

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

Session #009

May 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the regular session of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fleischer advised that Trustee Fedora will not be in attendance at the night's Board meeting due to a flight delay from Florida.

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

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomaszoski; 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; Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin

Trustee Engler made a motion to move Agenda Item 9c – proclamation for Trustee Budzyn to the ceremonial component of the night's meeting. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (4) Budzyn, Dauphinais, Engler, Metanias

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Fedora

Motion carried

OATH OF OFFICE/INSTALLATION OF MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES

Clerk Martini read a proclamation for Trustee Joseph E. Budzyn.

Village Administrator Tomaszoski presented a pictorial history of Trustee Budzyn's service to Mokena.

Trustee Engler stated it had been a pleasure working with Trustee Budzyn at various Village events. While at times they may have disagreed, she offered her appreciation towards Trustee Budzyn for his knowledge and experience and wished him the best of luck.

Trustee Dauphinais stated he enjoyed working with Trustee Budzyn over the past two years. He highlighted Trustee Budzyn's attention to detail and fiscal responsibility. He offered his appreciation towards Trustee Budzyn for his assistance with being a representative of the Laraway Communications Center. Trustee Dauphinais commended Trustee Budzyn's involvement with the new Police Station and is looking forward to its opening. He thanked him for his service to the Village.

Trustee Metanias highlighted Trustee Budzyn's long commitment to serving the Village in various capacities and stated he is proud to have served on the Village Board with him. He stated that while they may have disagreed at times, Trustee Budzyn will always have his respect. Trustee Metanias thanked Trustee Budzyn for his service, which was an asset to the Village.

Clerk Martini thanked Trustee Budzyn for his service to the Village.

Mayor Fleischer requested former Trustees Joe Siwinski and Jim Richmond provide comments.

Former Trustee Joe Siwinski thanked Trustee Budzyn for his service to the Village and stated he enjoyed working with him on the Village Board. He further thanked him for his time and investments in the new Police Station as well as with the youth of the community.

Former Trustee Jim Richmond stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Village Board with Trustee Budzyn. He thanked Trustee Budzyn for his service and for his persistence and hard work with the Public Safety Facility Planning Committee to build a new Police Station for the residents of the community.

Mayor Fleischer recounted Trustee Budzyn's interest in becoming an elected official. He thanked Trustee Budzyn for his work with the formation and consolidation of the Laraway Communications Center and for his extra efforts to build a new Police Station to serve the Village's police force for years to come. Mayor Fleischer further thanked Trustee Budzyn for his time and service on the Village Board and wished him luck.

Trustee Budzyn thanked Mayor Fleischer, the Village Board, new Trustees Terry Germany and Terence Smith, as well as everyone in attendance at the night's Board meeting. He congratulated new Trustees Terry Germany and Terence Smith on their elections to the Village Board and discussed the important roles of a Trustee. He asked that they focus to control and lower the tax burden on residents and maintain Mokena's fiscal philosophies to provide adequate core services to the community. He suggested looking for better ways to do things and not accepting the status quo. He quoted his co-worker, Assistant United States Attorney Robert Anderson, "Law without enforcement is just advice," and asked that new Trustees keep the quote in mind when considering ordinances and ordinance adoption. Trustee Budzyn recommended that personal interests should not interfere with or compromise decisions as a Trustee and to always do what is in the best interests of the Village.

Trustee Budzyn expressed his thanks to the countless number of individuals he proudly worked with through his 33+ years of service to the Village. He recognized those he served with, including Bob Burke, Robert Chiszar, Bruce Friefeld, Ron Grotovsky, Gary Chase, Joe Siwinski, John Mazzorana, Debbie Engler, George Metanias, Jim Richmond, Melissa Fedora, and Rob Dauphinais. He recognized his former neighbor and great friend, Mark Stlaske, as well as Mayors Mike Everett, Frank Fleischer, Robert Chiszar and Joe Werner.

Trustee Budzyn discussed the reasons he ran for public office, including then-Mayor Ron Grotovsky's push to do so. He further acknowledged Commissioners Michael Moran, John Duffy, John Mirocha, and Ronald Brannan who he served with on the Village's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. He expressed his appreciation to the members for their dedicated service, expertise and professionalism. Trustee Budzyn recognized former Village Administrators Owen Maue, John Downs and John Tomasoski as well as Police Chiefs Harold Fitch, Steve Pollack, Randy Rajewski, Tim McCarthy and Brian Benton.

Trustee Budzyn provided a sincere thank you to the residents and voters of Mokena. He thanked his family, including his late wife Pat, daughter Tricia, son Joe and grandchildren Sadie, Camden, Alex, Mia, Aiden and Archer.

Clerk Martini swore in Trustee Engler.

Clerk Martini swore in Trustee Germany.

