

**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 6, 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, Khoehn, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item A on the Corporation Counsel's report.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoehn**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\*Approve Voucher List #12-FY24 of November 16, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations

Diwali Awareness Day – November 12, 2023

Mayor Van Dusen read a Proclamation on behalf of the Village of Skokie that recognized the contribution of all Hindu, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists active in all aspects of our vibrant economy and civic society. Pramod Joshi accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Board.

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>
Denise Franklin	Commander	Police Deputy Chief

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated Denise Franklin as the new Police Deputy Chief who introduced her family and friends.

\* B. Appointments

*Economic Development Commission:* Michael Rosen as Chair

*Fine Arts Commission:* Ellen Blum Barish

**Omnibus vote.**

\* C. Resignations

*Economic Development Commission:* Katie Bulgrin

*Human Relations Commission:* Anwar Haq

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Proposed Implementation for Three Referendums: Non-Partisan Elections, Staggered Terms and Hybrid Representation including Election Districts.

Jason Guisinger, attorney from Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins spoke about the implementation of the 3 referendums, overseeing the project and working with the team.

Peter Creticos, President & Executive Director presented the proposal and answered questions from the Board. He spoke about Districting Principles, Map Development Process and the Proposed Map. He answered questions from the Board. The Mayor and Board thanked the Village Manger Lockerby for his leadership.

Trustee Johnson thanked the residents for the Election reform, thanked all the voters who voted in the election and the Village Manager for his leadership in implementing the reform items.

The implementation proposal is as follows:

Beginning with the 2025 Consolidated Election schedule, the Village of Skokie Code will be amended to adopt a system of non-partisan elections, where candidates will circulate and file nonpartisan papers for the Consolidated Primary and General elections as set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code. Staggered four-year terms and Biennial elections will be adopted for Village Trustees and a hybrid representation will be implemented where two of the six trustees are elected at-large and the four remaining trustees will be elected from the four geographic districts. These recommendations are informational and will be before the Village Board on December 4, 2023 for review and final approval.

**B. 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance and Tax Levy Abatement.**

Finance Director Julian Prendi made a Power Point presentation regarding the proposed tax levy and abatement. He answered questions from the Board.

Motion to approve an Ordinance providing for the Levying and assessment of taxes for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. This a first reading with a second reading and adoption on November 20, 2023

**C. Commercial Corridor Storefront Enhancement Program: 4043 Main Street.**

Motion to concur with staff's recommendation to approve a Storefront Enhancement Program grant to Halal Market, located at 4043 Main St. in the amount not to exceed \$49,090.

**Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Provide Village Manager Authority to Approve Vehicle Purchases Approved in the CIP**

Motion to request Mayor and Board approval to authorize the preparation of a Resolution by the Corporation Counsel to give the Village Manager the authority to approve municipal vehicles and equipment purchases preapproved by the Village Board in the annual CIP Budget.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\*E. BS&A ERP Software Maintenance Contract Renewal – BS&A Systems, Bath, Michigan - \$72,041.

Motion to award a contract to BS&A Systems, Bath, Michigan in the amount of \$72,041 for BS&A ERP software maintenance contract renewal.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*F. Purchase of One (1) Asphalt Roller – Altorfer CAT, Addison, Illinois - \$34,230.

Motion to award a contract to Altorfer CAT, Addison, IL in the amount of \$34,230 to purchase one asphalt roller.

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

A. An Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 118 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to drive through facilities.

This was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 118 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to drive through facilities. Item A is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on September 18, 2023.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

There was discussion on the adoption of this Ordinance.

Motion to table this proposed Ordinance until the next Board Meeting for review and clarification.

**Moved: Trustee Khoeun**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, and Klein**

**Nays: Pure Slovin, Johnson, Mayor Van Dusen.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**\*B. Ordinance 23-11-Z-4664**

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow outdoor dining at 5238 Touhy Avenue in a B2 commercial district. Item B is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on October 16, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*C. Ordinance 23-11-Z-4665**

Motion to adopt an ordinance vacating a portion of Forestview Road, between 9401 and 9404 Forestview Road in an R1 single-family district. Item C is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on October 16, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

**\*D. Ordinance 23-11-Z-4666**

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit for religious assembly at 7514 and 7520 Skokie Boulevard in a B2 commercial district and repealing Village Ordinance Number 18-7-Z-4391. Item D is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on October 16, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Unfinished Business.

Trustee Johnson inquired about an update to the appointment process for Corporation Counsel for the Village for the next Board Meeting.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-23P – Special Use Permit: 5219 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use for veterinary services at 5219 Touhy Avenue in a B2 commercial district 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.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-24P – Subdivision: 5206-5238 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request to resubdivide 1 existing lot into 2 new lots at 5206-5238 Touhy in a B2 commercial zoning district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Robinson**

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

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C. Plan Commission Case 2023-25P – Site Plan Approval: 5206-5238 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for an existing multitenant commercial building and a new limited-service restaurant with drive-through at 5206-5238 Touhy Ave in a B2 commercial zoning district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**

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

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

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D. Plan Commission Case 2023-26P – Special Use Permit for Drive-Through: 5206-5238 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for a limited-service restaurant with drive-through at 5206 Touhy in a B2 Commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

E. Plan Commission Case 2023-27P – Special Use Permit for Outdoor Dining: 5206-5238 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor dining at 5206 Touhy Avenue in a B2 commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Van Dusen stated that the Village Clerk will be retiring January 3, 2024 and that if anyone is interested in applying for the position that the information is on the website.

**Public Comments.**

Dr. Marla Miller, psychologist spoke about protecting students against suicide prevention, mental crisis, harassment, hate and anti-semitism.

Kyle Osburn and Jan Soukenik spoke about the elevators not working at Old Orchard by the Arcade. The businesses on the lower level are not accessible using the elevators. The Village will look into the situation.

Noelle S. spoke about the administration at Niles North not supporting the students regarding harassment, negative comments and anti-Semitism.

Sid Stein, spoke about a disaster in passing the 3 referendums. He has a daughter at Niles North High School and spoke about rejecting-pro hamas demonstration.

Steven Rich, of the asset management team of VCA Animal Hospital spoke about appreciation to the Village, Plan Commission and the Building Department in regards for a special use permit for veterinary services at 5219 Touhy.

Jerry Brozek-a non-Jew stands with the Jews in support of Israel and against anti-Semites.

Dorit Helmer spoke about issues with the school concerning escalating demonstrations, hate, violence, not being condemned by the administration.

Matt Jarvis spoke about the ethics complaint that was dismissed.

Carrie Bradean appreciated the work on the referendum implementation.

Mayor responded on the schools regarding the support of the students. The school district are an independent body and the residents should express their concerns to the School Board.

Trustee Pure Slovin recognized the Skokie Police Department on the incredible work they have done. She requested additional information on the department.

**Public Comments by email.**

Gail Schechter-Vote yes for the proposed implementation for the three referendums

Jinsky Jean Pois-First reading-electoral referenda Ordinance

**Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 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**

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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.

