

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

Session #004

February 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias called the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 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:

Rob Dauphinais
Debbie Engler
Melissa Fedora
George Metanias (Mayor Pro Tem)
Jim Richmond

Absent: Mayor Frank A. Fleischer
Trustee Joseph Budzyn

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Attorney Carl Buck; Finance Director Sharon Dangles; Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska; Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton; and Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (4) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Budzyn
Motion carried

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (4) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Budzyn
Motion carried

RECESS OF REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias called a recess at 6:47 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

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

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias announced that in accordance with Governor Pritzker's recent statements regarding the mask mandate, wearing masks will now be optional in all Village facilities.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-O-003, 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.
- b. Motion to conditionally approve the Mokena Baseball/Softball Association's annual MBSA Parade on Sunday, June 5, 2022, utilizing the McGovney Street commuter parking lot and Mokena Street from McGovney Street to Mokena Main Park for the parade route, and to authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for event coordination, contingent upon staff's confirmation and approval of the applicant's final application materials.
- c. Motion to conditionally approve the Cancer Support Center's annual Walk of Hope on Sunday, May 22, 2022, and to authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for event coordination, contingent upon staff's confirmation and approval of the applicant's final application materials.
- d. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 Board Meeting.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 7 (a), (b), (c) and (d) as depicted in the February 24, 2022 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (4) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Budzyn

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

N/A

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks Agreement and Public Fireworks Display Permit

Village Administrator John Tomasoski stated the Village Board previously arrived at a consensus to move Mokena's annual 4th of July Fireworks Display back to Main Park in 2022. He presented staff's recommendation to authorize an agreement with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for a public fireworks display in the amount of \$25,800, as well as the issuance of a Public Fireworks Display Permit to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for the evening of July 4, 2022.

Trustee Engler made a motion to authorize an agreement with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., of New Castle, Pennsylvania, for a Public Fireworks Display on the evening of Monday, July 4, 2022. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (4) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Budzyn
Motion carried

Trustee Engler made a motion to authorize the issuance of a Public Fireworks Display Permit to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., of New Castle, Pennsylvania, for the evening of Monday, July 4, 2022, based on Pyrotecnico's conformance with requirements of the Village of Mokena's Explosives and Fireworks Ordinance. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (4) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Budzyn
Motion carried

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Village Administrator John Tomasoski requested Director of Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska present the Schedule of Development.

Community and Economic Development Director Ziska presented the Schedule of Development. The Business Spotlight highlighted music and theatre.

Village Administrator Tomasoski informed residents of the Mokena Police Department's Facebook social media account and the Village's Instagram social media account that will go live on March 2, 2022.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Richmond offered his condolences to former Mayor Joe Werner and family for the recent passing of his mother, Florence. He reminisced of her time volunteering for the Village's annual Clean Up Day.

Trustee Dauphinais expressed his excitement for the 4th of July fireworks' return to Main Park in 2022. He asked Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton to update the community on the recent incident at Urban Air Adventure Park.

Interim Chief Benton advised of a dispute at Urban Air Adventure Park that escalated into a physical altercation. He advised that no individuals were seriously injured, and one juvenile was arrested by the Mokena Police Department for disorderly conduct while other persons of interest fled the scene. Interim Chief Benton stated that the investigation is ongoing.

Trustee Dauphinais thanked Interim Chief Benton and the Mokena Police Department for their continued great work. He stated he is glad to see the Mokena Police Department on Facebook and the Village on Instagram and thanked those involved with bringing the highly requested social media presence to life.

Trustee Fedora voiced her pleasure with the Mokena Police Department and Village's social media accounts. She stated she is thrilled to have the 4th of July fireworks back at Main Park this year. Trustee Fedora offered her condolences to "Happy" Bettenhausen's family, on the recent passing of Happy, who participated in 130 local parades since 1978.

Trustee Engler offered her condolences to former Mayor Joe Werner and family for the recent passing of his mother, Florence, who volunteered at numerous events and stated she will be missed. She thanked the Mokena Police Department for all their hard work, and asked residents to be vigilant when answering their doors or leaving their houses, and to reach out to the Police Department if suspicious activity is seen.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias offered his condolences to former Mayor Joe Werner and family for the recent passing of his mother, Florence. He remembered Florence and her twin sister's participation with Village Clean Up Days and their always smiling faces. He acknowledged his daughter Vicki, and grandsons Logan and Brayden's attendance at the night's meeting. He also acknowledged former Community & Economic Development Director Alan Zordan and wished him well.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:16 p.m. Trustee Richmond seconded.

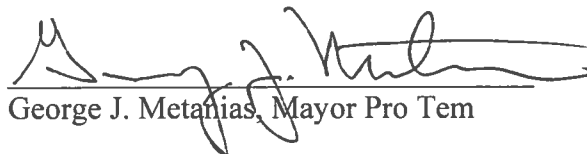
AYES: (5) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond

NAYS: (0)


Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,


George J. Metanias, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Melissa Martini, Village Clerk