

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, Illinois 60448
Monday, March 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the Board of Trustees work session to order at 7:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustees were present:

Joseph Budzyn
Rob Dauphinais
Melissa Fedora
George Metanias

Absent: Debbie Engler

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

East Water Tower Design

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa presented this item.

The Village contracted with Era Valdivia Contractors to paint the East Water Tower in August 2022 after a public bid. The bidding was done with two logos/lettering to replace only the “Mokena” and to not replace the Indian Head logo. When members of the Board first inquired about the possibility of adding a flag to the water tower, Era Valdivia agreed to adjust the size of the lettering to compensate for the added cost of the American Flag. Based on previous Board direction that the Village would forgo the American Flag at the August 15, 2023 work session, staff instructed Era Valdivia to maximize the lettering for better visibility. Era Valdivia subsequently created the stencils for the “Mokena” lettering by December 2022. The Board has recently asked Staff to reconsider and evaluate addition of the flag.

Era Valdivia provided a cost of \$10,000 for one logo and \$14,800 for two logos. Staff also requested a cost for bands above and below the “Mokena” lettering. Era Valdivia provided a cost of \$38,160 for this option.

Staff also researched further implications and costs that would be associated, most notably lighting of the flag required under federal law. Lighting the tower will require additional design and installation costs. Design would include structural and electrical engineering with an estimated minimum cost of \$20,000. Staff estimated the installation cost of \$30,000 but information received from Era Valdivia on March 13, 2023 (i.e. today) put these cost at \$80,000 to light both flags from the ground with a higher projected cost if attached to water tower.

It was also noted that the contractor started work on March 13 to prepare for welding, cleaning, blasting, and painting to begin.

Director of Public Works Kulesa requested Board direction related to logos to the East Tower.

Trustee Budzyn expressed interest in adding a flag on one side and discussed the possibility of having MOKENA moved to North and South side of tower. Trustee Budzyn stated the time was now to add some branding to the East Tower since we only paint them approximately every 30 years. He also believed the cost to light was high and could be done for a lower cost by putting the lighting on the ground or a building nearby.

Trustee Metanias was not in support of adding any logo due to the high costs. He reminded the Board of the recent high costs with the Wolf Road watermain break repair which was another reason for not supporting the logo.

Trustee Dauphinais stated that rebranding was lengthy process and based on time constraints regarding this project and increased cost he did not support the logo at this time.

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Trustee Fedora did state she likes the American Flag very much and had several throughout her home but did not believe the flag would represent anything specific to Mokena from a branding perspective. This in addition to the high cost and potential delay in the tower being down, she did not support any logo at this time.

Mayor Fleischer instructed the Board and staff to consider adding a logo to the next tower being repainted. Mayor Fleischer instructed Village Administrator Tomasoski and Director of Public Works Kulesa to move forward with project as planned at the August 15, 2023 work session.

There being no further business to bring before the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Mayor Fleischer adjourned the work session at 8:09 p.m.