

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

Session #018

September 13, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleischer called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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:

Joseph Budzyn  
Rob Dauphinais  
Debbie Engler  
Melissa Fedora  
George Metanias  
Jim Richmond

Also present were: Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Village Attorney Carl Buck; Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan; Finance Director Barb Damron; Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska; Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton; Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Pelouquin

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 6:02 p.m. 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) and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

**RECESS OF REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Fleischer called a recess at 6:52 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Fleischer advised those in attendance that the night's Board meeting began with an executive session at 6:00 p.m. and that no Board action will be taken as a result.

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **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 approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 Work Session.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2021 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7 (a) and (b) as depicted in the September 9, 2021 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Finance Director Barb Damron presented the accounts payable list (amended) for September totaling \$1,418,735.87. She highlighted the following invoice to be paid:

- \$345,840.61 to Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the accounts payable as amended in the amount of \$1,418,735.87. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

## **APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **Rail Safety Week Proclamation**

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming September 20-26 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Mokena.

### **Proclamation Honoring Alan Zordan**

A Proclamation Honoring Alan Zordan was read by Clerk Martini.

Mr. Doug Heathcock paid tribute to Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan's consistency in his career with the Village of Mokena and congratulated him on his retirement.

Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska delivered comments in recognition of Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan's retirement.

Village Administrator Tomasoski read comments on behalf of former Village Administrator John Downs congratulating Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan on his retirement and highlighting his achievements and contributions to the community during his career.

Village Administrator Tomasoski delivered comments in recognition of Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan's retirement. He highlighted his knowledge, dedication, and professionalism throughout his public service career with the Village.

Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska delivered a photo presentation highlighting memories of Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan's career with the Village of Mokena.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan for his time, effort and professionalism to the Village. He further thanked Mr. Zordan's family for their support throughout his career. He wished Community and Economic Development Director Zordan the best in his retirement.

Trustee Fedora reflected on her time working with Community and Economic Development Director Zordan through the Chamber of Commerce, acknowledging his professional, direct approach and kind demeanor. She thanked him and wished him the best in his retirement.

Trustee Dauphinais stated he was honored to work with Community and Economic Development Director Zordan during his time on the Village Board and previously while working on the Village's Planning Commission and Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee. He offered his appreciation for Mr. Zordan's guidance and friendship and wished him the best in his retirement.

Trustee Richmond commented on the growth and sacrifice he witnessed throughout Community and Economic Development Director Zordan's career with the Village. He thanked Community and Economic Development Director Zordan for his knowledge of and history of the Village and the significant amount of information he was able to provide. He also thanked Community and Economic Development Director Zordan's wife, Nancy, and his family for their support. He wished Mr. Zordan the best in his retirement and his hope to see him back at the Mokena Mayors Caritable Golf Outing next year. He wished Mr. Zordan's successor, Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska, the best in his new role as Community and Economic Development Director.

Trustee Engler stated she was honored to work with Community and Economic Development Director Zordan during her time on the Village Board, with the Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee and through attending the International Council of Shopping Centers conferences. She highlighted his dedication to the Village and the same dedication he has towards his family. Trustee Engler offered her appreciation for his knowledge and thanked his wife, Nancy, and children Lisa and Julie, for sharing their Dad. She wished him the best in retirement.

Trustee Metanias described Community and Economic Development Director Zordan as a rock to the community and a true professional in the ways he shaped the Village to what it is today. He spoke of Mr. Zordan's unknown ways of problem solving through his calming voice. Trustee Metanias highlighted Community and Economic Development Director Zordan's dedication and love towards the Village. He thanked his family and wife Nancy in advance for all the extra golf he and Mr. Zordan will be playing in his retirement. He stated he enjoyed working together and wished Mr. Zordan the best in retirement.

