

**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, September 18, 2023**

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

The Clerk call 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 #4 approval of the minutes of Tuesday September 18, 2023 and 8b Reappointments.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Van Dusen introduced the Appointments for the Board of Health, Human Relations Commissions, Performing Arts Center Board and Public Safety Commission and thanked them for their service.

Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, September 5, 2023

This item was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Discussion was on the vote for the Resolution 23-9-R-2023 regarding certain Executive Minutes regarding the abstaining votes. Mayor Van Dusen spoke about the Illinois Supreme Court that the “Principle of Concurrence” means that an abstaining vote would mean a concurrence with the majority vote. He is waiting on the opinion from the Counsel General for the Illinois State.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve Voucher List #9-FY24 of September 18, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

\*A. Appointments

*Board of Health:* Dr. Michael Gottesman

*Human Relations Commission:* Sheryl Bloom Basile and Yosef Meyers

*Performing Arts Center Board:* Rhiannon Gurley

*Public Safety Commission:* Kimani Levy

**Omnibus vote.**

B. Reappointments

*Ethics Commission:* Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus as Chair

This item was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the reappointments of Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus as Chair of the Ethics Commission. Specifically violations on the OMA, dismissing ethics complaints in illegal meetings, broken laws, hiring outside counsel to work with the Commission, and conflict of interest with the Corporation Counsel’s office.

Jerry Brozek spoke against the reappointments-failure to act and investigate the ethics complaints.

Rachel Vanhooes commented on timing of reappointments, possibility of more the 3 members on the Ethics Commission that represent the diversity of the Village.

Motion to approve the reappointment for the Ethics Commission of Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker****Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin****Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen****Nays: None.****Absent: None.****Abstain: Johnson****MOTION CARRIED****\*C. Resignations***Human Relations Commission: Michelle Reitman and Pearl Rubenzik***Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

**A. COVID-19 Update.**

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave a power point presentation on the COVID-19 updates: Monovalent Booster, Covid-19 date &amp; Individual-level prevention.

There are two approved vaccines are updated mRNA vaccines manufactured by Moderna TX Inc. and Pfizer Inc. These vaccines have been updated to include a single component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. The vaccines are covered by insurance, Medicare plans and Medicaid plans. Uninsured children and Uninsured adults have access through the Vaccine for Children Program and Bridge Access Program.

Two primary data sets are currently being used to determine the community level of COVID-19. The first is the CDC's Covid-19 hospital admission levels and the second is the Illinois Wastewater surveillance.

Mike Charley answered questions from the Trustees-how to educate more people on the new information.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

**Ordinance 23-9-C-4656**

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending chapter 118, articles IV and XI of the Skokie Village code pertaining to electric vehicle charging stations. Item A is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on July 17, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Unfinished Business.

**A. The 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan: A Five-year Strategy for a Healthier Skokie.**

Motion to approve the 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson****Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

Trustee Pure Slovin asked for more time to review the updated plan. The vote will be at the next meeting.

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen****Nays: None.****Absent: None.****MOTION CARRIED**

Plan Commission.

**A. Plan Commission Case 2023-13P – Special Use Permit: 4159 Main Street.**

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for services to the elderly and disable, except primarily office uses and relief from Village Code Section 118-212 be approved subject to all conditions.

**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****B. Plan Commission Case 2023-14P – Special Use Permit: 5237 Touhy Avenue.**

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor dining at 5237 Touhy Avenue in a B2 commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson****Seconded: Trustee Sutker****Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen****Nays: None.****Absent: None.****MOTION CARRIED**

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C. Plan Commission Case 2023-18P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Driveways.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that Chapter 118-212 (c)(6), of the Skokie Village Code be amended to prohibit new curb cuts and front yard driveways on lots that abut or have access to a public improved alley, subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

D. Plan Commission Case 2023-19P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Drive Through Facilities.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the request for an amendment to Chapter 1128 of the Skokie Village Code to modify provisions for drive-through facilities subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about requirement of trees to be planted to offset emissions from drive-through activity.

Jason Amrani spoke about the driveways and definition of drive throughs.

Kimberly Polka asked about after the ordinance is passed if there are possibilities of variances at a later date.

Trustee Klein-addition of “if Possible” language.

Questions were answered from the Community Development Director, Village Manager, and Corporation Counsel.

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

**Nays: Pure Slovin, Klein**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments.

Judy Mendel commended Manager Lockerby and Communications Manager Giola on their work on the Implementation of the Electoral Reform and the Maps that are presented. She also spoke about the disrepair of the corner of Dempster and East Prairie. The Village will look at the problem.

Kimberly Polka spoke about the conflict of interest of Chairman Minkus and the ethics hearings. She was pleased that the postings of the Electoral meetings at the library are in various places.

Jerry Brozek also spoke about the reappointment of the Ethics Commission members.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about the proposed development at 4600 Main St., the petition of the zoning change from R1 to R4-changing the land use and the variance for impermeable surface.

Public comments by email.

Kimberly Polka-vote on Resolution to destroy verbatim records.

Lisa Silverman -thanked for Health Department for help on rat control on her property.

Rick Aderman-Health Department to check on rats on his property.

Judy Mendel-Affordable housing.

Jinsky Jean Pois -Statement of Affordable housing policy.

Catharine B. White-urgent need for Affordable Housing.

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 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:

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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.