

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 16, 2023



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.

Moved: Trustee Johnson

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 Monday, October 2, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

*Approve Voucher List #11-FY24 of October 16, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

* Extra Mile Day – November 1, 2023

Omnibus vote.

World Polio Day – October 24, 2023

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation proclaiming October 24, 2023 as “Polio Eradication Awareness Day” and the Village of Skokie encourages all residents to consider how fortunate we are to live Polio free, and to support the total end of Polio on this earth.

Past President of Rotary Club of Skokie Valley Al Rigoni accepted the Proclamation. He spoke about the local programs in the community.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. Awards Presentation

Beautification and Improvement Commission Awards

Chairman Bob Quane thanked the members for their hard work.

Valerie Shuman, Subcommittee chairperson gave an updated awards program to support proven sustainable practices that will help make out community a better place to live.

Mitch Sandler Vice Chairman announced the winners. The Top 5 “Skokie Best” winners are John & Drew Maloof-9131 Kenneth, Juan Tamparillas 7600 Kolmar, Deb Rodeghero 5321 Carol, Sheryl & Paul Schiff 4316 Davis, and Eileen & David Wiviott, 8242 Keeler.

2023 Beautification award winners:

3800 Jarvis Ave, 5056 Wright Terrace, 7900 Lorel Ave, 4901 Main St, 5256 Suffield Terrace, 8155 Keeler Ave, 5025 Culver St, 7400 Kostner Ave, 8333 Tripp Ave, 8527 Keystone Ave, 8915 Sleeping Bear Rd, 9501 Lawndale Ave, 8638 Gross Point Rd, 9360 Ridgeway Ave, 9509 Leamington Ave, 8835 Keeler Ave, 9445 Latrobe Ave and 9543 Monticello Ave.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by Commissioner Nicole Potthast of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Eric Radziszewski	New Hire	Firefighter
Bryce Herr	New Hire	Firefighter

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Firefighters who introduced their family and friends.

*** B. Appointments***Human Relations Commission: Sheila Crumine as Vice Chair**Public Safety Commission: Melissa Villegas as Vice Chair***Omnibus vote.***** C. Resignations***Beautification & Improvement Commission: Dalya Horowitz**Human Relations Commission: Jaili Fajardo***Omnibus vote.****Presentations and Reports**

Mayor Van Dusen read a statement regarding the terrorist organization Hamas on the attack of the people of the State of Israel. Mayor Van Dusen join with President Biden and Governor Pritzker in their unequivocal support for the people of Israel in this time of national trauma. As a caring and welcoming community, Skokie grieves for the deaths at the hand of brutality and pray for the Jews and civilian Palestinians that have lost their lives.

Trustees Pure Slovin, Sutker, Klein, Robinson and Khoeun all spoke about condemning terrorism, solidarity of the Village of Skokie, care and concern with Israel, wicked planned attacks, families torn apart and all the Jewish and Palestinians that were killed.

Trustee Johnson quoted the wise words of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky that the US Government and Global Community work to continue the tough work to achieve lasting peace in the region. Also the future and safety of Israelis and Palestinians are intertwined. We cannot achieve lasting peace and security for Israelis without addressing the humanitarian crises in Gaza and the West Bank.

Report of the Village Manager.**A. IDOT Oakton Bridge Replacement.****Resolution 23-10-R-1959**

Motion to approve the request of the Mayor and Board approval of a Resolution authorizing execution of a Letter of Understanding between the Village of Skokie and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Oakton Street Interstate 94 Bridge Replacement Project.

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

***B. 2023 High Priority Street Resurfacing Program – Arrow Road Construction, Elk Grove Village, Illinois - \$349,294.75.**

Motion to award a contract to Arrow Road Construction, Elk Grove Village, Illinois in the amount of \$349,294.75 for the 2023 high priority street resurfacing program.

Omnibus vote.

***C. Police Department Facility Exterior Painting – J&K Painting & Decorating, LLC, Champaign, Illinois – \$113,205.**

Motion to award a contract to J&K Painting & Decorating, LLC, Champaign, Illinois in the amount of \$113,205.00 for the police department facility exterior painting.

Omnibus vote.

