

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, Illinois 60448
Monday, October 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the Board of Trustees work session to order at 7:22 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomaszoski; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Village Attorney Carl Buck; Finance Director Barb Damron; Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska; Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin

Local Government Whistleblower Protection Policy

Village Attorney Carl Buck discussed an amendment to the Illinois Public Officers Prohibited Activities Act effective July 1, 2021. This amendment includes a new section which prohibits a unit of local government, or its representatives, from retaliating against an employee or contractor who reports improper government action, including cooperating with an investigation or testifying in a proceeding. Additionally, the new section requires municipalities to adopt a whistleblower policy and designate an auditing official who investigates written complaints of improper governmental action. The auditing official must provide each employee a written summary or a complete copy of the section upon commencement of employment and at least once each year of employment.

The Board was advised that Village Attorneys have prepared an Ordinance adopting a whistleblower protection policy for Village employees pursuant to the Illinois Public Officers Prohibited Activities Act and will be presented for approval at the October 25, 2021 Board meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Mayor Fleischer adjourned the work session at 7:25 p.m.