Mayor Fleischer discussed Community and Economic Development Director Zordan's length of career and being on the Village Board that originally hired him. He spoke of Mr. Zordan never being angry. He reflected on the progress the Village has made since Community and Economic Development Director Zordan started working with the Village and the many accomplishments towards Mokena's growth he was involved in. Mayor Fleischer offered his appreciation as a resident and elected official towards Community and Economic Development Director Zordan's dedication and commitment, and thanked his wife, Nancy, and family for their support throughout his career.

Mayor Fleischer provided Community and Economic Development Director Zordan with a recognition plaque for his 28+ years of service with the Village of Mokena.

Retired teacher and former Mayor Mr. Richard Quinn reminisced regarding meeting and teaching Community and Economic Development Director Zordan in the eighth grade and the progression of their current friendship today. He discussed the importance of passing the Constitution test in eighth grade, and advised that Mr. Zordan received a passing 92/100. Mr. Quinn congratulated Community and Economic Development Director Zordan on his many years of service and consistency with the Village.

Community and Economic Development Director Zordan thanked the Mayor, Village Board, Village staff and friends for their kind words. He thanked the current and previous Village Boards for working together to build the community into what it is

today. Community and Economic Development Director Zordan recalled his family moving to Mokena in 1971 and the differences, progress and growth in the community through the years. He stated it has been an honor to work for the Village and described the hard work, time, effort and the teamwork put into the growth of Mokena when he began his career in 1989. Community and Economic Development Director Zordan thanked and acknowledged the work of those on the Village Board, the Planning Commission and employees of the Community Development department that took part in always getting the job done. He thanked former Village Administrator John Downs for his mentorship throughout his public service career. He thanked former and current management team members and acknowledged the importance of Finance Director Barb Damron's position. He stated the Community Development Department will be in good hands as Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska takes over, stating his future looks bright with the Village. He thanked Village Administrator John Tomasoski for his leadership and offered his appreciation towards his communication and management style.

Community and Economic Development Director Zordan introduced his wife, Nancy, and daughters Julie and Lisa. He discussed the importance of his supportive family throughout the ups and downs of his career and thanked them with love.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

N/A

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

#### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Village Administrator John Tomasoski requested Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska present the Schedule of Development.

Building and Planning Director Matt Ziska presented the Schedule of Development. He highlighted sweet treats in Mokena.

Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner thanked all who were involved and/or attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2021 at Pioneer Cemetery. He thanked Mokena VFW Commander Jim Hogan for facilitating and leading the ceremony. He thanked Interim Police Chief Brian Benton, Mayor Fleischer and the Mokena Fire Protection District for their comments and participation. He thanked retired U.S. Air Force Major General Mark Anderson for his thoughtful comments and participation in the ceremony. He thanked Mr. Tim Franson for recording the ceremony and advised that it is currently available for viewing on the Village website and Channel 6.

#### **TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

Trustee Engler congratulated and thanked the Altorfer CAT facility for a great open house event and for choosing Mokena. She thanked Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner and VFW Commander Jim Hogan for the excellent 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Trustee Richmond passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Dauphinais echoed Trustee Engler's comments by welcoming Altorfer CAT to Mokena and thanked the speakers and all who were involved in the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Trustee Fedora complimented the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and suggested a yearly remembrance ceremony at Pioneer Cemetery. She welcomed Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton to the Management Team. She wished Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan a happy retirement.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner for his facilitation of the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and further thanked the speakers and all others who

were involved in the event. He agreed with Trustee Fedora's suggestion to have a 9/11 remembrance event every year.

Trustee Metanias wished Community and Economic Development Director Alan Zordan the best in his retirement. He welcomed Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton and highlighted the great work of the police department and the recent work of Officers Payne and Czarnecki for apprehending an individual while putting their vehicles and lives in jeopardy. He thanked them and the department for their efforts.

**CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Fleischer thanked all who were involved in the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and reminded everyone to never forget the events of September 11, 2001.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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George J. Metanias, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Melissa Martini, Village Clerk