

**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 Tuesday, January 16, 2007**

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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.

**Moved: Trustee McCabe**

**Seconded: Trustee Bromberg**

**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 January 2, 2007.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Approve Voucher List #17-FY07 of January 16, 2007.

**Omnibus vote.**

\* Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamations:

National Burn Awareness Month – February 2007

India Independence Month – August 2007

**Omnibus vote.**

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Swearing in of the following personnel by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioner Beryl Rabinowitz:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Kevin Moore	New Hire	Police Officer
Michael Jaworski	New Hire	Police Officer

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

Mayor Van Dusen congratulated and thanked Albert Rigoni for his 20 years of service as the Village Manager. Mr. Rigoni has been on staff for more than 30 years.

\* B. Reappointments:

Beautification and Improvement Commission (Two-Year Term):

Dakshes Laxpati

Consumer Affairs Commission (Two-Year Term):

Pratap Sampat

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Economic Development Agreement – Illinois Science + Technology Park.

Resolution 07-1-R-959

Motion to approve a Resolution approving the redevelopment agreement between the Village and Forest City in regard to the Illinois Science + Technology Park.

**Moved: Trustee Perille**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Al Rigoni thanked and acknowledged Finance Director Bob Nowak, Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson and Corporation Counsel Pat Hanley for their assistance in preparing the necessary documents relative to the Illinois Science + Technology Park.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

\*A. Ordinance 07-1-Z-3482

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of dedication for a portion of Oakton Street adjacent to 4923 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois in the B5 Downtown district. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*B. Ordinance 07-1-C-3483

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 118, Article III of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to zoning district regulations and adding a new Section 118-48 to Chapter 118, Article III of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the creation of a new zoning district (2006-18P). This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*C. Ordinance 07-1-Z-3484

An ordinance amending the zoning map by reflecting the reclassification of property from an M2 Light Industry district to the B6 Downtown Science and Technology district and the B6 Medical Hospital district to the H1 Hospital district (2006-19P). This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*D. Ordinance 07-1-Z-3485

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie, Illinois and dedications of land for adjacent portions of Elmwood Avenue and Searle Parkway in the B6 Downtown Science and Technology district (2006-20P). This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

\*E. Ordinance 07-1-Z-3486

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction and establishment of a multiphase planned development at the Illinois Science + Technology Park, Skokie, Illinois, in the B6 Downtown Science and Technology district and relief from various sections of Chapter 82 of the Skokie Village Code and the repeal of Village Ordinance Numbers 81-8-Z-1380, 97-2-Z-2656, 98-5-Z-2756, 05-5-Z-3356 and 05-11-Z-3399 (2006-21P). This item is on the consent agenda for first reading and adoption.

**Omnibus vote.**

2007-08 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.

Trustee Sutker read a prepared statement "The not for profit agency which employs me as a social worker is in part supported financially by one of the applicant's in the CDBG program. Although I am extremely interested in hearing about the services provided by tonight's applicants, and encourage all of the agencies to continue their efforts, I believe I should reclude myself from participating in the fund decisions in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict (or of partiality)."

Economic Development Director Thompson conducted a second public hearing for the 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Village's entitlement grant for 2007-2008 is still unknown. We are estimating \$540,000 for budgeting purposes. In addition to the new entitlement, we have program income of \$7,528 and unobligated funds totaling \$31,336 that will be reprogrammed. The estimated 2007-2008 budget is therefore \$578,864. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$728,502. The program cap of 20% for administrative funding is applied against the new entitlement, and the 15% cap for public service funding (non-capital expenditures) is applied against the new entitlement amount and the current year's program income.

## 2007-2008

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET**

2007-2008 Entitlement (estimate)	<b>\$540,000</b>
Program Income	<b>7,528</b>
<u>Reprogrammed Funds</u>	<u><b>31,336</b></u>
TOTAL Estimated 2007-2008 Budget	<b>\$578,864</b>

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The Village Staff have identified seven proposals for CDBG funding including program administration.

