

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, Illinois 60448
Monday, January 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the Board of Trustees work session to order at 7:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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 Board Room); Village Administrator John Tomasoski (Village Board Room); Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner (Village Hall); Village Attorney Carl Buck (Village Board Room); Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan (Village Hall); Finance Director Barb Damron (Village Hall); Interim Chief of Police Tim McCarthy (Village Hall); Interim Director of Public Works Mark Detloff (Village Hall); Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska (Village Hall) and Civil Engineer Dan Peloquin (Village Hall)

Drone Presentation

Interim Chief of Police Tim McCarthy entered the Board Room and advised the Village Board that research has been conducted regarding the proposed drone program to include the model of drone that best fits the needs of the department. After meeting with members of the Orland Park Police Department, their coordinator recommended that the Mokena Police Department start with smaller model drones that have significant capability but are better suited for beginners. Further recommendations suggest having two drones to take advantage of their specific technology and because they have interchangeable parts. In addition, it allows the operator to stay on scene longer so as the batteries wear down on one drone, the second drone can be activated to the same area to continue operations.

Interim Chief of Police McCarthy stated that the total cost for two drones would not exceed \$10,000 and could be purchased from the asset forfeiture funds, providing another resource for the police department to enhance the safety of residents and businesses at no cost to Mokena taxpayers.

Village Administrator John Tomasoski advised the Board that no formal approval was needed, however, staff wanted to review this purchase with the Board since it wasn't discussed during the FY 21 budget.

Staff Updates

The Board generally discussed the Whisper Creek Park proposal that is scheduled for an upcoming Site Plan & Architectural Review Committee meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Mayor Fleischer adjourned the work session at 8:02 p.m.