

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, December 19, 2005

Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Marlene Williams.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Trustees Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

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

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held December 5, 2005.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #15-FY06 of December 19, 2005

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of Brian Baker as Police Commander by Village Clerk Marlene Williams. Mayor Van Dusen congratulated him. Commander Baker introduced his family and friends.

B. Swearing in of the following personnel by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioner Ralph Egloff :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Thomas Nelis	Police Officer	Sergeant
Thomas Wojdyla	Police Officer	Sergeant

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated the new Sergeants and they introduced their family and friends. Mayor Van Dusen complimented the Skokie Police and their preparedness and performance during the Iraqi Absentee Election held in Skokie.

*C. Reappointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals (Four-Year Term): Syed Najiullah

Human Relations Commission (Three-Year Term): Krishna Goyal

Board of Health (Two-Year Term): Dr. Edward Kaplan

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Resolution Approving The Comcast Settlement Offer For The 2004 Cable Rate Hearing And The Establishment Of Cable Rates For 2005.

Resolution #05-12-R-916

Motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Comcast settlement offer for the 2004 Cable Rate Hearing and the establishment of cable rates for 2005.

Moved: Trustee Gelder

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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* B. 2006 MFT Maintenance Resolution.

Resolution #05-12-R-917

Motion to adopt the 2006 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution for the 2006 Calendar Year.

Omnibus vote.

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* C. Leak Detection Services – M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., Valparaiso, IN - \$24,500.

Motion to award a contract to M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., Valparaiso, IN in the amount of \$24,500 for leak detection services.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance #05-12-Z-3401

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of dedication for the property located at 9811-9977 Woods Drive, Skokie, Illinois in the OR Office Research district. This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption. (96-18P)

Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance #05-12-Z-3402

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Village Ordinance Number 03-6-Z-3181 and modifying the previous approved site plan for the property located at 9811-9977 Woods Drive, Skokie, Illinois in the OR Office Research district. This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption. (96-18P)

Omnibus vote.

*C. Ordinance #05-12-Z-3403

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Village Ordinance Number 03-6-Z-3186 approving modifications to the previously approved site plans for the construction of the Holocaust Memorial Museum at 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Illinois in the OR Office Research district. (2002-41P)

Omnibus vote.

D. Ordinance #05-12-C-3404

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 106, Article II, Division 2, Section 106-107, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to snow parking restrictions with an additional recital to clarify the full length of Howard Street to be affected.

Moved: Trustee McCabe

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*E. Ordinance #05-12-F-3405

Motion to adopt an ordinance providing for the levying and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006 in the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

*F. Ordinance #05-12-F-3406

Motion to adopt an ordinance reducing the tax levy of the Village of Skokie for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006 in the amount of \$4,881,410.89. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

New Business

A. Public hearing regarding a request for additional public passenger vehicle (taxi) licenses, a rate change, and fee changes.

Assistant Village Manager, John Lockerby presented a public hearing regarding requests for additional taxi licenses, rate changes and fee changes.

A representative from North Shore Cab answered questions.

Motion to concur with Staff's recommendation that requests for additional public passenger vehicle (taxi) licenses, a rate change and fee changes is approved.

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Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee McCabe

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Presentation by Committee on Downtown Development.

Chairman Paul Luke made a brief presentation on the redevelopment of Downtown Skokie.

Trustees McCabe, Perille, Sutker and downtown committee members expressed their appreciation and respect to IMOD (Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie).

Randy Miles, President of IMOD introduced members of his group and spoke briefly about goals for Downtown Skokie.

It is recommended that the Village Manager present an Action Plan within 90 days based upon the committee's listed recommendations:

A. The Village should become actively involved in efforts to encourage redevelopment of properties in the downtown area.

B. A downtown business incentive program should be developed to help attract businesses to Downtown Skokie.

C. A downtown parking analysis and contingency plan should be conducted.

D. The creation of a "Wi-Fi district" need to be considered.

E. The aesthetics of Downtown Skokie need to be improved in conjunction with the development.

F. A process should be developed to identify the availability of funds, and to allocate their use, to assist in the development and beautification of the Downtown Skokie.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2005-36P – Alley vacation bounded by Greenleaf Street, Lawndale Avenue, Roth Terrace, and East Prairie Road.

Motion to concur with Staff's recommendation to vacate the alley bounded by Greenleaf Street, Lawndale, Roth Terrace and East Prairie Road subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Gelder

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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B. Plan Commission Case 2005-37P – A request for an amendment to the Zoning Chapter to add Pet Services (except Kennels) as a Permitted Use in M2 Light Industry Districts.

Attorney, Greg Schroedter representing the petitioner made a brief presentation.

Motion to operate Pet Services (except Kennels) in the M2 light industry district as a Special Use rather than a permitted use as requested by the petitioner and to instruct the Corporation Counsel to prepare the necessary ordinance.

Moved: Trustee Gelder

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: Perille, McCabe

Absent: None.

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2006-07 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #1.

Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson conducted the Public Hearing.

This is the first of the Public Hearings for the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The hearing included a review of CDBG objectives and priorities and the status/progress of 2005 activities. The other two hearings will be the January 17th and February 6th Board Meetings. Public hearings are mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations to receive public input and determine the Village of Skokie's funding request. A subsequent public hearing in February or March will also be necessary to approve the Annual Action Plan that serves as our formal application for funding.

Citizen Comments.

Michael Cember, 8650 Springfield had a concern about clarifying language for the truck parking ordinance.

Monte Rifkin expressed and thanked the Board and Downtown Development Committee for their hard work.

On behalf of the Village Board. Mayor Van Dusen wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Chanukah and a safe and healthy New Year.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn 9:40 p.m.

Moved: Trustee McCabe

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Gelder, McCabe and Mayor Van Dusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Marlene Williams
Village Clerk

Approved:

George Van Dusen, Mayor

