

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

Session #003

February 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Fleischer welcomed a local girl scout troop and County Board members Tom Weigel and Ray Tuminello to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Joseph E. Budzyn
Debbie Engler
Jillian Hersted
George Metanias
Jim Richmond
Joe Siwinski

Also present were: Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Finance Director Barb Damron; Public Works Director Lou Tiberi; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Police Chief Steve Vaccaro; Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan; Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska; Civil Engineer Brian Fei; and Village Attorneys Carl Buck and Lorien Schoenstedt.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Cheryl Collins from Curtain Call Theatre presented information on their upcoming performance of The Diary of Anne Frank. She also spoke about their upcoming summer musical Frozen Junior.

Mayor Fleischer expressed his appreciation to Curtain Call for locating in Mokena.

Luke Lally provided information on the Great American Bagel. They provide a fresh bakery, hot, coffee, iced coffee, espresso drinks and full deli sandwich shop. They also offer full catering services for any size party.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Wojtulewicz addressed the Board about neighborhood crime. He suggested the Village distribute MOK stickers, work with neighboring communities and utilize existing websites such as Next Door, Ring Doorbell and the Patch to inform residents of local crime.

Police Chief Vaccaro spoke about steps being taken to address neighborhood crime. He offered to meet with Mr. Wojtulewicz to discuss his concerns further.

County Board member Tom Weigel spoke about swastikas that had been spray painted on Mokena street signs. He feels the graffiti was done by teenagers and offered the County's support.

County Board member Ray Tuminello thanked the Mayor and the Public Works Department for their timely submittal of road projects along with supporting documentation. He also spoke about the bridge over I-80 on 80th Avenue and future improvements planned for 80th Avenue.

Mr. Tuminello has meetings scheduled with Metra and will continue to stay informed about the railroad crossings. He spoke about the swastikas and stated there is no room for hate. He and Mr. Weigel do not condone that type of activity. He thinks it is better to educate people about the meaning of these symbols and not to fan the flames.

Mr. Tuminello also commented on the quick response by Village personnel to remove the graffiti.

Mayor Fleischer thanked County Board members for staying in touch regarding the swastikas.

Jim Schlegel referenced comments made by Metra CEO Jim Derwinski at the previous Board meeting regarding road salt being a contributing factor with signal problems. He stated that Downers Grove is currently using a solution of beet juice and road salt. He asked Mr. Tuminello if he would talk to Metra reps at their next meeting regarding the beet juice/salt solution and if it could help mitigate this problem.

Mr. Tuminello stated there are pros and cons with that method and he would be happy to speak with Village officials about it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator John Tomasoski presented (2) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to approve minutes from January 21, 2019 Work Session.
- b. Motion to approve Minutes from January 28, 2019 Board Meeting.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 (a) and (b) as depicted in the February 7, 2019 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Siwinski seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Engler, Hersted, Metanias, Richmond, Siwinski
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Barb Damron presented the accounts payable list for February totaling \$1,006,865.67. She highlighted the following invoice to be paid.

- \$ 103,683.09 Cargill Incorporated – Road Salt

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$1,006,865.67. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Engler, Hersted, Metanias, Richmond, Siwinski
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Lou Tiberi presented a proposed contract for the mowing and maintenance of some Village owned properties that have been maintained by a private contractor since the early 1990's. The proposed contract is for the 2019 and 2020 mowing seasons. It includes all of the Villages building sites, water towers, pumping stations, well sites, commuter parking facilities and 41 easements and 55 detention ponds. Newly added areas to this contract are the Mokena Crossings medians and the Ginger Creek Pond.

Each contractor was required to attend a pre-bid meeting and tour the facilities with Village Staff to familiarize them with the areas included in the contract. Contractors

were required to be in the lawn maintenance business for a minimum of 5 years and also provide a list of references.

The previous contract was awarded in 2017 and 2018 and was in the amount of \$69,660 to Beary Landscaping of Lockport, Illinois. Three bids were received at the January 16th bid opening. Beary Landscaping of Lockport, IL was the low bidder at \$74,910 for both the 2019 and 2020 mowing seasons.

The cost per acre is \$14.49 & \$14.84 which is slightly higher than the last contract. Also included in the specifications was a provision to eliminate mowing in weekly intervals in an effort to reduce costs if necessary or in the event of drought conditions when weekly mowing is not necessary. One weekly mowing in the new contract is approximately \$2,600.00.

The contract was bid for a (2) year period, with a mutual option to extend the contract for an additional third year.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve and accept the bid for the Village of Mokena's 2019 and 2020 Mowing and Maintenance contract to Beary Landscaping, Inc. of Lockport, Illinois in the amount of \$74,910 for 2019 and \$74,910 for 2020, with a mutual option to extend the contract for 2021, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS

Village Administrator Tomasoski requested Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan update the Board on development and business activities. Mr. Zordan provided an update on pending development projects, announced new businesses, and highlighted businesses offering Valentine's Day products.

Administrator Tomasoski provided information on the upcoming Volley for a Cure between the Police and Fire Departments and District 159 staff.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Hersted thanked the girl scouts for attending the meeting.

Trustee Budzyn thanked the girl scouts and the County Board members for attending the meeting.

Trustee Siwinski thanked the County Board members for attending and for all they do for Mokena.

Trustee Metanias thanked the girl scouts and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He also thanked the County Board members. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Trustee Engler thanked the County Board members and the girl scouts for attending the meeting. She wished the girl scouts good luck with their cookie booth and everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Trustee Richmond thanked the girl scouts for attending the meeting and encouraged them to continue with the scouting program.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini thanked the scouts for letting her be a part of the question/answer period. She had a good time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Fleischer commented on the recent event of vandalism that occurred in Mokena. He stated that the Village takes acts of this nature seriously and Village staff responded

immediately. He stated that the Village Board condemns such acts and will prosecute the responsible individuals to the fullest extent of the law. However, these types of random acts are difficult to prosecute if the offenders are not caught in the act or if there are no witnesses. The Village will continue to investigate this incident and will dedicate the necessary resources to addressing the matter. He asked residents to report any issue to the Police Department immediately should this occur in the future. The Board and staff are committed to providing the highest level of service for current and future generations.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. Trustee Engler seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:

Melissa Martini, Village Clerk