

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, 2013

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 Trustee Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg Shah, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen. .

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Shah

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held December 17, 2012.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #16-FY13 of January 7, 2013.

Omnibus vote.

*Proclamations and Resolutions.

A. Proclamation:

Martin Luther King Day – January 21, 2013

Omnibus

* Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

A. Appointments:

Fire Pension Board: George Van Geem, Director of Finance (Voting), Michael M. Lorge, Corporation Counsel (Non-Voting)

Human Relations Commission (Three-Year Term): Dr. David Y. Ko

B. Resignation:

Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission: Ben Harris

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Village Manager.

A. Request for Executive Session.

Motion to approve the request of the Village Manager for an Executive Session pertaining to land acquisition pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph C.5 of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act at the end of the regular meeting and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Roberts

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

*A. Ordinance 13-1-C-3961

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VII, of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the creation of the Economic Development Commission. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

*B. Ordinance 13-1-C-3962

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Sections 2-896 and 2-902 of the Skokie Village Code pertaining to the Cable Television Advisory Commission. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

2013-14 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing #2.
 Planner/CDBG Administrator Carrie J. Haberstich presented the Public Hearing.

Trustee Sutker read a prepared statement “I am employed by a social service agency 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.”

2013-2014 CDBG Funding Proposals

The Village's entitlement grant for 2013-2014 is not known yet. We are estimating \$425,000 at this point based on hearing reports that CDBG funding is expected to decrease once again. In addition to the new entitlement, we will reprogram approximately \$36,446 in unallocated funds from FY12 and \$2,240 in program income from FY13, resulting in an estimated 2013-2014 budget of \$463,686. Proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies total \$501,020, so reductions will be necessary. A reduction of approximately \$37,334 will be necessary for the public service funding requests. The program cap of 20% for administrative funding is applied against the new entitlement only, while the 15% for public service funding (non-capital/non-construction expenditures) is applied against the new entitlement plus the program income from the current program year.

Staff recommendations will be presented at the final public hearing on Monday, February 4. The Board will determine at that time the exact funding award for each project or activity.

STAFF PROPOSALS

Program Administration	\$85,000
Home Improvement Program	95,000
Street and Alley Resurfacing	150,000
Sidewalk Replacement Program	3,000
Social Worker	37,920
 TOTAL VILLAGE PROPOSALS	 \$370,920

Overview of CDBG Proposals for FY14

Village of Skokie Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Public Services

Metropolitan Family Services Metropolitan Family Services

(MFS) is seeking funding to cover a portion of a counselor and intake worker/program supervisor who provides information and referral services.

5,000

Center for Enriched Living The Center for Enriched Living

(CEL) is seeking funding to provide scholarships to enable low-income Skokie residents with developmental disabilities to be fully included in the community, achieve personal success, and enjoy a good quality of life.

5,000

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (MNASR)

M-NASR is seeking funding to provide financial aid to enable extremely low- to low-income children and adult Skokie residents with developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in therapeutic recreation activities and providing their caregivers much needed respite.

3,000

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Access to Care

The Access to Care Program, sponsored by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council located in Westchester, Illinois, is seeking funding to provide primary medical services to low-income residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago. The requested funding would enable Access to Care to enroll 10 Skokie residents in the program. 7,000

PEER Services

PEER Services is seeking funding to offset the costs associated with employing a half-time treatment engagement and retention specialist. 12,000

Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center is seeking funding to support child victims of abuse, and their non-offending family members, through expert child interviews, medical evaluations and crisis intervention services during the investigation of the alleged abuse. Focused counseling services are provided to help children and families heal from the abuse. 3,500

The Harbour

The Harbour, Inc. is seeking funding to serve the needs of homeless youth (including locked-out, runaway, and abandoned) ages 12-21 in the north and northwest Chicago suburbs. 8,000

North Shore Senior Center (NSSC)

The NSSC is seeking funding to offset the staffing costs associated with providing long-term case management and counseling services to Skokie's homebound, low-income elderly and their families. 10,000

JCFS Jewish Child and Family Services

(JCFS) is seeking funding to support a Financial Assistance Case Manager position. The overall goal of the financial assistance program is to empower low-income Skokie residents to create more stable environments. 10,000

Public Facilities

Connections for the Homeless

Connections for the Homeless is seeking funding to replace a damaged sidewalk and install a fence at 4840 Hull Street property, one of the locations for the organization's Family Housing program 3,559

CJE SeniorLife

CJE is seeking funding to expand emergency generator coverage for extended power outages that impact the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 9700 Gross Point Road. 15,000

Turning Point

Turning Point is seeking funding to construct a green space therapeutic playground for family and children's therapy for physically and mentally disabled children 0-8 years old. 9,750

SHORE

SHORE is seeking funding to replace deteriorating carpeting/padding and vinyl sheet flooring with a commercial-grade tile at the Karger House CILA at 4324 Church Street. 13,541

Search

Search is seeking funding to replace windows and doors in a group home for women with developmental disabilities located at 7807 Keeler. 24,750

TOTAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROPOSALS \$130,100

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Representatives from each of the organizations explained their requests and answered questions from the Trustees. Staff recommendations will be presented at the final public hearing on Monday, February 4th.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked everyone for providing services to the Village of Skokie.

Citizen Comments.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Perille

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Perille, Roberts, Sutker, Bromberg, Shah, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Marlene Williams, Village Clerk

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Approved:

George Van Dusen, Mayor

Executive Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:26 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Williams and Trustees Sutker, Roberts, Perille, Shah, Gray-Keeler and Bromberg. Also present were Village Manager Rigoni, Assistant Village Manager Lockerby, Corporation Counsel Lorge, and Economic Development Director Thompson. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

