

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 7, 2008

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

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

Moved: Trustee Perille

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 December 17, 2007.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #16-FY08 of January 7, 2008.

Omnibus vote.

*Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation:

Jane Hagedorn Day – January 9, 2008

Omnibus vote.

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments:

Appearance Commission (Three-Year Term): Debra Yampol

Motion to approve the appointment of Debra Yampol to the Appearance Commission.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Gelder

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Village Clerk Marlene Williams swore in Debra Yampol as a member of the Appearance Commission.

*Centre East Authority Board (Three-Year Term): Sheila Lakhani Gilani

*Consumer Affairs Commission (Two-Year Term): Howard S. Meyer

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

* A. Bid Report – Road Grader – West Side Tractor, Wauconda, IL - \$154,110.

Motion to approve a contract to West Side Tractor, Wauconda, IL in the amount of \$154,110 for a road grader.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Repair of Fire Truck.

Motion to approve the repair of Fire Truck 18 for a total of \$32,213.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel

*A. Ordinance 08-1-C-3573

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapters 22, 26, 46, 54 and 98 of the Skokie Village Code eliminating business licenses and requiring annual certificates of occupancy for businesses.

Omnibus vote.

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*B. Ordinance 08-1-C-3574

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of dedication for the property located at 8110 and 8130 St. Louis Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 Industry district.

Omnibus vote.

* C. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3575

Motion to adopt an ordinance vacating an unopened and unimproved residential north-south alley within an area bounded by Lyons Street, Lotus Avenue, Frontage Road, and Linder Avenue in an R2 Single Family Residential district (2007-45P).

Omnibus vote.

* D. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3576

Motion to adopt an ordinance vacating an unopened and unimproved residential east-west alley within an area bounded by Suffield Terrace, Frontage Road, Grove Street and Linder Avenue in an R2 Single Family Residential district (2007-52P)

Omnibus vote.

E. Ordinance 08-1-C-3577

This was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Sections 106-104, 118-141, 118-206, and 118-217 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to taxicab parking (2007-61P).

Pratap Sampat, 7519 Kenton provided data on taxi cab hardship cases. Assistant Manager Lockerby will meet with each cab driver.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Perille

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

*F. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3578

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the zoning map with regard to the properties located at 3600, 3650, 3710 Touhy Avenue, 7247 Central Park Avenue, and 3649 Chase Avenue, Skokie, Illinois from an M3 Industry district to a B2 Commercial district (2007-27P).

Omnibus vote.

* G. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3579

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision and a dedication of land for the property located at 3600, 3610, 3650, 3710 Touhy Avenue, 7247 Central Park Avenue, and 3649 Chase Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district (2007- 28P).

Omnibus vote.

*H. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3580

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction and establishment of a commercial planned development at 3534-3704 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district and relief from Chapter 82, Section 82-28(c)(1) and Chapter 118, Section 118-143(1) of the Skokie Village Code (2007-29P).

Omnibus vote.

*I. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3581

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a health and fitness center at 3542 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district (2007-30P).

Omnibus vote.

*J. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3582

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a drive-through facility at 3534 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district (2007-31P).

Omnibus vote.

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* K. Ordinance 08-1-Z-3583

Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a bank drive-through facility at 3646 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a B2 Commercial district (2007-32P).

Omnibus vote.

FIRST READING:

L. An ordinance approving a plat of dedication for the property located at 3400 Cleveland Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 Industry district. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the January 22, 2008 agenda for second reading and adoption.

M. An ordinance approving a plat of dedication for a portion of the property located at 8300 St. Louis Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in an R3 Two Family Residential district. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the January 22, 2008 agenda for second reading and adoption.

N. An ordinance establishing Special Service Area #9 for the East Industrial Area in the Village of Skokie. This item is on the agenda for first reading and will be on the January 22, 2008 agenda for second reading and adoption.

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2007-48P – Alley Vacation Bounded by Keeney Street, East Prairie Road, Oakton Street, and Harding Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the request to vacate the north-south alley within an area bounded by Keeney Street, East Prairie Road, Oakton Street and Harding Avenue subject to all conditions

Moved: Trustee Gelder

Seconded: Trustee McCabe

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Plan Commission Case 2007-59P – Zoning Map Amendment: 4664 Dobson Street and 7737 Skokie Boulevard.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to change the zone of Cook County Property PIN 10-27-113-016 and 10-27-100-010 from R2 Single Family to M1 Office Assembly Industry subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Plan Commission Case 2007-60P – Special Use Permit: portions of 4664 Dobson Street and 7737 Skokie Boulevard

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that a special use permit for outdoor storage of motor vehicles at 4664 Dobson Street and 7737 Skokie Boulevard be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Perille

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

2008-09 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.

