

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

Session #005

March 11, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleischer called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 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 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 Tomaszoski; Finance Director Barb Damron; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Police Chief Steve Vaccaro; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Detloff; Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan; Civil Engineer Brian Fei; and Village Attorney Carl Buck.

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

Sarah Margalus provided information on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Southland Makerfest being held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pipefitters Local 597 Training Center. The Chicago Southland Makerfest is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness and a celebration of the Maker movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

Trustee Richmond thanked Ms. Margalus for all of her work in organizing the fest.

Mayor Fleischer thanked Trustee Richmond and Ms. Margalus and Spacelab for hosting this event in Mokena.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

Mayor Fleischer asked Trustee Richmond to mention the organizations that are participating in Makerfest.

Trustee Richmond provided information about the Makerfest organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Wojtulewicz thanked the Board for sending out an alert concerning events occurring in the Grasmere Subdivision. He also suggested that the Chief view Orland Park's Patch website to see what they are doing to prevent crime in their community.

Mary Orroyo Ortiz questioned why the Village and/or the Police Department do not have a Facebook page or social media presence to inform residents of crimes being committed in the community and what is being done to address the issue.

Chief Vaccaro responded that there are extra patrols on the streets. In addition, residents can sign up for community alerts. He spoke about the "Lock it or Lose it" campaign and suggested residents perform a 9pm check of their home and cars.

Ms. Ortiz asked if any thieves have been caught.

Chief Vaccaro stated that they have identified a few suspects and that other agencies have placed charges against them.

Ms. Ortiz asked if residents are contacting the police with ring doorbell videos.

Chief Vaccaro stated he has received some calls and spoke about their new video surveillance registry.

Chief Vaccaro offered to contact Ms. Ortiz to discuss the issue further.

Ms. Ortiz asked the Board to consider starting a Facebook page.

Trustee Metanias asked Chief Vaccaro to remind residents how to sign up for the community alerts.

Chief Vaccaro provided the steps to sign up for alerts.

Village Administrator Tomasoski stated that the Police Department is doing a very good job of working with neighboring communities and that this is an ongoing process.

Mr. Wojtulewicz stated that he would be willing to pay more in taxes to have more police officers.

Julie Oost spoke about District 159's upcoming referendum and provided resources where voters can get information on the referendum.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-O-007 as it pertains to the revised Illinois Department of Labor February 22, 2019 Prevailing Rate of Wages and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.
- b. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-O-008, an Ordinance pertaining to the classification and number of Liquor Licenses issued in the Village of Mokena; and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same
- c. Motion to approve minutes from February 18, 2019 Work Session.
- d. Motion to approve Minutes from February 25, 2019 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 (a), (b), (c) and (d) as depicted in the March 7, 2019 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias 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 March totaling \$841,933.12. She highlighted the following invoice to be paid.

- \$ 24,559.92 Cargill Incorporated – Road Salt

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$841,933.12. 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**

### **Corporate Corridors North Economic Incentive Agreement**

Community/Economic Development Director Alan Zordan presented an economic incentive agreement (EIA) for Corporate Corridors North Business Park.

The Board established this as a priority at the Sept. 10, 2018 Work Session. The EIA has been successful in attracting sales tax generating businesses. The original EIA has a 15 year term which is due to expire in four years. Due to the small timeframe the EIA has become a less effective tool to attract businesses to the development. Therefore, the Board has expressed a desire to extend the EIA.

The Economic Development Committee reviewed the EIA on October 18, 2018. They unanimously recommended support for extension of the EIA. The Board discussed this on Dec 10th, 2018 and directed staff and legal counsel to prepare final documents.

The EIA was initially approved in 2006 for TCB development with a 50% sales tax sharing (excluding the ½% non-home rule sales tax for road improvements) arrangement. The 15 year term for sales tax rebate started in April 2008. In Nov. 2015, the EIA was assigned to MB878 which sold all the remaining undeveloped lots to RCS Mokena LLC in 2018.

Community/Economic Development Director Zordan discussed the remaining lots in the development and reviewed the success of the businesses that have located in the development.

The new agreement contains many of the same terms and conditions as the 2006 EIA. The terms of the remaining EIA (4 years) will no longer apply. The new 15 year term will begin with the approval by the Village Board.

Trustee Engler made a motion to accept and approve an economic incentive agreement, dated March 11, 2019, between the Village of Mokena and RCS Mokena LLC, for the Corporate Corridors North Business Park and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

Trustee Siwinski believes this is a very important step for the Village to take. This will allow the Village to continue to grow without much impact on services. He stated this is a great opportunity for the Village.

Trustee Metanias agreed with Trustee Siwinski's comments.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

## **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 products and services to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Chief Vaccaro spoke about the participation of some of his police officers in the polar plunge fundraiser for special olympics.

Village Administrator Tomasoski provided details for early voting.

## **TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS**

Trustee Siwinski encouraged residents to lock their houses and cars and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Trustee Engler also encouraged residents to lock their houses and cars to help prevent burglaries.

Trustee Richmond spoke about crimes of opportunity and student government day. He encouraged everyone to attend Makerfest.

#### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

N/A

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Fleischer spoke about Curtain Call Theatre's production of the Diary of Ann Frank.

Mayor Fleischer expressed his support of District 159's referendum.

#### **RECESS REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Fleischer called for a motion to recess the regular session and go into work session.

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to recess Regular Session and go into Work Session at 7:37 p.m. Trustee Engler seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

#### **RECONVENE BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Engler made a motion to reconvene the regular session at 9:20 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:14. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve closed session minutes for the following closed session dates; November 28, 2016; January 23, 2017; February 13, 2017; February 27, 2017; March 13, 2017; March 27, 2017; April 10, 2017; April 17, 2017; July 10, 2017; August 21, 2017; September 11, 2017 and destroy the verbatim records for said meetings. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

Trustee Siwinski made a motion to find that the necessity for confidentiality remains for all remaining closed session minutes. Trustee Engler seconded.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Richmond made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:17 p.m. Trustee Siwinski seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:

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Melissa Martini, Village Clerk