

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

Session #005

February 24, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

Joseph 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; Commander Chris Carlson; Community/Development Director Alan Zordan; Civil Engineer Brian Fei and Village Attorney Carl Buck.

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

June Graffey presented information on Curtain Call Theatre's upcoming production of The Lion in Winter and the following production, Death Trap.

Joe Matisse provided a video tour of his facility and information on the services provided at D-Bat including baseball and softball lessons, cage rentals, camps and clinics, parties, pro shop and pitching machines.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS PUBLIC HEARINGS**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Village Administrator John Tomasoski presented three (3) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to authorize Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) to entertain bids from electric suppliers on behalf of the Village of Mokena and to authorize the Village Administrator, Assistant Village Administrator or Public Works Director to accept same and execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Village.
- b. Motion to authorize an agreement with Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., of Kingsbury, Indiana, for a Public Fireworks Display on the evening of Saturday, July 4, 2020.

Motion to authorize the issuance of a Public Fireworks Display Permit to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. of Kingsbury, Indiana, for the evening of Saturday, July 4, 2020, based on Melrose's conformance with requirements of the Village of Mokena's Explosives and Fireworks Ordinance.

- c. Motion to approve minutes from the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 (a), (b) and (c) as depicted in the February 20, 2020 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

#### PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

##### **Appointment of Kelly Huscher to Customer Service Representative Position**

Finance Director Barb Damron presented a recommendation to appoint Kelly Huscher to the position of Customer Service Representative.

Ms. Huscher will be filling an open position in the Administrative Services/Public Works Departments. This position was advertised internally first. There was no interest from existing employees, so the position was advertised externally. The Village received approximately 55 resumes. The resumes were reviewed and candidates were then selected to be interviewed and tested.

As a result of the interviews and skills tests, it was determined that Kelly Huscher possessed the skills and qualities that would best benefit the Village for the Customer Service Representative position. Ms. Huscher is a resident of Mokena. She and her family have resided in Mokena for 16 years. Staff feels that she will be an immediate asset to the Village. Her knowledge and experience should blend well with the Village's existing needs.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the employment of Kelly Huscher to the position of Customer Service Representative at a Grade 1, Step 5 effective February 25, 2020. Trustee Siwinski seconded.

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

Ms. Huscher thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the Village.

#### **PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS**

##### **Introduction of Patrol Officer Owen Price**

Police Commander Chris Carlson introduced new patrol officer Owen Price to the Village Board and the public.

At the Board of Fire and Police Commission's December 5, 2019 meeting, Mr. Owen Price was issued a certificate of appointment for the position of patrol officer, with an effective date of February 3, 2020.

Officer Price had previously fulfilled the requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) for certification as a part-time police officer by completing the 560-hour Part-Time Basic Law Enforcement Academy (PTBLEA). He was subsequently hired in November 2018 by the Sheridan, IL Police Department as a full-time police officer, requiring that he complete an 80-hour transition course in order to fulfill the requirements of the ILETSB.

Officer Price began his field training on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is currently scheduled to attend the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon graduating from the academy, he will complete his field training and will be eligible for solo patrol in mid-August.

Officer Price and his wife Breanna, who married in September 2019 are expecting their first child.

Officer Price thanked the Board for allowing him to work here.

Mayor Fleischer stated the Board supports the Village's police officers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S 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, new businesses and highlighted businesses offering tax preparation.

Administrator Tomasoski spoke about the Lock It or Lose It program. He thanked local businesses for helping promote public awareness by posting signs reminding residents to lock their vehicles. He also provided an overview of the LED program and the environmental benefits of transitioning to LED lights.

**TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS**

Trustee Engler welcomed Brotherhood Brewing to Mokena. She also congratulated her nephew for appearing in LincolnWay's production of Clue. She encouraged residents to shop Mokena.

Trustee Richmond welcomed Officer Price to the Village. He also welcomed Brotherhood Brewing to the Village. He spoke about lawn signs he recently saw in Atlanta and inquired about using them in Mokena as part of the Lock it or Lose it program.

**CLERK'S COMMENTS**

N/A

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion at 7:22 p.m. to enter Executive Session to 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). Trustee Siwinski seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to reconvene the regular session at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Metanias made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Engler seconded.

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