Economic Development Director Thompson conducted a second public hearing for the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Village's entitlement grant for 2008-2009 is still unknown. Based on preliminary figures received from HUD, we are estimating \$510,000 for budgeting purposes. In addition to the new entitlement, we have program income of \$3,214 and unobligated funds totaling \$39,116 that will be reprogrammed. The estimated 2008-2009 budget is therefore \$552,330. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$697,966. 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.

2008-2009

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET

2008-2009 Entitlement (estimate)	\$510,000
Program Income	3,214
<u>Reprogrammed Funds</u>	<u>39,116</u>
TOTAL Estimated 2008-2009 Budget	\$552,330

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

1. Program Administration and Planning	\$102,000
2. Home Improvements Program	\$ 80,000
3. Multi-Family Area Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Replacement	\$250,000
4. Sidewalk Grant Program	\$ 5,000
5. Disability Services	\$ 68,000
TOTAL PROPOSED STAFF PROJECTS	\$505,000

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR 2008-2009

In addition to Village Staff projects, proposals for CDBG funding were received from 14 community service organizations for the 2008-2009 program year.

North Shore Senior Center **7,000**
 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 842 people in 2006, including 340 Skokie residents. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)

Children's Advocacy Center **\$ 2,500**
 The Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims of abuse as well as 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.)

The Harbour, Inc. **\$ 5,000**
 The Harbour, Inc. is a Park Ridge-based agency serving the needs of runaway, neglected and homeless girls and young women ages 12-21. (Program subject to 15% public services cap.)

Center for Enriched Living **\$ 5,000**
 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.)

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Access to Care

\$ 10,000

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.)

Apna Ghar

\$ 5,000

Apna Ghar is a Chicago-based social service agency committed to serving victims of domestic violence, particularly those of Southeast Asian decent. Funding is being requested to offset the start-up and ongoing costs of a Senior Community Center in Skokie. (Program subject to 15% public service cap.)

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation

\$ 4,000

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.)

Council for Jewish Elderly

\$ 24,666

Funding is requested to replace kitchen equipment at the Lieberman Geriatric Health Center at 9700 Gross Point Road. The equipment would include four commercial ranges, four convection ovens, and a steamer. CJE has proposed to split the cost of the kitchen upgrades through its capital funding program.

SHORE Community Services

\$ 36,000

SHORE has requested funding to remodel a kitchen and replace windows and the front door at the Karger House CILA, 4324 Church Street, housing four men with severe developmental disabilities.

Search Developmental Center

\$ 33,000

Search operates 14 group homes in Skokie. The agency has requested funding to replace the roof, soffits, gutters and downspouts, and also the windows and doors throughout the home located at 7716 Laramie Avenue housing 4 developmentally disabled women.

Orchard Village

\$ 20,000

Funds are requested to replace the damaged flooring, renovate the kitchen, repair outside damage to gables, and other minor repairs at Orchard Village's Seniors Group Home at 7671 Marmora Manor. Orchard Village will commit \$15,000 in matching funds secured from a guardian of one of the residents for furnishings and other repairs to the house.

Metropolitan Family Services

\$4,800

Metropolitan Family Services provides counseling and a variety of social services to mostly low/moderate income clients at its offices at 5210 Main Street. The requested funding would replace the building's air conditioner.

Housing Opportunity Development Corporation

\$16,000

HODC is a community-based non-profit developer of permanent affordable housing in the north suburban area. HODC owns the 11-unit apartment building at 4845 Conrad Street and leases the units exclusively to low-income residents at below-market rates. HODC is requesting CDBG funds to replace some of the building's windows and resurface the driveway and parking lot.

Rebuilding Together (on behalf of Orchard Village)

\$20,000

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago (RTNSC) preserves and revitalizes older homes including those for special needs populations such as the Orchard Village group home at 8114 Floral Avenue. This home was built in the 1920s and houses eight developmentally disabled men. RTNSC is requesting a \$20,000 CDBG grant to pay for various construction materials to renovate the kitchen.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

\$192,966

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Representatives from each of the organizations except Rebuilding Together explained their requests. Staff recommendations will be presented at the final public hearing on February 4, 2008

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Moved: Trustee McCabe **Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

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

