

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

Session #006

March 27, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleischer called the regular session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 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  
Melissa Fedora  
George Metanias

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Village Attorney Frank Cservenyak; Community and Economic Development Director Matt Ziska; Chief of Police Brian Benton; Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jim Schlegel highlighted Vietnam Veterans Day on Wednesday, March 29. He suggested asking veterans to register with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Agent Orange Registry which provides benefits to those who were exposed to Agent Orange during their military service. Mr. Schlegel recommended the book "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step At A Time." He stated he would like the Trustees to address which books they are currently reading so that everyone can be on the same page.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Village Administrator John Tomasoski presented seven (7) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to conditionally approve the Mokena Lions Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event on Saturday, June 17, 2023; 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.
- b. Motion to conditionally approve and authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for the Mokena Community Park District's Annual Farm & Barn Fest scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Yunker Farm.
- c. Motion to conditionally approve the Mokena Community Park District to conduct their annual Halloween Hollow from Friday, October 6, 2023, through Sunday, October 8, 2023, and to authorize the use of Municipal/Village resources for event coordination.
- d. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-005, an Ordinance pertaining to the enforcement of abandoned and inoperable vehicles within the Village of Mokena; and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same.
- e. Motion amend Tile 3, Chapter 11, Section 2 of the Village of Mokena Code of Ordinances by authorizing 15 Class A and 8 Class B Tobacco Licenses within the Village of Mokena and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the ordinance amendment.
- f. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-O-006, amending Title 9, Chapter 9, Section 3-1 of the Village of Mokena Code of Ordinances and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-O-007, amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Section 7(C) of the Village of Mokena Code of Ordinances and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.

- g. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Board meeting and work session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) as depicted in the March 23, 2023 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

**APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Appointment of Jeffrey Zirolì to Community Service Officer Position**

Chief of Police Brian Benton stated the Police Department is currently budgeted for four Community Service Officers (CSO). Due to recent resignations, there are currently two CSO vacancies in the Police Department. The Village recently advertised for a part-time CSO through social media and other means and received several resumes. Following the interviews of multiple applicants, it was determined Mr. Jeffrey Zirolì possessed the qualifications to fill the position of Community Service Officer.

Chief Benton discussed Mr. Zirolì's professional background and further recommended the appointment of Mr. Zirolì to the position of part-time Community Service Officer.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeffery Zirolì to the position of Part-Time Community Service Officer at Grade CSO Step 7 effective March 28, 2023. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

Mr. Jeffrey Zirolì thanked the Village Board and Village staff for the opportunity.

Mayor Fleischer told Mr. Zirolì he will be a great asset to the Village.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Proclamation for Doris Stohlhammar**

Mayor Fleischer highlighted his attendance at Mrs. Doris Stohlhammar's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and discussed the impressive celebration attended by friends and family from around the country.

Clerk Martini read a proclamation recognizing Clarendale of Mokena resident Doris Stohlhammar's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Stohlhammar thanked the Mayor and Village Board for their recognition. She discussed her background and attributed her long life to her faith.

**PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS**

N/A

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Hickory Creek Metra Lot Repaving Phase 1 Bid Recommendation**

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin informed the Board that a bid opening was held on March 1 for the Hickory Creek Metra Lot Repaving Phase 1 project. The project consists of repaving just under half of the Metra lot on the easterly side.

Assistant Public Works Director Peloquin advised that ten (10) bids were received for the project, with Gallagher Asphalt of Thornton, Illinois being the lowest bidder. Staff is requesting Board approval up to the Fiscal Year 23 budgeted amount of \$425,000 to allow for additional curb and/or gutter work that may become necessary, additional engineering, and possible replacement of the traffic count detector loop if necessary.

Assistant Public Works Director Peloquin further recommended the contract be awarded to Gallagher Asphalt.

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the Hickory Creek Metra Repaving Phase 1 project to the lowest bidder, Gallagher Asphalt, of Thornton, Illinois, in the amount of \$394,426.00, and to authorize the expenditure of up to the Fiscal Year 23 budgeted amount of \$425,000 for additional work that may be required at the contract unit prices and for professional fees therein associated, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

### **Therafin Parking Lot Temporary Paving Bid Recommendation**

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin informed the Board that a bid opening was held on March 1 for the Therafin Parking Lot Temporary Paving project. The work will improve drainage, place two inches of temporary asphalt paving, reinstall signage posts, stripe the parking spaces and establish grass everywhere. New lighting and further landscaping are not part of this project. Six required new spaces for those with accessibility needs will be created at the easterly end fronting along McGovney Street.

Assistant Public Works Director Peloquin advised that ten (10) bids were received for the project, with "D" Construction of Coal City, Illinois being the lowest bidder for both the primary bid for two phases of work and the alternative bid for all work in one phase. Staff has recommended completing the project in two phases so that monthly permit commuters at the lot can be moved from phase to phase. The project is unbudgeted for Fiscal Year 23 due to post-budget direction, however the Board has directed staff to pay for this project out of the General Fund.

Assistant Public Works Director Peloquin further recommended the contract be awarded to "D" Construction".

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the Therafin Parking Lot Temporary Paving project to the lowest bidder, "D" Construction, of Coal City, Illinois, in the amount of \$149,817.50, performed in two phases of work, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Chief of Police Brian Benton announced the Police Department's partnership with Kia to help deter motor vehicle theft by providing steering wheel locks for Mokena residents.

Village Administrator John Tomasoski reminded residents of the Village's free spring leaf and branch pickup dates on Monday, April 10, 2023 and Monday, May 15, 2023. He provided information regarding the Village's Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Engler discussed the upcoming closure of Wolf Road for the Illinois Department of Transportation's bridge project and reminded residents to shop local and support the businesses that will be most impacted. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Trustee Dauphinais wished Mrs. Doris Stolhammar a Happy Birthday. He thanked Mr. Jeffrey Zirolì for his service and welcomed him to the Village. He advised that there are still openings for the Village's Hometown Heroes Banner Program and invited applicants to contact the Village for more information on the program. He thanked his fellow Trustees for approving the bid to pave the Downtown Mokena Therafin Parking Lot.

Trustee Fedora encouraged everyone to attend the Mokena Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1 at 12:00 p.m. at Main Park. She stated she is currently reading the book "Thirteen Ways to Kill A Community". She discussed the upcoming closure of Wolf Road for the Illinois Department of Transportation's bridge project and encouraged residents to shop at the businesses that will be most impacted by the project. Trustee Fedora wished Mrs. Doris Stolhammar a Happy Birthday and thanked her for attending the night's meeting.

Trustee Budzyn wished Mrs. Doris Stolhammar a Happy Birthday. He highlighted the Village's upcoming Clean-Up Day on April 22 and invited all members of the community to attend to help clean up Mokena.

Trustee Metanias wished Mrs. Doris Stolhammar a Happy Birthday. He welcomed Mr. Jeffrey Zirolì to the Village. Trustee Metanias invited everyone to attend the Village's Clean Up Day on April 22.

### CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer encouraged residents to shop local during the closure of Wolf Road for the Illinois Department of Transportation's bridge project.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:36 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Martini, Village Clerk