

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 8 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #85 from Middleton School.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Trustees Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Lorge and Mayor Van Dusen. Trustee Perille was not present.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Shah

Seconded: Trustee Lorge

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Lorge, Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Perille

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held December 20, 2010.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #16-FY11 of January 3, 2011

Omnibus vote.

*Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation:

Martin Luther King Day - January 17, 2011

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the Village Manager request for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C.6 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to land disposition

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Lorge, Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Perille

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT

*A. Ordinance 11-1-Z-3813

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving modifications to the previously approved special use permit to expand and operate a motor vehicle sales facility at 5240 Golf Road, Skokie, Illinois in a M2 Light Industry district and repealing Village Ordinance Number 04-9-Z-3302 (2004-18P).

This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

FIRST READING

B. Resolution 11-01-R-1127

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing under-valuation assessment appeal for parcels located within Tax Increment Finance Districts. This item is on the agenda for first reading and adoption.

Moved: Trustee Lorge

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Lorge, Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Perille

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Mayor Van Dusen stated that On February 7th, the Village will hold a public hearing regarding the old Police Station property at 8350 Laramie.

Plan Commission.

Chairman Paul Luke presented the Plan Commission Case.

A. Plan Commission Case 2009-30P – A request by Mosaic Early Childhood Center, Inc., for an amendment to its special use permit through the modified review procedure for its child day care center at 4035 Dempster Street in a B2 Commercial district.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the request by Mosaic Early Childhood Center to amend the special use permit through the modified review procedure for a child day care center at 4035 Dempster subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Lorge

Seconded: Trustee Shah

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Lorge, Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Perille

MOTION CARRIED

2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.

Economics Development Coordinator Tom Thompson presented the Public Hearing.

Trustee Sutker read a prepared statement “I am employed by a social service agency that receives a portion of its funding from an entity that is an applicant for a CDBG grant. I do not believe this creates a conflict, however, I believe it is important to avoid the appearance of partiality. Therefore, I will recuse myself from participating in the discussions relating to the applications and from voting on the grants. My recusal from participating in the discussion should not be construed as indifference to the valuable services that the applicants provide to people in need. I commend and admire all of the agencies for their efforts.”

2011-2012 CDBG Funding Proposals

The Village's entitlement grant for 2011-2012 is not known yet. We are estimating \$550,000 at this point based on advice from HUD that grant amounts should be similar to last year. In addition to the new entitlement, we will reprogram about \$70,710 in unobligated funds from completed projects and \$14,707 in program income this past year. The estimated 2011-2012 budget is therefore \$635,417. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$653,486. The program cap of 20% for administrative funding is applied against the new entitlement only while the 15% for public service funding (non-capital expenditures) is applied against the new entitlement plus the program income.

STAFF PROPOSALS

1.	Program Administration and Planning	\$110,000
2.	Home Improvements Program	\$135,000
3.	Street Resurfacing	\$175,000
4.	Sidewalk Grant Program	\$ 4,000
5.	Social Worker	\$ 50,000

TOTAL PROPOSED STAFF PROJECTS \$474,000

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR 2011-2012

In addition to the Village Staff projects, 14 proposals for CDBG funding were received from community service organizations and local governments for the 2011-2012 program year.

PUBLIC SERVICES

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Children's Advocacy Center

\$ 3,500

The Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims of abuse. Funding is specifically being sought to help offset the costs of a Child and Family Advocate/Counselor position in the Child Abuse Services program

Center for Enriched Living

\$ 5,000

The Center for Enriched Living works with people with developmental disabilities to develop the interpersonal and basic living skills to function as independently as possible. The Center is requesting CDBG funding to support the scholarships provided to Skokie residents for a variety of programs.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation

\$ 4,000

M-NASR provides financial aid to children and adults with developmental disabilities enabling them to participate in special recreational, social and exercise programs. CDBG funds will go toward families or adult individuals with incomes below the U.S. established poverty threshold

PEER Services Inc.