***D. Purchase of One Log Chipper – Alexander Equipment Company, Inc., Lisle, Illinois – \$108,715.88.**

Motion to award a contract to Alexander Equipment Co., Inc., Lisle, IL in the amount of \$108,715.88 for purchase of one log chipper.

Omnibus vote.

***E. Purchase of One (1) Hydraulic Asphalt Cold Planer – West Side Tractor Sales., Wauconda, Illinois – \$29,220.**

Motion to award a contract to West Side Tractor Sales, Wauconda, IL in the amount of \$29,220 for purchase of one hydraulic asphalt cold planer.

Omnibus vote.

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*F. Request to Sell Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.

Motion to award the request to sell certain surplus vehicles and equipment.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

*A. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4660

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a meeting hall at 4400 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 commercial district. Item A is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on July 17, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4661

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate an adult daycare service at 4159 Main Street, Skokie, Illinois in a B1 commercial district and relief from Section 118-212 of the Skokie Village Code. Item B is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on September 5, 2023.

Omnibus vote.

*C. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4662

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow outdoor dining at 5237 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 commercial district. Item C is on the consent agenda for a first reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

*D. Ordinance 23-10-Z-4663

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Article XI, Section 118-212(c) of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to driveways. Item D is on the consent agenda for a first reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-20P – Special Use Permit: 5238 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor dining at 5238 Touhy be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-21P – Street Vacation: Forestview Road.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request to vacate the north 76.00 feet of Forestview Road between 9401- and 9404 Forestview in an R1 single-family district be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Khoeun

Seconded: Trustee Robinson

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Plan Commission Case 2023-22P – Special Use Permit: 7514 Skokie Blvd. #103 and 7520 Skokie Blvd. #102 and #103.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the petitioner's request of expand a religious assembly use at 7514 Skokie Boulevard #103 and 7520 Skokie Boulevard #102 and #103 in a B2 commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Johnson

Seconded: Trustee Klein

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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Public Comments.

Margaret Bosell, 5117 Greenwood spoke about letters that she received concerning violations-obstruction of hedges and a car parked in the yard. She felt that she was being targeted. The Village will look into the situation.

A resident spoke in Skokie’s continuing support with Israel and the Jewish community, the terrorists attacks, hostage situations and safety of residents of Skokie.

Cathy White, thanked for protection for the Village of Skokie. Also any updates on the housing ordinance and the status of the Old Orchard residences. Mayor responded that the final draft is being worked on and it should be ready soon. Also we don’t have a status of Old Orchard.

Gail Schechter, from Skokie Neighbors for Housing Justice presented a “Statement to the Village Board Guiding all new Multifamily Developments “

Esra Jaffee, resident , member of Or Torah and Skokie Park District Commissioner also thanked the Mayor and Board for support of the attacks on Israel and the devastation of Israelis and Palestinians.

Ari Hart, Rabbi from Skokie Valley Synagogue spoke for the Polin family and that their grandson, nephew is being held captive and that this is personal and real. He expressed appreciation, support and leadership from the Village of Skokie.

Michael Koplow also thanked the Board for their statements.

Danny Cohen, thanked the Mayor, Trustees Khoeun, Robinson, Sutker, Pure Slovin and Klein for their statement condemning terrorism, murdering civilians. He stated that Trustee Johnson did not express condemning Hamas.

Dorit Helmer spoke about students and teachers at the schools, racism, antisemitic remarks, students being afraid and the Board of Education is not helping with the concerns of the students.

Mayor Van Dusen responded that everyone has a right to feelsafe, practice your religion and respect everyone. We will communicate with the Board of Education . He thanked the residents for coming out and sharing the grief and concerns.

Trustee Pure Slovin thanked the Fire Chief and Police Chief for the safety of the citizens of the community.

Trustee Johnson responded to the comment of not condemning terrorism. He stated that he is in solidarity with everyone and has been grieving and mourning of the attacks in Israel.

Public Comments by email.

Matt Temkin-Mayor VanDusen Israel statement.

Lisa Silverman, and Barbara Schoenfield January 2024-Brian Kilmeade speaker at the NSCPA. Jinsky Jean-Pois-Middle East Violence.

Debra Cohen-status update on strong inclusionary zoning Ordinance.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 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

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.