Clerk Martini swore in Trustee Smith.

Mayor Fleischer welcomed Trustee Germany and Trustee Smith.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator John Tomamoski presented three (3) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-009, an Ordinance pertaining to the classification and number of Liquor Licenses issued in the Village of Mokena; and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Work Session.
- c. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7 (a), (b) and (c) as depicted in the May 4, 2023 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Fedora

Motion carried

FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig presented the accounts payable list for May totaling \$1,817,364.04. He highlighted the following invoice to be paid:

- \$129,700 to Runnion Equipment Company for a 2022 Ford F550 Boom Truck.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$1,817,364.04. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Fedora

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming May 20 through May 26 as National Safe Boating Week.

Terry Paggi, Division Commander for Division 37 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 9th District Western Region, thanked the Village Board and accepted the proclamation for National Safe Boating Week.

Mayor Fleischer thanked Mr. Paggi for his service and asked what the comparable rank is to his role.

Mr. Paggi advised his role is similar to a Lieutenant Colonel.

Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Mokena.

Mr. Nick Savas of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois thanked the Village Board for their recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month. He discussed the importance of educating the youth and community of motorcycle safety.

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS
N/A

NEW BUSINESS

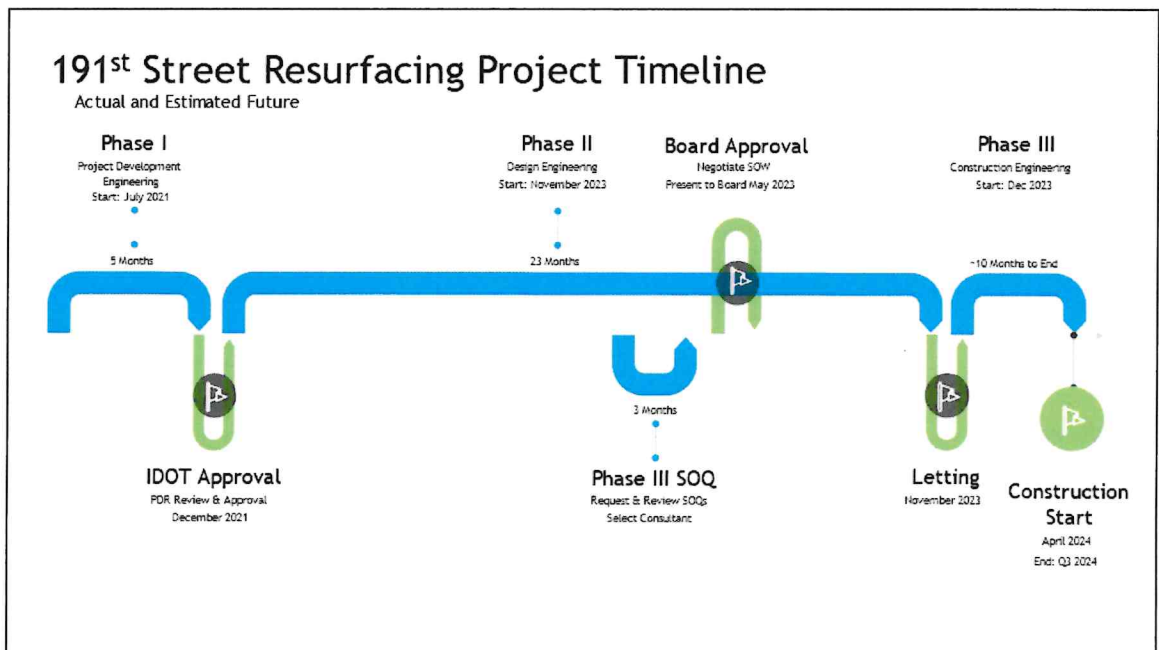
191st Street Funding Resolution and 191st Street Phase III Engineering Recommendation

Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa presented the following item:



Will County Governmental League - STP Grant

- Funded at 80% federal (STP) and 20% local match
 - Construction Estimate
 - STP = \$2,080,000 Local = \$520,000 Total = \$2,600,000
 - Engineering
 - STP = \$312,000 Local = \$78,000 Total = \$390,000
- Mokena applied for 191st St. Resurfacing in 2020- to improve selection probability, began Phase I & II Engineering in FY 22
- Reapplied in Spring 2022 with Phase II Engineering underway
- Selected for funding in September 2023 for Phase III Engineering and Construction
- Funding available for WCGL FY24 (November 2023 start) and required to have IDOT Letting within that funding year to receive funds
- Letting targeted for November 2023



Director of Public Works Kulesa stated In March 2020, the Village Board approved a resolution related to a grant from the Will County Governmental League for the resurfacing of 191st Street between Wolf and LaGrange Roads. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) was awarded the Phase I Engineering (Project Development) and subsequently Phase II Engineering (Design) which is nearing completion. The next phase of the project is Construction where the project will be on the IDOT letting schedule in November 2023 with an expected start of construction in Spring 2024.

