

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

Session #014

July 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

The Board of Trustees and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

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

Also present were: Village Clerk Jillian Hersted; Village Administrator John Tomaszoski; Finance Director Barb Damron; Public Works Director Lou Tiberi; Police Chief Steve Vaccaro; Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner and Village Attorney Carl Buck.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Christie Neighbors provided information on CrossFit Mokena. CrossFit offers hour long classes that are individually tailored to each person's ability.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clerk Hersted presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

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 approve Ordinance No. 2017-O-025 as it pertains to the revised Illinois Department of Labor June 2017 Prevailing Rate of Wages and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.
- b. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Review Committee, thereby approving the building elevations as depicted on the attached exhibits, for the property located at 10001 W. 191st Street.
- c. Motion to grant approval to Jay Margalus, on behalf of Spacelab and the Chicago Southland Mini Maker Faire, to conduct the 4th Annual Chicago Southland Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, August 19, 2017, and to authorize the use of Municipal/Village resources for event security and event set-up and take-down.
- d. Motion to approve minutes from the July 10, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

Appointment of Chris Surdel to the Board of Fire and Police Commission

Mayor Fleischer presented a recommendation to ratify the appointment of Chris Surdel to Mokena's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Chris Surdel to the Board of Fire and Police Commission, with said appointment to be effective immediately through June 30, 2019. Trustee Metanias seconded.

Trustee Mazzorana stated it was an excellent appointment.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Recognition of Recently-Promoted Sergeant Robert Miller

Chief Vaccaro stated that no action would be required from the Board on this item. Chief Vaccaro explained that the FY 18 budget included an additional sergeant for the police department. On July 3, 2017, the Board of Fire and Police promoted Officer Robert Miller to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Miller began his service with the Village of Mokena Police Department (MPD) as a patrol officer in February 2006. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Governor's State University, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Lewis University. Mr. Miller currently serves as MPD's traffic crash reconstructionist, and is additionally responsible for traffic complaints and management of the department's traffic speed trailer. He has also received numerous department awards.

Sergeant Miller thanked the current Chief, former Chief, his wife and the Board for their support and this opportunity to be where he is today.

Mayor Fleischer congratulated Sergeant Miller.

Mayor Fleischer indicated that he did not previously see Mr. Surdel and asked if he would like to say anything.

Mr. Surdel thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the community again.

Recognition of Retired Commander Dan Rankovich

Clerk Hersted read a proclamation honoring Commander Rankovich's 28+ years of service to the Village of Mokena.

Mayor Fleischer presented the framed proclamation to Commander Rankovich.

Chief Steve Vaccaro provided a presentation highlighting Commander Rankovich's accomplishments during his career with the Village of Mokena.

Chief Vaccaro presented Commander Rankovich with a retirement shadow box.

Former Chief Randy Rajewski congratulated Chris Surdel and Sergeant Miller. He then spoke about his friendship with Commander Rankovich and the role he played in the development of the Police Pension Fund. He thanked Commander Rankovich and wished him well in his new career.

Administrator Tomasoski spoke about Commander Rankovich's work ethic, his passion, being a team player and his leadership skills. He thanked Commander Rankovich for his service and extended his congratulations.

Cindy Gamboa presented Commander Rankovich with a plaque on behalf of the Mokena Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Committee.

Chief Vaccaro played Lincolway Dispatch Center's final radio message ("1042") in which they thanked Commander Rankovich for his service. Chief Vaccaro presented Commander Rankovich with a hard copy of the recording.

Trustee Siwinski thanked Commander Rankovich for his service. He spoke about his work ethic and his integrity. He stated that the retired officers have left their imprint on Mokena which has been a benefit for the current officers. He stated that Mokena has one of the best police forces due to the quality of the officers.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Commander Rankovich for his service. He agrees with everything that's been said and spoke about his work ethic. He stated the police department is well-prepared for the future.

Trustee Mazzorana greeted all the retired officers in the audience. He thanked Commander Rankovich for all his help with the Historical Society meetings. He spoke about all of the long-time Village employees and continuity of service and thanked Commander Rankovich for his time.

Trustee Metanias agreed with all the previous comments. He compared Commander Rankovich's leadership style to previous Chief Randy Rajewski who led by example. He stated that he will be missed and wished good luck.

Trustee Engler spoke about Commander Rankovich's leadership and his influence over the current patrol officers. She shared a story about Commander Rankovich shoveling snow off the sidewalk so spectators would have a place to watch the Christmas Fest parade. She stated he would be missed and wished him well.

Trustee Richmond recalled the first time he met Commander Rankovich and the powerful impression he made on him. He thanked Commander Rankovich for his time and effort and all he's done for the community.

Clerk Hersted thanked Commander Rankovich and his family for all he's done.

Mayor Fleischer spoke about all of the people that showed up for Commander Rankovich at the meeting. He expressed his appreciation to Commander Rankovich for speaking honestly with him over the years. He thanked him for his service and stated he will miss him.

Commander Rankovich thanked the Board for their comments. He spoke about former officers that helped mentor him when he started at the police department. He spoke about the friendships that developed with co-workers in other departments. He thanked everyone.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS

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 businesses offering back to school physicals.

Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner announced the Village's re-designed website would be unveiled later this week.

Chief Vaccaro announced the Village would be participating in speed awareness day on Wednesday, July 26th.

Administrator John Tomasoski provided information on the upcoming special census and the need for enumerators.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Budzyn thanked Administrator Tomasoski and Public Works Director Tiberi for the quick response on a recent water main break in his neighborhood.

Trustee Mazzorana commented on the popularity of the Firecracker Dance and Festa Italiana.

Trustee Metanias congratulated Commander Rankovich, Sergeant Miller and Chris Surdel.

Trustee Engler attended the Firecracker Dance and commented on the improved layout.

Trustee Richmond provided an update on the cannon from Pioneer Cemetery. He reminded everyone that the Maker Faire is coming up in August and that they are looking for exhibitors.

Mayor Fleischer asked if they would have the concrete 3D printer there.

Trustee Richmond stated they are working on it for next year.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

N/A

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:13 p.m. Trustee Mazzorana seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Fleischer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jillian Hersted, Village Clerk