

**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 October 4, 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, Skokie Village Board meetings are 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.

As of August 30, 2021, all individuals in Illinois shall be required to wear masks when indoors including Village buildings.

Public comments may still be submitted to [publiccomments@skokie.org](mailto:publiccomments@skokie.org); comments received prior to the meeting or during the meeting will be provided to the Village Board 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.

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 Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**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 Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #10-FY22 of October 4, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

Rabbi Neil Brief – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

B. Appointments

*Fine Arts Commission: Pamela Sloan*

*Beautification Commission :Ann Goldshaft*

**Omnibus vote.**

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards Presentation

Eleventh Annual Public Health Partners of Excellence Awards presented by Dr. William Werner and Michael Charley. Awards were given out to each recipient.

**Arie Crown Hebrew Day School** For being a partner, collaborator, champion and advocate during the COVID-19 pandemic. and donating the space at 7770 Frontage Road for many months in 2021 to serve as the Village's mass vaccination site.

**Haatzalah Chicago** -For Hatzalah's staff and volunteers volunteering countless hours at the Village's COVID -19 pandemic.

**North Park College Nursing Program**-Nursing students and staff volunteering countless hours administering vaccine to thousands of individuals at the Village's vaccination sites.

**Oakton Community College Nursing Program**- Nursing students and staff volunteering countless hours administering vaccine to thousands of individuals at the Village's vaccination sites.

**Skokie Park District**- For Park District staff working countless hours at the Village's mass vaccination site, providing the essential and professional staff necessary to ensure the site was run effectively and efficiently.

**Skokie Public Library**-For the Skokie Public Library staff volunteering countless hours answering phone calls, providing the essential and professional staff the Village needed to ensure residents could speak with someone promptly and get their questions answered during the height of our vaccination campaign.

Report of the Village Manager.

No Report.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

\* A. Ordinance 21-10-Z-4569

Motion to adopt an ordinance correcting a scrivener's error regarding the vacation of certain portions of an unopened and unimproved residential street and alley within an area bounded by Grove Street, East Prairie Road and Lake Street, in an R1 Single-Family district (2017-28P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption .The first reading was on September 22, 2021.

**Omnibus vote.**

SECOND READING:

B. Ordinance 21-10-Z-4570

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow cremation services at 7309 Monticello Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 Industry district and relief from Chapter 118, Section 118-218 of the Skokie Village Code (2021-19P). This item is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on August 16, 2021.

**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**

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FIRST READING:

C. Resolution 21-10-R -1514

A resolution approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 8542 Harding Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in an R2 Single-Family district. This item is on the agenda for first reading and approval.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

D. An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VII, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the creation of the Skokie Police Engagement Commission. This item was on the agenda for first reading and was taken off and postponed for further review by the Public Safety Commission.

Public Comment.

Rich Demsch spoke about speeding and traffic issues in Skokie . Traffic at Touhy, Linder and Frontage. Speeding on Oakton to McCormick, Howard to McCormick, Howard & Skokie Boulevard-specifically at the Trail crossing.

Vicki Wolfinger, expressed views concerning whether School Resource Officers (SRO) should be hired in District 219 buildings by the school administration and also security and Police accountability.

Carrie Bradean, spoke about the proposed “Creation of the Skokie Police Engagement Commission”

Louis Mercer spoke about racism and black family harassments

Matt Timkin spoke about reading of Public Comments and systemic racism.

Nicole Reynolds read a prepared statement for Shira Hammann about reading of Public Comments and the proposed “Police Engagement Commission” This Public Comment was forwarded to the Board.

Public comments received by email can be viewed at the Clerk’s Office.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn 8:55 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.



