

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

Session #014

July 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer 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
Jim Richmond

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Village Attorney Carl Buck; 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 6:30 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). 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 7:00 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

DISCOVER MOKENA

Cindy Gamboa thanked the sponsors and volunteers for the 4th of July parade. She then presented trophies to the winning entries.

Mayor Fleischer expressed his pride in those who organize the 4th of July parade and commented that the parade is well known everywhere he goes. He thanked the organizers for their great work and efforts in making the 4th a July parade a highly successful event in the community.

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 appoint Trustee Rob Dauphinais as Mokena Police's Alternate Representative to the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors, effective July 26, 2022.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7(a) and (b) as depicted in the July 21, 2022 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Budzyn, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Abstain: (1) Dauphinais
Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Fleischer advised that item 8b (Appointment of Dawna Rickord to Customer Service Representative Position) has been stricken from the night's agenda.

Appointment of Myriam Taylor to Customer Service Representative Position Appointment of Kym O'Neill to Customer Service Representative Position

Public Works Director Jim Kulesa advised the Board that due to the retirement of Lisa Sickles, promotion of Emily Cabay, and resignation of Randa Firlit, there is a vacancy for three Customer Service Representatives. The positions were advertised in June 2022 with ninety-six (96) applicants submitting resumes.

Public Works Director Kulesa stated that staff reviewed the applicants' resumes, conducted initial interviews, and selected eight (8) candidates to move on in the interview process. A second round of interviews were conducted, and two (2) candidates were identified as best suited for the positions. Pursuant to interviews and reviews of applicants' training and work experience, it was determined that Myriam Taylor and Kym O'Neill were the candidates most qualified to fill the Customer Service Representative positions.

Director of Public Works Kulesa highlighted Ms. Taylor's and Ms. O'Neill's educational and professional backgrounds, and further recommended their appointments to the position of Customer Service Representative.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the appointment of Myriam Taylor to the position of Customer Service Representative at a Step 5 for that position as delineated in the May 23, 2022 compensation resolution pending pre-employment physical with a Start Date of August 1, 2022. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

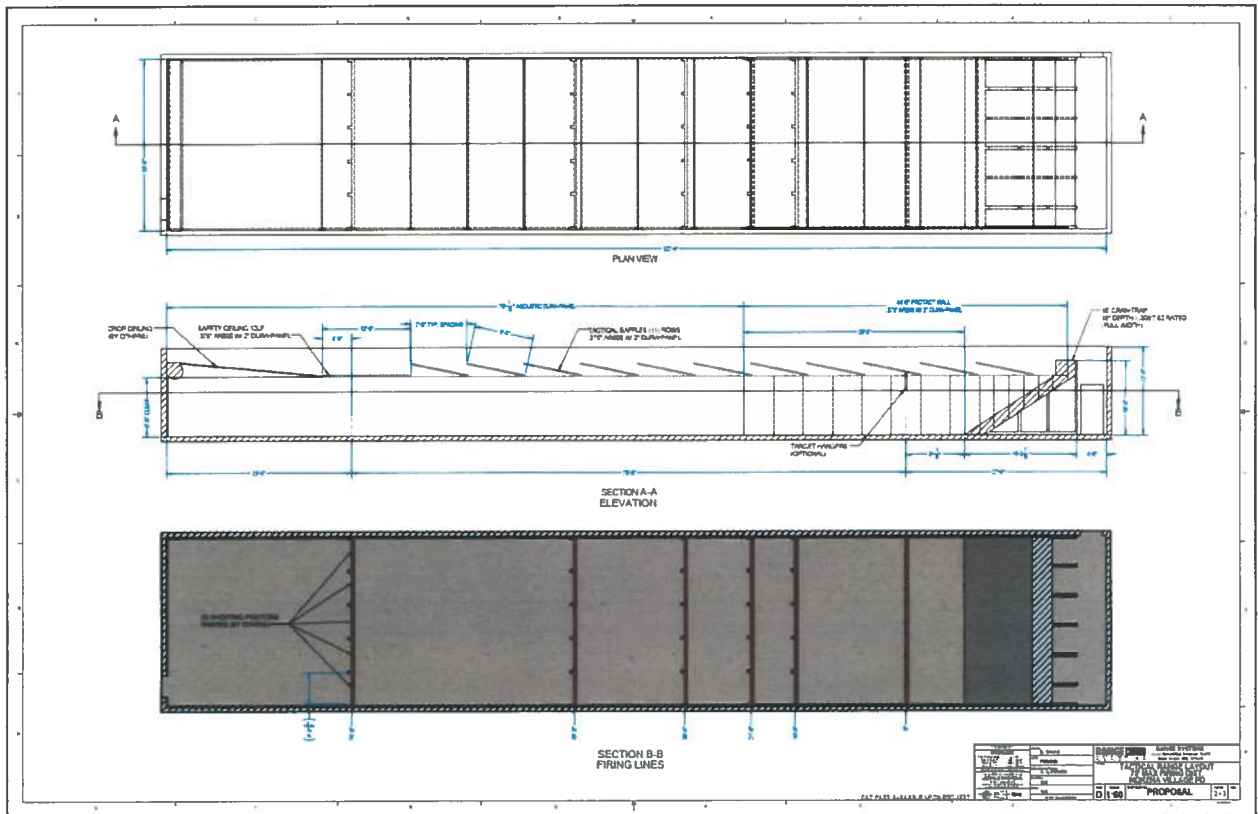
Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the appointment of Kym O'Neill to the position of Customer Service Representative at a Step 5 for that position as delineated in the May 23, 2022 compensation resolution pending pre-employment physical with a Start Date of August 1, 2022. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

