

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION
11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, Illinois 60448**

Session #008

April 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank Fleischer called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Frank Fleischer, the Board of Trustees, and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Clerk Patt called the roll and the following Trustees were present:

John Mazzorana
George Metanias
Debbie Engler
Joseph E. Budzyn
Joe Siwinski
Jim Richmond

Also present were: Village Clerk Patricia Patt; Village Administrator John Tomaszoski; Finance Director Barb Damron; Village Engineer Paul Pearson; Chief Steve Vaccaro; Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan; Public Works Director Lou Tiberi; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Staff Engineer Dan Peloquin; Commander Dan Rankovich, Commander Randall Stumpf and Village Attorney Steve White.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Kathy Kahlhammer from Cancer Support Center provided the Board with information regarding their Walk of Hope fundraiser and the services they provide for cancer patients.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clerk Patt presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Schlegel provided an update on his portable trash collector.

CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator John Tomaszoski presented (4) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to grant approval to the Mokena Baseball/Softball Association to conduct its annual MBSA Parade on Sunday, June 4, 2017, utilizing the McGovney Street commuter parking lot and Mokena Street from McGovney Street to Mokena Main Park for the parade route; and to authorize the use of Municipal/Village resources for event coordination.
- b. Motion to grant approval to the Frankfort-Mokena American Legion Post 2000 to conduct their annual Poppy Days fundraising event at local businesses within the Village of Mokena on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- c. Motion to approve the attached job description for the position of Civil Engineer with the duties and responsibilities therein defined at a Grade 17 compensation level.
Motion to reclassify Dan Peloquin to the new Civil Engineer position, effective July 1, 2017, at a Grade 17 Step 13.
- d. Motion to approve minutes from the April 10, 2017 Board Meeting.

Trustee Mazzorana made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 (a), (b), (c) and (d) as depicted in the April 20, 2017 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Siwinski seconded.

AYES: (6) Mazzorana, Engler, Metanias, Budzyn, Siwinski, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

Appointment of Rob Dauphinais to the Planning Commission

Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan presented the appointment of Rob Dauphinais to the Planning Commission and as an alternate member of the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Dauphinais' recommended appointment comes in the wake of Richard Cantwell's resignation from the Planning Commission earlier this year. Mr. Cantwell served honorably on the Planning Commission for five years. Having recently retired, he has relocated to another state to be closer to family.

A resident of Mokena, Mr. Dauphinais is employed as Director of Foundations for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. His educational background includes a B.A. in Economics and an M.S. in Sport Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Trustee Engler made a motion to appoint Rob Dauphinais to the Planning Commission and as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Mazzorana, Engler, Metanias, Budzyn, Siwinski, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Recognition of Retiring Village Engineer Paul Pearson

Clerk Patt read a proclamation highlighting retiring Village Engineer Paul Pearson's 20 years of employment with the Village of Mokena.

Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan gave a PowerPoint presentation on development projects Village Engineer Pearson was involved in.

Public Works Director Lou Tiberi detailed the many public works projects Mr. Pearson worked on over the past 20 years.

Village Administrator John Tomasoski read a statement from former Village Administrator John Downs detailing Mr. Pearson's accomplishments with the Village. Village Administrator John Tomasoski provided some additional comments regarding his experience working with Mr. Pearson.

Trustee Mazzorana commented that he, Mayor Fleischer and Trustee Siwinski were part of the original Board that hired Mr. Pearson. He stated that it was a wise decision and Mr. Pearson has done a good job for the Village. He congratulated Mr. Pearson on his retirement.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Mr. Pearson for everything he's done for the Village. He extended his best wishes to Paul and his wife.

Trustee Siwinski thanked Mr. Pearson for improving the Village. He recalled how years ago the Board would have to deal with residents experiencing neighborhood flooding. He thanked Paul for all he has done.

Trustee Richmond thanked Mr. Pearson on behalf of himself and the residents.

Trustee Engler commented on Mr. Pearson's customer service skills. She thanked him for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

Trustee Metanias commented that Mr. Pearson helped shape the community. He agreed with all the previous comments and wished him well.

Clerk Patt commented on Mr. Pearson's idea of "Putt Putt with Pat Patt" for the Mayor's Golf outing. She wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Fleischer recalled dealing with outside engineering firms years ago and what a difference it made having an in-house engineer. He thanked Mr. Pearson for all of his work on the Mayors Golf Outing and his commitment to the Village.

Mr. Pearson commented on how fortunate he has been to work for the Village of Mokena and being part of a team. He's proud of the work that was accomplished as the Village has grown. He thanked the Board for their comments.

Mayor Fleischer presented a plaque in honor of Mr. Pearson's years of service.

