

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

Session #007

April 11, 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:

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

Absent: Mayor Frank A. Fleischer

Also present were: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomaszski; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Village Attorney Carl Buck; Finance Director Sharon Dangles; Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska; Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton; Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa; and Assistant Director of Public Works Daniel Peloquin

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 6:32 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), collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 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: (5) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, 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 6:53 p.m. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (5) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

RECESS OF REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias called a recess at 6:53 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

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

DISCOVER MOKENA

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Chris Bibeau inquired as to why the use of a chipper wasn't included with the Village's spring free leaf and branch pickup event this year.

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa advised that the use of a chipper is not included with the Village's spring and fall free leaf and branch pickup events. Only bags of leaves and bundled branches are included.

Ms. Bibeau advised that she had a couple trees cut down and cannot bundle the branches and the Village would not pick them up upon request.

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias asked Ms. Bibeau to leave her contact information so that the Village may follow up on her inquiry.

Assistant Director of Public Works Daniel Peloquin advised that the free leaf and branch event includes bags of leaves and bundled branches that are accessible from the parkway, but that the Village does not pickup trees that were cut down or branches on private property.

Ms. Bibeau commented that two trees that were cut down and the branches were left in the parkway.

Assistant Director of Public Works Peloquin advised Ms. Bibeau that the branches in her parkway will be picked up by the Public Works Department.

Director of Public Works Kulesa apologized to Ms. Bibeau for the branches not being picked up and stated it was the responsibility of the Public Works Department to pick up branches in the parkway. He asked that she contact the Village if it should happen again in the future.

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 conditionally approve Mokena Festa Italiana's Annual Festa Italiana Sunday, July 17, 2022, utilizing the Front Street commuter lot, and to authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for event set-up and coordination, contingent upon staff's confirmation and approval of the applicant's final application materials.
- b. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-O-005, an Ordinance pertaining to parking restrictions within the Village of Mokena; and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same.
- c. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022 Work Session.
- d. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Finance Director Sharon Dangles presented the accounts payable list for April totaling \$2,040,940.75. She highlighted the following invoices to be paid:

- \$756,615.22 to Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; and
- \$118,732.30 to Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$2,040,940.75. Trustee Richmond seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Arbor Day Proclamation

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in the Village of Mokena.

Dr. Patterson Proclamation

Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner stated that Dr. Garnet “Chip” Patterson is being honored at the night’s meeting with a proclamation, as well as recognition from the Mokena Chamber of Commerce after recently retiring after 30 years of providing dentistry services to Mokena and the surrounding communities. Dr. Patterson was highly active as a volunteer in support of the local business community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, going above and beyond in providing leadership as Chamber President. Dr. Patterson additionally served on the Village’s Environmental Commission and Downtown Committee, and he continues to serve on Mokena’s Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Joint Review Board.

Clerk Martini recited a proclamation for Dr. Garnet “Chip” Patterson.

Dr. Patterson thanked the Village Board for honoring him with a proclamation. He gave his appreciation and recalled his family’s goal to always be a part of the Mokena community. He stated he looks forward to continuing to enjoy Mokena in retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias thanked Dr. Patterson for the service he provided to the Village. He wished him the best in his retirement.

Mr. Craig McCutcheon recognized Dr. Patterson for his many accomplishments during his time as President of the Mokena Chamber of Commerce and the impacts he and his business made in the development of Downtown Mokena. He presented Dr. Patterson with a congratulatory plaque on behalf of the Mokena Chamber of Commerce and wished him the best in his retirement.