Ms. Kym O'Neill thanked the Village Board for the opportunity.

Appointment of Mike Lief to Wastewater Plant and Water Operator Position

Public Works Director Jim Kulesa advised the Board that due to the movement of Mike Orr into Wastewater and Water System Lab duties, staff began the process of backfilling the open Water and Wastewater Operator position. The Village advertised the position



Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton stated that in conjunction with the Board’s approval of the construction of a new police station, staff was given direction to seek out vendors for the installation of a firing range. Due to limited demand for the unique ventilation and ballistic aspects required when building a firing range, there are only a select few reputable vendors across the country that specialize in firing range construction. Staff contacted four ballistic range vendors and sought preliminary price quotes from each.

Interim Chief Benton reviewed the preliminary price quotes and key components of the ballistic range including:

- Encapsulator 23’w x 10’h Granular Bullet Trap with 3/8 hopper and fireproofing
- Overhead Safety Ceiling and Baffles to include 3/8” steel with Dura-panel ballistic rubber
- Pro-Tacts ballistic tactical sidewalls to include 3/8” steel with Dura-panel ballistic rubber
- Installation, Freight and Warranty

Interim Chief Benton advised that while researching vendors for the ventilation component, all four ballistic component vendors recommended Cary’s Small Arms

Range Ventilation of Tinley Park, Illinois. Cary's has installed systems in approximately 200 ranges throughout the United States, including several other countries. They have also installed systems in all the Shoot, Point, Blank (now Range, USA) commercial ranges across America. Cary's range ventilation design has also been accepted as the standard for all US Naval indoor firing ranges. Interim Chief Benton reviewed the key components of the range ventilation including:

- Custom built proprietary radial air diffusers and plenums
- Ceiling mounted unique 180 Degree Air Delivery System
- EPA, OSHA and NIOSH Compliant system

Despite the limited number of ballistic range vendors and only one recommended range ventilation vendor, a bidding process could be utilized to choose both vendors. However, given the limited number of reputable vendors, coupled with varying design features, warranty service and quality control issues, the research and proposal process utilized by the committee makes the time delay, cost and likely outcome of a bid process unwarranted. Interim Chief Benton advised of staff's recommendation to waive the bidding requirements for this project.

Interim Chief Benton advised that preliminary cost projections were provided at the April 25, 2022 Board meeting. At this meeting, the HVAC component was projected at \$285,000. This price was based on a 60-day quote which has since expired. The final bid came in at \$312,422 due to additional bonding costs, mechanical drawings, union labor and inflated material costs. Preliminary ballistic cost projections were also presented at the April 25, 2022 Board meeting. The ballistic costs as presented were \$361,591.00 from Paragon Tactical. The actual costs for the new recommended vendor came in at \$390,415.00 due primarily to the addition of 30-feet of side wall AR500 steel that was not included in the original bid. This was determined to be critical to the long-term efficiency and safety of the range walls for a tactical range. The final additional cost was due to the bonding costs.

The original cost projections include a build-out cost estimate of \$160,000 for the gun maintenance/cleaning/range training room. The final cost of this has not yet been determined because Henry Bros. is still waiting for their sub-contractors to finalize their costs on the range build-out. There was a range scope meeting on July 20, 2022 to determine the responsibilities between the range vendors, Henry Bros. and Studio GC. A \$100,000.00 contingency cost is also projected.

Based on the research conducted and proposals received identifying proprietary design and build options, and after carefully vetting those vendors that were available, Interim Chief Benton advised it is recommended to approve the selection of Range Systems for the ballistic component at a cost of \$390,415 and Cary's Small Arms Range Ventilation out of Tinley Park for the HVAC component at a cost of \$312,422.

Trustee Budzyn made a motion to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 and award a contract to Range Systems in the amount of \$390,415, subject to Village Attorney review and approval. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

Trustee Engler made a motion to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 and award a contract to Cary's Small Arms Range Ventilation in the amount of \$312,422.00, subject to Village Attorney review and approval. Trustee Budzyn seconded.

