

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, March 2, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alec and his Father.

The Clerk called the Roll. Those present were Trustees Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

* Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Omnibus vote.

* Approve Voucher List #20-FY15 of March 2, 2015.

Omnibus vote.

*Proclamations and Resolutions.

Proclamations:

A. Wendy Abrams Day – March 7, 2015

B. Day of Remembrance – April 19, 2015

Omnibus vote.

Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.

A. 2015 Engineering Excellence Special Achievement Award, American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois by John O'Neill, Vice-President/Operations Manager of Michael Baker International and co-chair of the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee was presented to the Village of Skokie.

Bruce Shrake, President of Gewalt Hamilton introduced Bill Greaves, Traffic Engineer, Tim Doron, Director of Transportation and Steve Andres Design and Construction.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked Director of Engineering Fred Schnatter, Public Works Director, Slankard and Erik Cook.

*Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

Reappointments:

Beautification & Improvement Commission: Sherwin Ditlove, Janette Enwia, Joan Kelly, Asokan Krishnan, Joshua Shpayher and Elaine Steiner (Terms Expire June 1, 2017)

Consumer Affairs Commission: Irv Abramson, Ruhul Chowdhury, Estelle Greenberg, Joanne Haeblerlin, Elana Jacobs, Biju Krishnan, Clifford Levy, George Mathew, Gary Merrill, Howard Meyer, Pratap Sampat, Harshad Shah, Nancy Steinfink, and Judy Wolf (Terms Expire June 1, 2017); Fran Young (Chair Term Expires June 1, 2016 and Member Term Expires June 1, 2017)

Public Safety Commission: Carol Arkin, Helen Bildires, Marcie Claus, Marda Dunsky, David Freireich, Carolyn Halliburton, Frank Ippolito, Paul Kruszynski, Mitchell Kushner, Julian Levy, Edward McCarthy, Pinal Patel, Mark Penning, Linda Perlin, Joel Reyes and Merrill Silverman (Member Terms Expire June 1, 2017); Paul Pitalis (Chair Term Expires June 1, 2016 and Member Term Expires June 1, 2017)

Resignation:

Fine Arts Commission: Randie Von Samek

Omnibus vote.

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Report of the Village Manager.

A. Municipal Utility Tax Recommendation.

Motion to approve the recommendation that the municipal utility tax continue and that the Natural Gas Use Tax portion be reestablished at a rate of \$.05 per therm. This portion of the tax is applicable to the percentage of consumers that have their natural gas supplied by third party providers other than Nicor.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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* B. Fire Station 16 Back-up Generator Replacement – Zonatherm, Wheeling, Illinois - \$36,250.

Motion to award a contract to Zonatherm, Wheeling, IL in the amount of \$36,250 for Fire Station 16 back-up generator replacement.

Omnibus vote.

* C. Mowing Services – Herrera Landscaping, Evanston, Illinois - \$36,250.

Motion to award a contract to Herrera Landscaping, Evanston, IL in the amount of \$36,250 for mowing services.

Omnibus vote.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

* A. Ordinance 15-3-F-4123

Motion to adopt an ordinance establishing the compensation of Assistant Corporation Counsel James G. McCarthy. This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

* B. Ordinance 15-3-Z-4124

Motion to adopt an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision for the property located at 8001 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois in a CX Core Mixed-Use district and relief from Chapter 94, Section 94-6(a)(2) of the Skokie Village Code (2014-26P). This item is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption.

Omnibus vote.

FIRST READING

C. Resolution 15-3-R-1286

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the publication of the 2015 Official Zoning Map for the Village of Skokie, Illinois. This item is on the agenda for first reading and approval.

Moved: Trustee Klein

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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D. Executive Session

Motion to approve the request for an Executive Session in accordance with Paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation and to adjourn therefrom.

Moved: Trustee Sutker

Seconded: Trustee Roberts

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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Unfinished Business.

A. Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant

Planner/CDBG Administrator Carrie J. Haberstich gave a detailed Power Point Presentation with an overview and background of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The term of the Consolidated Plan will be from May 1, 2015, through April 30, 2020. The primary elements of the Consolidated Plan include the public participation process, needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan, and the first one-year Action Plan, addressing community issues particularly as they relate to low/moderate-income residents. The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of all communities receiving CDBG entitlement funds. The Action Plan will be the first of five plans for the upcoming Consolidated Plan term.

The five Action Plans that will be prepared throughout the term of the Consolidated Plan will serve as the annual funding applications to HUD for CDBG funding. They will include the fund application forms (Standard Form 424), executive summaries, the Village's strategies to address community development needs, project and activity descriptions, and certifications regarding Skokie's eligibility to apply for federal funding. In addition, the Action Plans will address the Village's continued efforts to prevent homelessness, aid persons with special needs, enhance the supply of affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, enhance social services, and promote citizen participation in the CDBG process. Furthermore, the plans will provide updates on the number of Housing Choice Vouchers being used in Skokie, and planned coordination between various Village departments and social service providers in the Skokie area.

Motion to approve the five-year Consolidated Plan and one-year Action Plan so they can be forwarded to HUD. The Village's entitlement amount is \$485,807, so the 15% public services and 20% program administration cap levels will be increased, and the two alternate public services activities will be funded. A 2% increase in funding will be applied to all public service activities that were awarded less than their full funding requests. The funding balance will be carried over to next year's funding cycle. Our targeted submission deadline will remain at March 17.

Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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Plan Commission.

Chairman Paul Luke presented the Plan Commission Cases.

A. Plan Commission Case 2014-35P – Site Plan Approval: 3219 Oakton Street
 Motion to concur with Plan Commission to grant the site plan approval to remove the 2 existing silos and asphalt production equipment and replace with 4 new silos and asphalt production equipment at an existing legal nonconforming quarrying and stone cutting establishment in an M3 zoning district be approved subject to all conditions.

Bernard Citron, attorney for the petitioners answered questions from the Board.

Moved: Trustee Ulrich

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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B. Plan Commission Case 2014-36P – Special Use Permit: 3219 Oakton Street
 Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor storage at an existing legal nonconforming quarrying and stone cutting establishment in an M3 Industry zoning district be approved subject to all conditions.

Moved: Trustee Gray-Keeler

Seconded: Trustee Bromberg

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

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Citizen Comments. None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Bromberg

Seconded: Trustee Sutker

Ayes: Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Bromberg, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Mayor Van Dusen

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Pramod Shah, Village Clerk

Approved:

Mayor George Van Dusen

Closed Session

A Closed Session was held in the main floor conference room at 9:03 p.m. Those present were Mayor Van Dusen, Clerk Shah, Trustees Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Klein, Gray-Keeler and Bromberg. Also present were Village Manager Lockerby, Assistant Manager Wicha, Corporation Counsel Lorge, Assistant Corporation Counsels, Mueller and McCarthy and Risk Manager Protsman. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