Abate Proclamation

Clerk Patt read a proclamation supporting May being motorcycle awareness month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Revisions regarding I-80 Signage and Definitions

Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan presented an ordinance revising zoning regulations as they pertain to signs and definitions.

At its February 20 and April 10, 2017 work sessions, the Board discussed potentially amending the Village's zoning ordinance to address dynamic display signs along the I-80 corridor. The Board agreed that revisions to the zoning ordinance were in order and directed staff to prepare an ordinance for formal approval at this evening's meeting.

In 2016, the Board created an ad-hoc committee consisting of Trustees Jim Richmond and Debbie Engler, local businessman John Hansen, and Building, Planning, and Economic Development Specialist Matt Ziska. The committee met on several occasions over the summer and discussed options for regulating dynamic display signs. These signs included both electronic message boards and more "static"-type changing copy signs (similar to PowerPoint presentations). In October, 2016, the committee presented its research and findings to the Village Board for discussion. The Board generally agreed at that time that dynamic display signs might be acceptable for properties immediately adjacent to I-80, but only if treated as special uses and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

At a public hearing March 16, the Village's Planning Commission recommended that these dynamic display signs only be allowed along the I-80 corridor.

Per terms of the proposed ordinance being presented this evening, parameters of design and operation will be evaluated and set for each individual case. This will include—but not be limited to—size, location, design aesthetics, dwell time, and nits (brightness) control.

The definitions section of the zoning ordinance will also be updated to include new definitions for dynamic display signs, as well as updating current definitions for hotels and motels.

Trustee Engler made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-O-013, an ordinance revising the zoning regulations as they pertain to signs and definitions, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Mazzorana, Engler, Metanias, Budzyn, Siwinski, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Mosquito Treatment Bid Recommendation

Public Works Director Lou Tiberi presented a contract with Clarke Environmental of St. Charles, Illinois, for the Village's 2017 and 2018 summer mosquito control program.

Bids were recently received for the program, which includes the inspection of potential breeding areas, the application of EPA-approved larvicides in areas where breeding is found, treatment of all street catch basins, manholes, and/or inlets, and adult mosquito surveillance and arbovirus testing.

Contract specifications require the treatment of potential breeding areas during the months of May through September. Any mosquito larvae found must be identified to determine species so distribution and density of mosquito populations can be determined and included in feedback for public health reporting purposes.

On Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., a bid opening was held. One (1) bid was received, as follows:

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

Year	Clarke Environmental
2017	\$18,714.80
2018	\$19,096.00
Total Bid	\$37,810.80

Clarke Environmental's bid was found to be in compliance with all requirements of the bid documents and specifications.

Clarke has performed this work for Mokena over the past twelve years and completed the required work with few residential or staff concerns or complaints.

The contract being recommended for approval by staff this evening is for two years, with a mutual option for a third year.

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the 2017 and 2018 Mosquito Control Program to the lowest bidder, Clarke Environmental of St. Charles, Illinois, in the amount of \$37,810.80 and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Mazzorana, Engler, Metanias, Budzyn, Siwinski, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Mayor Fleischer thanked the Board for continuing the mosquito abatement program for the past several years. He feels it is the best environmentally-safe option.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS

Village Administrator Tomasoski requested Economic Development Director Alan Zordan to update the Board on development and business activities. Mr. Zordan provided an update on pending development projects, announced new businesses and highlighted cleaners and laundromats.

Village Engineer Pearson provided information on work being done to the railroad tracks on Wolf Road beginning May 24 through June 2nd. The detour route utilizes 191st Street, LaGrange Road and LaPorte Road.

Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner provided an update on the electric aggregation program. Over the past few years, the power supply market has corrected and ComEd is now competitive with alternate power suppliers. Therefore, the program is being suspended for now and customers will transition back to ComEd with July meter reads.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Metanias commented on the success of Clean-up Day and thanked all the volunteers for their help.

Trustee Engler thanked the Community Affairs Commission, staff and volunteers for their help with Clean-up Day. She also reminded everyone that scholarship applications are due June 16th.

Trustee Richmond thanked Mr. Tomasoski's sons and Trustee Metanias' grandson for helping him during Clean-up Day. He extended his congratulations to his son who recently graduated college. He reminded everyone on upcoming events including the Maker Faire, the Aaron Toppen motorcycle run and the Aaron Toppen 5K.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Patt extended her thanks to the elected officials, staff, Chamber staff, friends and family for their help during her terms of office.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer thanked Clean-up Day participants.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:12 p.m. Trustee Mazzorana seconded.

AYES: (6) Mazzorana, Engler, Metanias, Budzyn, Siwinski, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Fleischer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Patt, Village Clerk