

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 2, 2023



Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

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

Moved: Trustee Robinson

Seconded: Trustee Johnson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to permit Trustee Sutker to participate remotely for this meeting.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Johnson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

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.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

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 Monday, September 18, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #10-FY24 of October 2, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

A. Proclamations

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2023

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.

Rebecca Weininger, Director of Domestic Violence Law Practice at North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Village. Trustee Khoeun commented on how the program and services support domestic violence survivors.

Skokie Arts & Humanities Month – October 2023

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation calling upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Village of Skokie. Jeff Rhodes, Vice Chairman of the Skokie Fine Arts Commission accepted the Proclamation.

* Energy Efficiency Day – October 4, 2023

* Filipino American History Month – October 2023

* Manufacturing Month – October 2023

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

*** A. Appointments**

Commission on Family Services: Hilary Hunter

Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board: Michael Nelson

Mayor Van Dusen introduced Hilary Hunter and Michael Nelson and thanked them for their service.

*** B. Resignations**

Board of Health Commission: Dr. Jeremy Schwartz

Fire Pension Board: Richard Evonitz

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Village Manager.

A. No Report.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4657

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction and establishment of an automotive fuel station and a car wash at 3301-3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial district, relief from chapter 118-172 of the Skokie Village Code and the repeal of Village Ordinances 89-10-Z-2089 and 00-4-Z-2889. Item A is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-03P.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4658

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a car wash at 3301 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial zoning district. Item B is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-04P.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4659

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a car wash at 3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial zoning district. Item C is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-05P.

Omnibus vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

D. Motion to approve the request for an executive session in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

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 : A Five-year strategy for a Healthier Skokie.

Omnibus vote.

Unfinished Business.

Trustee Johnson spoke about when an Ordinance would be available for the appointment process for the Corporation Counsel's office. Also the possibility of banning gas powered leaf blowers. Mayor Van Dusen mentioned that we should have a draft Ordinance by January 2024.

Public Comments

Mike Irwin complimented the Village regarding the water main system and that the contractors have done a great job. He also spoke about the rat problem in Skokie.

Trustee Robinson was offended on his comment of Mexicans crossing the river. He apologized.

Ivy, Jonathan Lavin and Cesar Marron spoke about reducing the use of plastic bags and a possibility of an Ordinance to ban this use.

Howard Sproull spoke about money laundering and human trafficking.

Public Comments by email.

Christopher Oh- Rats in the yard, under garage.

Judy Mendel-September Board meeting comments.

Jinsky Jean Pois-Electoral District Mapping.

Linda Ortolano-Gas Station and Car Wash-negative opinion.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:10 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

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 8:11 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Shah, Trustees Sutker, Robinson Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein, Assistant Manager Wyatt, Assistant Corporation Counsel McCarthy and Risk Manager Hornaday. The meeting ended at 8:20 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.