Trustee Metanias commented that the new police station is finally happening.

AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Award Recommendation: 187th Street Water Tank Repair

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa informed the Board that one of the water system maintenance projects in Fiscal Year 22 was for the cleaning, spot concrete repairs, and spot repairs of the 187th Street Water Tank. This tank serves as our largest water reserve reservoir. It is both larger, partially underground, and composed of more concrete material than a more common metal spheroid water tower. He stated the project is necessary for standard periodic maintenance and is mostly exterior in nature. No lettering or logo currently exists on this structure and the painting project will replace in kind to the same condition. The project was bid in Fiscal Year 22 and no suitable bids were submitted. The project was delayed into Fiscal Year 23 with bids being opened on July 12, 2022.

Director of Public Works Kulesa advised that six (6) bids were received for the project, with Era-Valdivia Construction of Chicago, Illinois being the lowest bidder. He recommended the contract be awarded to Era-Valdivia Construction.

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the, 187th Street Tank Cleaning, Repair, and Painting to the lowest bidder, Era Valdivia Construction, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$128,500.00, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

Trustee Metanias thanked Director of Public Works Kulesa for checking references on the low bidder due to the amount of their bid, and learning they provided comparable and satisfactory work for Tinley Park.

Director of Public Works Kulesa highlighted Civil Engineer Kyle Vester's assistance in confirming the satisfactory work the low bidder provided to Tinley Park.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Mayor Fleischer asked Director of Public Works Kulesa to monitor the project as the bid was extremely low.

Approval of O'Neill & Gaspardo, LLC Agreement

Village Administrator John Tomasoski stated that due to the resignation of Finance Director Sharon Dangles on July 15, 2022, the Village requires assistance to perform the duties of a Finance Director until a permanent replacement can be hired.

Village Administrator Tomasoski recommended approval of an engagement agreement with Consulting and Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm O'Neill & Gaspardo, LLC to perform accounting services on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the engagement agreement between the Village of Mokena and O'Neill & Gaspardo, LLC for the purpose of performing accounting services on behalf of the Village of Mokena, and to authorize the Village Administrator to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Interim Chief of Police announced the Police Department will be hosting its first National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Yunker Farm.

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa advised residents that the Village Hall parking lot will be closed on Friday, July 29 through Thursday, July 30 for maintenance. Designated 20-minute street parking will be available for customers.

Village Administrator Tomasoski provided the public with an update from Silver Cross Hospital regarding COVID-19.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Engler passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Richmond passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Dauphinais offered his appreciation to the Lion's Club and everyone involved in organizing the Firecracker Dance event. He also thanked the organizers of Festa Italiana. He stated he is looking forward to the next Food Trucks on Front event. He commended Chief Benton and the police department for their efforts to engage with the community through events such as Coffee with A Cop and National Night Out. He thanked the Village Board for approving his appointment as Alternate Representative to the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors and looks forward to learning and growing into the role.

Mayor Fleischer thanked Trustee Dauphinais for accepting the role.

Trustee Fedora welcomed Customer Services Representatives Myriam Taylor and Kym O'Neill to the Village and wished them luck in their new roles. She congratulated Mike Lief on his promotion to Water and Sewer Operator. She wished Trustee Dauphinais good luck in his new role as Alternate Representative to the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Cindy Gamboa and the Gamboa family, Trustee Fedora and the Chamber of Commerce for this year's successful 4th of July parade. He further extended his appreciation to the Gamboa family for everything they do for the community. He welcomed new employees Myriam Taylor and Kym O'Neill to the Village and congratulated Mike Lief on his promotion. He thanked the Board of Trustees for their approval of the integral firing range component to the new police station which was important to the overall operation of the new building. He advised residents that approximately \$500,000 was saved on the cost of installation by completing the firing range component in-house. He complimented the hard work of Commander Randy Stumpf, Interim Chief of Police Brian Benton and the Public Safety Facility Planning Committee.

Trustee Metanias thanked the Lion's Club for their successful Firecracker Dance event, as well as the organizers of Festa Italiana, further stating he enjoyed both events. He also thanked Trustee Engler for organizing Food Trucks on Front and is looking forward to the next scheduled event. He welcomed new employees Myriam Taylor and Kym O'Neill to the Village and congratulated Mike Lief on his promotion.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer discussed the importance of the 4th of July being recognized as Independence Day, stating that the United States of America is the greatest country in the world. He expressed his disappointment with negative impressions of our country and his hope that citizens appreciate the country they have.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

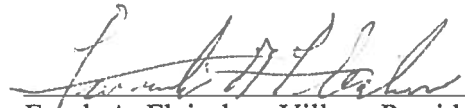
AYES: (6) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Metanias, Richmond

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:



Melissa Martini, Village Clerk