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Purchase Fiscal Year 23 Lift Truck

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa stated that following the Board’s approval of the resolution authorizing the placement of orders for fleet vehicles and equipment through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) for Fiscal Year 23, Village staff has learned that one of the SPC vendors is able to supply an F550 Lift Truck as early as the fourth quarter of 2022 or the first quarter of 2023. The vendor, Runnion Equipment Company, has been used by the Village for maintenance in the past. Runnion Equipment Company

sensed a supply chain backlog and ordered several 2022 model F550 trucks to be outfitted as lift trucks. The SPC supplier, Sutton Auto Group, does not have any 2022 F550 truck available. Based on the information provided, Village staff asked Sutton Auto Group if there would be a price increase for the 2023 models when available for ordering. It was confirmed a price increase of approximately \$5,000-\$7,000 would be applied.

Runnion Equipment Company provided the Village with a quote for a 2022 model F550 Lift Truck for \$131,575, which is approximately \$6,000 more than the SPC price that is no longer available. Normally a bid would be issued as this is not an SPC purchase, however, based on supply chain delays, uncertain delivery dates, and uncertain costs it is recommended the Board waive the bidding requirements and proceed with the purchase through Runnion Equipment Company. By law, the Village is allowed to waive the bidding requirements for this type of purchase if the Board approves such action by a vote of 2/3rds of those elected officials then holding office.

Director of Public Works Kulesa further recommended the approval of the purchase based on cost benefits and expected lead time improvement.

Trustee Engler made a motion to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 for the purchase of the F550 Lift Truck for the amount of \$131,575.00 from Runnion Equipment Company and to authorize the Public Works Director to execute the purchase. Trustee Richmond seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Frank A. Fleischer
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS
N/A

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

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

Community and Economic Development Director Ziska presented Community Updates. He announced new businesses and highlighted types of building permits.

Village Administrator Tomasoski announced the resignation of Village Planner Kim Yockey. He thanked her for over 22 years of service with the Village and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Engler thanked Dr. Patterson for his hard work and dedication to his business and the community. She offered her appreciation to the Patterson family and wished Dr. Patterson well in his retirement.

Trustee Richmond complimented the American Flag displayed at new business Belle Tire and thanked Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska for his involvement. He thanked everyone that volunteered for a successful Village Clean-Up Day. Trustee Richmond thanked Dr. Patterson for all he's done for his family and the community and wished him the best of luck in retirement.

Trustee Dauphinais echoed Trustee's Richmond's comments regarding Clean-Up Day and thanked everyone who came out and volunteered for the event. He offered his and his family's appreciation and admiration to Dr. Patterson for everything he has accomplished for the community and wished him the best in his retirement.

Trustee Fedora thanked Dr. Patterson for everything he has done for the community and the Chamber of Commerce and wished him the best in his retirement.

Trustee Budzyn echoed Trustee Richmond's comments regarding Clean-Up Day and commended the volunteers' efforts. He complimented the impressive American Flag displayed at new business Belle Tire and thanked Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska for his involvement. He congratulated Dr. Patterson on his retirement and thanked him for everything.

Trustee Engler reminded residents of leaf and branch pickup. She thanked and offered her appreciation to everyone involved with Clean-Up Day, including Village staff, Chris Foster, Richard Massey, Kirk Zoellner, the Community Affairs Commission, Dee, Colleen, Mike Cooper, Marietta Glass, the public works department, Fields Tree, Crafted, Berkots, Brookhaven, Speedway, Meijer, and Janine Johnson. Trustee Engler advised that business Hog Wild has closed their Mokena location. She further advised that 19th Hole is now open for business.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Metanias thanked everyone involved with Clean-Up Day. He thanked Trustee Engler and Mike Engler for their continued great work and involvement with organizing Clean-Up Day. He highlighted Mr. Jim Schlegel's efforts of always keeping Mokena clean. He thanked the Public Works Department for providing safe transportation on Clean-Up Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:41 p.m. Trustee Richmond seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

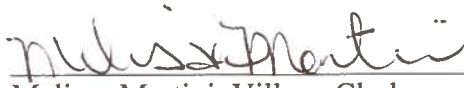
Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

 *Mayor Pro Tem*
Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:


Melissa Martini, Village Clerk