

**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 17, 2023**

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In the absence of the Mayor, Clerk Shah made a motion to appoint Trustee Klein Mayor Pro Tempore.

**Moved: Clerk Shah**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Khoeun**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Pro Tempore Klein called the meeting to order.

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, July 3, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #5-FY24 of July 17, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation

The Producers a Mel Brooks Musical, Music Theater Works 150<sup>th</sup> Show–August 11,2023.

Trustee Robinson read the Proclamation congratulating the Music Theater Works on their 150<sup>th</sup> show THE PRODUCERS A MEL BROOKS MUSICAL and encouraged all to support and enjoy the many talents performed at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Joe Keefe, Development Director and Electra Kontalonis, Board President accepted the award and thanked the Village.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by Village Clerk Pramod Shah:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Michael Greenwood	Fire Lieutenant	Fire Captain

B. Swearing in of the following personnel by Commissioner Ferdinand Soco of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Michael Schey	Firefighter	Fire Lieutenant
Andrew Nichols	New Hire	Firefighter
Anthony Figueroa	New Hire	Firefighter
Rafael Aca Rodriguez	New Hire	Firefighter
Euvangelos Tsakopoulos	New Hire	Firefighter
Alejandro Altamirano	New Hire	Firefighter
Dan Nguyen	New Hire	Firefighter

Mayor Pro Tempore congratulated the new Fire Captain, Fire Lieutenant and new Firefighters who introduced their family and friends.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Interior/Exterior TIF Rehabilitation Program Grant for 8006 Lincoln Avenue (Ascione Skokie). Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approval of the interior/exterior rehab improvement grant estimated at a not to exceed amount of \$153,500 for Ascione Skokie at 8006 Lincoln Avenue.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Engagement of Legal Representation and Services – Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins (KTJ), Chicago, Illinois.

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation and request Mayor and Board approval to engage Legal representation and services of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, (KTJ), Chicago, Illinois.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the appointment process for Village Attorneys, outside legal services, when did the Village engage in outside counsel, amount of bills paid and not paid, and maximum of bills before engaging of outside counsel. Also fees hired for the outside firm, litigation against the ethics commission, function of hiring the outside counsel.

Manager Lockerby addressed the concerns of the Trustee.

Kimberly Polka asked about training for the members of the Ethics Commission.

Jeff Burman thanked the Village for hiring specialist to defend the Village.

Emi Yamauchi spoke about the tax payers tax money, appalled at the contract and commented on the recommendations of the Attorney General's determination.

Jerry Brozek questioned about the litigation, and transparency.

Rachel Vanhose spoke about release of the recordings and the violation of the Open Meetings Act.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: Johnson**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\*C. Construction Materials Hauling and Disposal – G&M Trucking, Inc., Des Plaines, Illinois - \$418,400.

Motion to award a contract to G&M Trucking Inc., Des Plaines, IL in the amount of \$418,400 for construction materials hauling and disposal.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*D. Refurbishment of Two (2) Ambulances – Foster Coach Sales/Horton Emergency Vehicles, Sterling, Illinois - \$386,366.

Motion to award a contract to Foster Coach Sales/Horton Emergency Vehicles, Sterling, IL in the amount of \$386,366 for refurbishment of two ambulances.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*E. Proprietary Purchase of Fire Safety Gear – W. S. Darley & Company, Itasca, Illinois – \$49,200.

Motion to award a contract to W.S. Darley & Company, Itasca, IL in the amount of \$49,200 for proprietary purchase of fire safety gear.

**Omnibus vote.**

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Report of the Corporation Counsel.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Jim McCarthy presented the report.

CONSENT:

**\*A. Ordinance 23-7-F-4648**

Motion to adopt an ordinance providing and making an appropriation for the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, for the general corporate purposes, the Skokie Public Library, the Firefighters' Pension Fund, the Police Pension Fund, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the Community Development Block Grant Fund, the Economic Development Fund, the Water Revenue Fund, the Capital Project Fund, the Visitors Bureau Fund, the Casualty and Self-Insurance Fund, the Local Fuel Tax Fund, the Wireless Alarm Fund, the Payment of Principal and Interest on General Obligation Debts, the Science and Technology Tax Increment Financing Fund, the West Dempster Street Tax Increment Financing Fund, the Oakton Street/Niles Avenue Tax Increment Financing Fund, the Performing Arts Center Fund, and the SSA #10 Fund, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. Item A is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on July 3, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*B. Ordinance 23-7-C-4649**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 46, Article VI, Sections 46-193 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to water rates. Item B is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on July 3, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*C. Ordinance 23-7-C-4650**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Article IV, Section 118-72 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to Solar Energy Systems. Item C is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 5, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*D. Ordinance 23-7-C-4651**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article XVIII, Section 26-851 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to massage services. Item D is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*E. Ordinance 23-7-C-4652**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Section 118-32 and Chapter 118 – Appendix Use Table of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to tobacco sales. Item E is on the agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

New Business

Trustee Pure Slovin expressed thanks to everyone who worked to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Trustee Klein asked the Village Manager to look into short-term rentals in single family residents.

Plan Commission.

Trustee Johnson gave a shout out to Economic Development Manager Len Becker for all his work for the Village during his employment.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-11P – Special Use Permit: 4400 Oakton Street #200.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission the approve the petitioner's request for a special use permit for a meeting hall at 4400 Oakton #200 in a B2 commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-12P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: EV Parking Changes.  
Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that Chapter 118 Zoning of the Skokie Village Code be amended as recommended in the Staff report for 2023-12P with modified language added to Sec. 118-218 (a)(4).

**Moved: Trustee Robinson**

**Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments.

Rachel Vanhoose, thanked the Village for approving the meeting hall at 4400 Oakton, responsible landlords for cleaning up vacant properties store fronts and increasing more members on the Ethics Commission.

Kimberly Polka read a cover letter to the Agenda-Stating Village Board meetings are intended for respectful discussion of public policy, maintaining a welcoming environment and participants and attendees are encouraged to listen and be respectful of others.

Lauren Grodnicki thanked the Village for EV parking changes. She spoke about “things you can’t keep in your yard”- speaking about bees, weed killers, pesticide and shade.

Jason questioned whether there is a timeline to revisit the garbage situation, and how residents that need additional totes can request them.

Emi Yamauchi commented on whether the program grant of \$153,000 for the Ascione Skokie at 8006 Lincoln will be enough for the project.

Trustee Johnson commented on the legal bribe and candidate and voter suppression of the Legal Department.

Public Comments by email

These residents commented on the Garbage pickup: Dr. Erin Ovitsky, OD, Michael Ovitsky, Shevy Pressburger, A long time resident, Aryeh Needle, Skokie Resident, Jason Ashman, Y.Y. Lev Katz, E. Fox, Ariel Berkowicz, Jared Rubenstein, Brandon Gradstein.

Linda Ortolano commented against the engagement of legal representation with Ferolo and KTJ, Ethics Commission and the Legal Department.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Johnson, Pure Slovin, and Mayor Pro Tempore Klein**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Khoeun.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

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Mayor Pro Tempore Klein

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.

