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph c.5 and C.6 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings act and to adjourn therefrom.

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

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

FIRST READING:

A memorandum from Corporation Counsel Michael M. Lorge dated September 29, 2022 regarding condominium deconversion. The Corporation's counsel has undertaken a first draft of an ordinance for the Skokie Village Code which would raise the threshold number of unit owners of a condominium property voting deconversion from 75% to 85% in any condominium building with over a certain number of condominium units. There is need for further work and clarification before the proposed ordinance is ready for consideration by the Village Board. The Corporation Counsel's office intends to ask the Illinois Attorney General for an opinion in this matter and to seek further opinion from the Attorney's Committee of the Northwest Municipal Conference and the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association meeting October 7, 2022.

We are also seeking data to support any inclusion of a threshold size of a condominium building in Skokie to which the ordinance would apply. The Corporation Counsel answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment.

Beth Demes had comments concerning the proposed development at Touhy /Linder. She spoke about design, energy efficiency, sustainability, greenhouse-gas emission Green globe certification, bird strike, charging stations, roof in regard to solar panels.

Rabbi Ruebner spoke about adopting the Ordinance concerning condo deconversions.

Asher Bronfeld spoke about the purpose of the Ordinance and solutions concerning condo deconversions.

Kimberly Polka spoke about the Village seal and referendum signs.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about the "case for tweaking the building at Touhy/Linder."

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These comments were sent by email to the Board.

Andrew Tinkler-request for emails and correspondences regarding the deconversion issue, Asher Bronfeld-Optima Maple-anonymous responses and the Optima Maple building deconversion matter, chrisbuth@aol.com-the proposed sale,

Emi Yamauchi, commented on the Mixed-use Development on Touhy/Linder and the potential De-Conversion of Optima's Maple Tower.

Kathleen Maciuba and Susanna Carrera commented on the Touhy/Linder Development.

Victoria Wolfinger concerning Affordable housing in Skokie.

Lisa Silverman-thanking Public Works for return garbage pick-up.

Shira Hammann Broadcast of SEAC meetings.

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

Executive Session

A Closed session was held in the main floor conference room at 8:55 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Corporation Counsel Lorge, Economic Development Manager Becker, Community Development Director Nyden and Economic Development Specialist Murphy. The meeting ended at 9:20 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.

