

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

Session #008

April 27, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleischer called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:06 p.m.

Village Administrator John Tomasoski stated the following:

**NOTICE:** This meeting is being conducted pursuant and in compliance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-18.

The public can view this meeting on local cable access Channel 6 or view the meeting live at [www.mokena.org](http://www.mokena.org).

The public is encouraged to utilize these methods of viewing the meeting in observance of the Stay-At-Home order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board of Trustees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

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

Also present were: Clerk Melissa Martini via telephone; Village Administrator John Tomasoski and Village Attorney Carl Buck were present in person

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Village Administrator John Tomasoski informed those wishing to speak at Public Comment were encouraged to call (708) 478-2148 and calls would be taken one at a time. If the line is busy, please wait and call back.

Village Administrator Tomasoski advised residents of the Public Comment call-in number again at 7:09 p.m.

Village Administrator commented that technical difficulties regarding Channel 6 and live stream have been corrected.

Village Administrator closed Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Motion to reduce Letter of Credit NO. 339, issued by First Bank of Manhattan, for improvements of the Townhomes of the Oaks, by a total amount of \$337,045.00 to a total remaining balance of \$229,786.10.
- b. Motion to approve minutes from the April 13, 2020 Board Meeting.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve items 6 (a) and (b) as depicted in the April 23, 2020 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**  
N/A

**PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS**  
N/A

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
N/A

**PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS**  
N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

Village Engineer Dan Peloquin entered the Village Board Room.

**Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract Extension**

Village Engineer Dan Peloquin stated that the contract for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program was for Fiscal Year 2019 through Fiscal Year 2020 with an option to extend to a third year in Fiscal Year 2021. The current contractor, H and H, has agreed to an extension under the existing contract and same terms. The contract provides for the routine maintenance of traffic signals at various locations throughout the Village. Any extra work not included in the contract such as emergency callouts, damage due to accidents, vandalism, or acts of God is paid for on a time and material basis as they have been under the existing contract.

Village Engineer Dan Peloquin and Village staff recommended extending the signal maintenance contract and opened the floor for any questions or comments.

Trustee Engler made a motion to extend the contract for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program to H and H Electric Company of Franklin Park, Illinois, in the total annual amount of \$16,274.40 and authorize the Village President, Village Clerk, and Village staff to execute necessary contract documents. Trustee Metanias seconded.

Trustee Metanias asked what the company provides in regards to the amount paid.

Village Engineer Dan Peloquin responded that the company will check all signals, alignment, replace burnt out bulbs, clean lenses, check for contactors, signal timing, power sources, irregularities, or if there is anything that needs a more in-depth check.

Trustee Metanias commented that it is the same as the existing contract.

Village Engineer Dan Peloquin agreed with Trustee Metanias and added that it also allows the Village to have the company familiar with the system in regards to emergency callouts.

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


Village Engineer Dan Peloquin left the Village Board Room.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
N/A

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS**

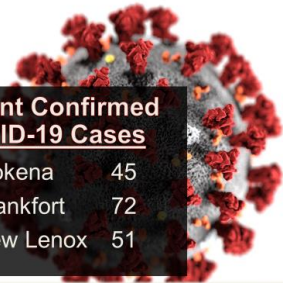
Village Administrator Tomasoski presented a COVID-19 update.

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**COVID-19 UPDATE**

- On Thursday, April 23, 2020 Governor Pritzker announced his intention to extend the stay at home order through May 30, 2020.
- During that announcement, the Governor indicated several new provisions that would be part of that process.
- As a staff, we expect the Governor to issue a third Disaster Proclamation and Executive Order by the end of the week.
- A draft Executive Order was provided by the Governor's office, which is being reviewed by staff.
- Once that Executive Order is issued, staff will be prepared to answer questions regarding the implementation of that order.



Current Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	
■ Mokena	45
■ Frankfort	72
■ New Lenox	51

**As always, please contact the Village Hall with any questions or concerns at (708) 479-3900.**

Village Administrator Tomasoski extended his thanks towards the community during this time and advised residents to contact the Village with any questions or concerns moving forward.

**TRUSTEE’S COMMENTS**

Trustee Siwinski encouraged residents to contact Village Hall with any questions, concerns, or needs.

Trustee Metanias thanked residents for supporting Mokena businesses and encouraged them to contact Mokena Strong for resident assistance. He commented on recent opposition to Governor Pritzker’s Stay At Home Order.

Mayor Fleischer advised everyone that the Village’s legal counsel, Carl Buck, is looking into this issue.

Trustee Engler thanked residents who are out cleaning up the community on their own and in lieu of the cancellation of Clean Up Day. She encouraged residents to shop Mokena and noted that she appreciates businesses working together during this time.

Trustee Richmond echoed previous Trustee comments.

Trustee Budzyn extended congratulations to Matthew Fleckenstein, who graduated from the United States Air Force Academy on April 18, 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He commented on noticing the street sweeper around town and thanked Public Works for keeping the Village clean.

Trustee Hersted passed on Trustee comments.

**CLERK’S COMMENTS**

Village Clerk Melissa Martini passed on Clerk’s comments.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Fleischer commented on the importance of wearing masks appropriately in public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Metanias made a motion to enter executive session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss:

- Executive Session: 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 Engler seconded.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:51 p.m. Trustee Siwinski seconded.

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

Absent: (0)  
Motion carried

**WORK SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter into work session at 7:52 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