\$17,500

PEER Services provides substance abuse treatment to Skokie residents from its offices in Evanston and Glenview. Outreach capacity is limited, and CDBG funds would be used to pay for a half-time outreach counselor.

Access to Care

\$ 10,000

The Access to Care Program is sponsored by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council located in Westchester, Illinois. The organization served 8,113 clients last year, of which 211 were Skokie residents and all are considered low income.

North Shore Senior Center

\$ 10,000

Funding is requested to help provide long-term case management and counseling services to Skokie's homebound, low-income elderly and their families. Services include formal assessments, assistance in applying for public entitlements, arranging medical appointments, counseling services, case management, and follow-up home visits.

The Harbour, Inc.

\$ 8,000

The Harbour, Inc. is a Park Ridge-based agency serving the needs of runaway, neglected and homeless girls and young women ages 12-21 from the north and northwest suburbs. Agency programs include an Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living Program (TLP), Independent Living Program (ILP), and Successful Teens/Effective Parents (STEPS).

REHAB AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Search Developmental Center

\$24,750

Search operates 14 group homes in Skokie. The agency is requesting funding for the replacement of windows and doors at a group home for eight men with developmental disabilities located at 8556 Central Park Avenue.

SHORE Community Services

\$12,000

SHORE has requested funding to replace the kitchen and dining room floors, windows and exterior doors, and upgrade a bathroom at a group home located at 8900 Central Park Avenue.

Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation

\$9,899

Niles Township has requested funding for enhancements to the new Food Pantry space, formerly the Annex Building that housed the Day Care Center. The Food Pantry has been serving an ever-increasing number of low/moderate income people estimated to now be 2,700 people annually, with 2,295 being Skokie residents.

Neumann Family Services

\$25,000

Neumann Family Services wishes to acquire and rehabilitate the Orchard Village complex at 7651-71 Marmora Avenue. This consists of several single-family homes, a six-flat apartment building and a recreation center located in a campus setting. A CDBG commitment is necessary to access Cook County HOME funds for the project, a necessary component of the overall financial structure.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

\$ 11,250

JFMC has requested funding to replace seventeen inefficient metal halide lighting fixtures that are frequently malfunctioning in the parking lot at the Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building at 5150 Golf Road. JFMC would provide \$3,750 in matching funds to the project.

Council for Jewish Elderly

\$13,087

CJE has requested funding to refurbish the walk-in produce cooler at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 9600 Gross Point Road. The interior aluminum panels of the 14' x 8' x 8' cooler are deteriorated after 30 years of use and must be replaced in the near future to properly cool fruits and vegetables for safe consumption. Participants in CJE SeniorLife's home delivered meals program will also benefit from this project. Lieberman currently houses 214 low-income, frail elderly Skokie residents. CJE would provide \$4,363 in matching funds from other sources to the project.

Orchard Village

\$25,500

Orchard Village has requested CDBG funding for various capital improvements at a group home housing six developmentally disabled women located at 8222 Springfield Avenue. Orchard Village would provide \$8,500 in matching funds from other sources.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

\$179,486

Representatives from each of the organizations explained their request with the exception of Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation and Neumann Family Services. Under Village rules, the two that did not show up are ineligible for funding. Staff recommendations will be presented at the final public hearing on February 7th.

Citizen Comments.

Robert Katzman, 4906 Oakton thanked Ann Tennes again for her help promoting his business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg Shah, Lorge, Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: Perille

MOTION CARRIED

Marlene Williams, Village Clerk

Approved:

George Van Dusen, Mayor

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A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room. At 9:13 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Williams, Trustees Sutker, Roberts, Bromberg, Shah and Lorge. Also present were Village Manager Rigoni, Assistant Manager Lockerby, Corporation Counsel Hanley, Community Development Director Peyer, and Assistant Corporation Counsel McCarthy. The meeting ended at 9:19 p.m.

