

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 November 7, 2022



Pledge of Allegiance led by the Deputy Village Clerk Sylvia Luke

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

Motion to permit Trustee Pure Slovin to participate remotely for this meeting.

Moved: Trustee Johnson **Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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 with the exception of Items A,B,C on the Corporation's Report

Moved: Trustee Klein **Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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 Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #12-FY23 of November 7, 2022.

Omnibus vote.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards

Business of the Year Awards presented by the Consumer Affairs Commission Chair Joanne Haerberlin:

Winner: Culver's of Skokie – 9455 Skokie Boulevard
 Runner Up: Sketchbook Brewing Company - 4901 Main Street
 Runner Up: Buona of Skokie – 3754 Touhy Avenue
 Runner Up: Healing Hands Wellness & Chiropractic Center - 3526 Dempster Street
 Runner Up: Skokie Provisions - 9450 Keystone Avenue

Commission Chair Joanne Haerberlin provided a brief summary of the nomination process, online ballot forms, Village social media platforms, and hard copies. The Chair read a list of businesses receiving Honorable Mentions.

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments

Board of Health: Sibyl Yau as Vice Chair

B. Resignations

Commission on Family Services: Wendy Katznelson

Telecommunications & Technology Commission: Christopher Whitaker

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. COVID-19 Update.

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave an update on COVID-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and the Flu. Skokie HHS will continue to promote equitable access to vaccination, testing and treatment by maintaining communications and messaging to Skokie residents, schools, day cares and healthcare providers.

*B. Emergency Sewer Repair – DeVinci Construction Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois - \$48,595.

Motion to award a contract to DeVinci Construction Inc., Oak Brook, IL in the amount of \$48,595 for emergency sewer repair.

Omnibus vote.

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*C. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie Roof Top Unit (RTU) HVAC

Equipment Replacement – Stanton Mechanical, Elk Grove Village, Illinois - \$104,263.

Motion to award a contract to Stanton Mechanical, Elk Grove Village, IL in the amount of \$104,263 for Roof Top Unit equipment replacement for North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

Omnibus vote.

*D. BS&A ERP Software Maintenance Contract Renewal – BS&A Systems, Bath, Michigan

- \$66,821.

Motion to award a contract to BS&A Systems, Bath, MI in the amount of \$66,821 for BS&A ERP software maintenance contract renewal.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

These items were taken off the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the fair housing issue and affordable housing with the proposed development.

A. Ordinance 22-11-Z-4617

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the zoning map with regard to the property located at 5404-5418 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois from an M1 Office Assembly Industry district to a B4 Regional Shopping district and also 5440 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois from a B3 Business district to a B4 Regional Mixed-Use Shopping district (2022-22P).

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Khoeun

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

Nays: Johnson

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Ordinance 22-11-Z-4618

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a site plan for the construction and establishment of a mixed-use development located at 5404-5440 Touhy Avenue and 7235 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in a B4 Regional Mixed-Use Shopping district with various relief from the Skokie Village Code (20-23P).

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: Johnson

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Ordinance 22-11-Z-4619

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision with a dedication of land for the property located at 5404-5440 Touhy Avenue and 7235 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in a B4 Regional Mixed-Use Shopping district.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: Johnson

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. Memorandum, Update: Optima Condominium Maple Tower Deconversion.

Rabbi Ruebner and Eric Inbody requested that the Village of Skokie pass the Ordinance fairly quickly requiring 85% of the owners to agree instead of the current 75%.The

Corporation Counsel has requested the opinion of the General Counsel for the Illinois Senate, Giovanni Randazzo concerning the Village's home rule authority

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2022-33P – Special Use Permit: 8256 Skokie Boulevard.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for religious assembly at 8256 Skokie Boulevard be approved 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

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Public Comments.

Rachel Van Hues, Kimberly Polka, Judy Mendel, Callie Folke, Emi Yamauchi, Michael Koplw, Eric Badosky, Matt Jarvis, Danna from Keeler and Trustee Johnson commented on Public Comments, political mailers, signs on parkways, anti-Semitism, open democracy, accountability, religious stereotypes, and name calling.

Andrew Tinkler spoke in support of Rabbi Ruebner and Eric Inbody on the condo deconversion and increasing the threshold at Optima-Maple Tower
Tisha Ashcroft spoke about the south entrances by Niles West High School with the heavy traffic. She mentioned the possibility of having a policeman directing traffic.
Lauren Grodnicki spoke about "Stabilization Wedges"

Public Comments by email

Kimberly Polka-Lawn sign absurdities, Joanna Ballinger-Lawn signs, Terri Turner-Skokie Caucus, Edith Hertel-response to Mayor's letter. Erin Fenner-referendums.
Heidi Nickisch Duggan-appointment of a vice-chair for the Board of Health.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 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

Sylvia Luke, Deputy 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.

