

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

Session #023

November 21, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleischer called the Special Meeting 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  
George Metanias

Absent:       Melissa Fedora  
               Jim Richmond

Also present were the following:     Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Assistant Village Administrator Kirk Zoellner; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Village Attorney Carl Buck; Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska; Police Chief Brian Benton; and Assistant Director of Public Works Dan Peloquin.

Mayor Fleischer advised that Trustee Richmond would not be in attendance at the night's meeting because he fell ill, and Trustee Fedora would not be in attendance at the night's meeting due to prior obligations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2022 Tax Levy Announcement**

Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig stated that during the November 14, 2022 work session, the Board reviewed three different scenarios pertaining to the Village's 2022 tax levy. The direction of the Board was to proceed with the addition of new growth only to the 2022 tax levy.

Based on this direction, staff recommended that the Board increase the Aggregate Tax Levy (operating) by \$41,573 or an overall increase of 2.00% over the 2021 tax levy. The total estimated tax levy for 2022 is \$2,120,226. Based on the levy amount, the tax would be approximately .2225 per \$100 of E.A.V., which is below the 2021 rate of .2335 per \$100 of E.A.V. Mokena homeowners will be minimally impacted. Based on a home with a market value of \$400,000 in 2021, homeowners may see a slight increase of ±\$0.17, or tax neutral if the homeowner's E.A.V. increases. If the E.A.V. does not increase, the homeowner would see a decrease from last year. Over the past ten years, the Village's average tax levy increase has been approximately \$42,913 or 2.34%. This year's tax levy falls below the ten-year average at \$41,573 or 2.00%.

Finance Director Pasbrig advised that if the Village Board was in agreement, the 2022 tax levy would be presented for adoption at the December 12, 2022 Board meeting, and would include an abatement ordinance for the transportation bonds.

Mayor Fleischer asked if there were any questions or comments from the Village Board. There were none. He advised that no action would be taken on this item. The Village Board was in agreement to proceed with approval of the 2022 tax levy at the December 12, 2022 Village Board meeting.

#### **RECESS REGULAR MEETING**

Trustee Engler made a motion to recess the regular meeting session subject to recall of the Mayor and enter into the scheduled work session at 6:03 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias  
NAYS: (0)  
Absent: (2) Fedora, Richmond  
Motion carried

#### **RECALL REGULAR MEETING**

Trustee Engler made a motion to recall the regular meeting back to order at 6:50 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias  
NAYS: (0)  
Absent: (2) Fedora, Richmond  
Motion carried

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss 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 Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias  
NAYS: (0)  
Absent: (2) Fedora, Richmond  
Motion carried

#### **RECONVENE BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Engler made a motion to reconvene the regular session at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias  
NAYS: (0)  
Absent: (2) Fedora, Richmond  
Motion carried

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias  
NAYS: (0)  
Absent: (2) Fedora, Richmond  
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Martini, Village Clerk