<b>1. Program Administration and Planning</b>	<b>\$106,000</b>
<b>2. Housing Repair Program</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>3. Street Resurfacing</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>4. Multi-Family Area Sidewalk Replacement</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>5. Curb and Gutter Replacement</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>6. Sidewalk Grant Program</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>7. Disability Services</b>	<b>\$ 65,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED STAFF PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$511,000</b>

**ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR 2007-2008**

In addition to Village Staff projects, proposals for CDBG funding were received from 16 community service organizations for the 2007-2008 program year.

<b>North Shore Senior Center</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
Request for funding to help provide long-term case management and counseling services to Skokie's homebound, low-income elderly and their families. The agency served 685 people in 2006, including 274 Skokie residents (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	
<b>Children's Advocacy Center</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
The Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims of abuse, and non-offending parents and siblings. Services include abuse investigation, expert child interviews, medical evaluations, court advocacy, crisis intervention, and ongoing support. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	
<b>The Harbour, Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
The Harbour, Inc. is a Park Ridge-based agency serving the needs of runaway, neglected and homeless girls and young women ages 12-21. (Program subject to 15% public services cap.)	
<b>Center for Enriched Living</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
The Center for Enriched Living requests operational funding for its social enrichment and skill development programs for people with developmental disabilities. (Program subject to 15% public services cap.)	
<b>Access to Care</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
The Access to Care Program is sponsored by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council located in Westchester, Illinois. Access to Care serves low-income, suburban Cook County residents who are uninsured but not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	
<b>PEER Services</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
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 employ a part-time outreach counselor to help serve the needs of Skokie residents. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	

<b>Apna Ghar</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Apna Ghar is a Chicago-based social service agency committed to serving victims of domestic violence, particularly those of Southeast Asian decent. The agency now wants to establish a Seniors' Community Center in Skokie to provide a variety of counseling, educational and legal advocacy services to Skokie residents. Funding is being requested to offset the start-up and ongoing costs of the effort. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	
<b>Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
M-NASR provides scholarship assistance for children and adults with developmental disabilities enabling them to participate in special recreational, social and exercise programs. CDBG funds help to offset the overall cost of this program. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)	
<b>Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>
The Jewish Federation has requested funding for security and temperature control improvements at the Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf, which contains two of its affiliate agencies: Jewish Child and Family Services and Jewish Vocational Service.	
<b>Council for Jewish Elderly</b>	<b>\$15,802</b>
Funding is requested to install new parking lot lights at the Lieberman Geriatric Health Center at 9700 Gross Point Road. Lieberman is home to 238 frail, elderly residents and offers skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's care, short term rehabilitation, and hospice care. New lighting will improve the safety and security of the parking lot.	
<b>SHORE Community Services</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>
The project would include replacing carpeting and vinyl flooring at the 8900 Central Park CILA home and installing new windows and a door at the Early Intervention Center (ECI) located at 4125 Oakton Street.	
<b>Jewish Community Centers of Chicago</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
Funding has been requested for the repair/refinishing of the gymnasium floor at the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center at 5050 Church Street.	
<b>Thresholds Transitions</b>	<b>\$ 5,700</b>
Thresholds provides comprehensive services to people with mental illness. The Transitions program operates from the 8050 Monticello property that primarily serves as a sheltered workshop. Funding is requested to repair and replace the flooring and sub-flooring in the main women's washroom at the sheltered workshop.	
<b>Search Developmental Center</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>
Funding request to replace windows and doors at a group home located at 5307 Church Street housing 8 developmentally disabled people.	
<b>Orchard Village</b>	<b>\$ 39,000</b>
Funds are requested for three group homes housing up to 28 persons with developmental disabilities. Work would include replacing windows at 8114 Floral, bathroom renovation at 3268 Brummel, and kitchen and bathroom renovation and replacement of flooring at 7671 Marmora Manor. Orchard Village has committed to \$12,000 of matching funds for the projects.	
<b>WilPower</b>	<b>\$ 10,300</b>
WilPower has requested funding to make improvements to the property at 4840 Wright Terrace. This building provides housing to eight adults with mental illness who also use WilPower's supportive services.	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS</b>	<b>\$217,502</b>

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Representatives from each of the organizations explained their requests. No representative was present from the Children's Advocacy Center. Staff recommendations will be presented at the final public hearing on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Citizen Comments. None

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

**Moved: Trustee McCabe**

**Seconded: Trustee Perille**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Marlene Williams  
Village Clerk

Approved:

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George Van Dusen, Mayor