- Staff prepared a Request for Qualification (RFQ) consistent with our policy for professional, technical and expert services for Consultants and the Qualifications Based Selection process for federal grants.
- Five Consultants properly responded to the RFQ: CKL Engineering, Thomas Engineering, HR Green, Baxter & Woodman, and Christopher B. Burke Engineering.
- Four members of Public Works Staff evaluated each Consultant with a rated rank analysis format, resulting in Christopher B. Burke Engineering of Rosemont, Illinois being chosen as the most qualified consultant for this project.
- The weighted rank analysis consisted of Project Understanding (30%), Project Team (20%), Related Project Experience (30%), and Project Development Approach (20%).
- The scope of work consists of Construction Engineering in support of the 191st Street Resurfacing Project.
- The total construction project is expected to be complete over the Summer of 2024, likely concluding during the beginning of the Village's Fiscal Year 25.

Director of Public Works Kulesa advised CBBEL worked with the Village for several years and completed the Project Development Report and Engineering Design for this project. Their depth of knowledge for IDOT and Federal requirements, extensive project experience, and project understanding set them apart from the other firms. CBBEL submitted a proposal and fee that Staff reviewed. The proposed total fee is \$341,976 for which Mokena is responsible for 20% (\$68,395.20) with an estimated construction cost of \$2,600,000 for which Mokena is responsible for 20% (\$520,000). Staff has budgeted \$598,000 to the MFT fund in FY24 for this project. The agreement will be submitted to IDOT for approval should the Board agree and approve the selection of CBBEL.

Director of Public Works Kulesa stated that in addition to the agreement, IDOT requires a resolution is passed that ensures the project sponsor (Village of Mokena) can fund and has budgeted the required local match. He further recommended the Board award Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. Phase III Engineering for the 191st Street Resurfacing Project and adopt the resolution ensuring the project sponsor, the Village of Mokena, can fund the required local matching for the above referenced improvements in the amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 24.

Trustee Engler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-004 to authorize the expenditure of funds for the 191st Street Resurfacing, Wolf Road to US 45, to be funded through the Will County Governmental League Surface Transportation Program and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Fedora

Motion carried

Trustee Engler made a motion to select and award a contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. as the Consultant for Phase III Engineering for the 191st Street Resurfacing Project and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Fedora

Motion carried

Traffic Signal Maintenance Bid Recommendation

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin advised the Village Board that a bid opening was held on April 1, 2023 for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program, further stating that the project consists of routine maintenance of traffic signals under the Village of Mokena jurisdiction at eleven (11) locations throughout the Village. Routine maintenance includes replacement of burned-out lamps, lenses, and batteries; cleaning of reflectors; alignment of all heads; and checking of all connections as well as monthly checks of all timings, detectors, electrical components and controllers, and relays, to ascertain that they are functioning properly. Any extra work not included in the contract such as emergency callouts, damage due to accidents, vandalism, or acts of God is paid for on a time and material basis. He advised of the locations to be maintained by the proposed contract.

Assistant Public Works Director Peloquin advised there were two (2) bids received for the project, with H and H Electric being the lowest bidder and under the Village's budgeted amount. Based on this, Village staff recommended awarding the contract for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program to H and H Electric, noting that H and H Electric has worked for the Village in the past and are the Village's traffic signal maintenance contractor having performed all necessary work at a satisfactory level.

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program MFT Section Number 24-00000-01-GM to the lowest bidder, H&H Electric, 2830 Commerce St, Franklin Park, IL, in the total annual amount of \$24,620.64 and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Fedora
Motion carried

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Village Administrator John Tomasoski highlighted Village staff's participation in the Mokena Fire Protection District's CPR training.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Engler thanked the voters for her re-election as Village Trustee. She thanked her husband, Mike, for his support. She highlighted the successful Food Trucks on Front event and invited everyone to attend the next event on May 17. Trustee Engler announced the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is honoring Licolnway Special Recreation Association's Executive Director Keith Wallace and congratulated him on his accomplishments. She also congratulated Mariano Sori-Marin who recently signed a contract with the San Francisco 49ers.

Trustee Dauphinais congratulated Trustee Engler on her re-election as Village Trustee. He congratulated Trustee Germany and Trustee Smith on their elections as Village Trustees and welcomed them to the Village Board.

Trustee Germany thanked the Mayor, Village Board and Village staff. He stated that he will take Trustee Budzyn's comments seriously and that the decision-making in his role as a Trustee will be in the best interests of the residents. He paid tribute to former Trustee John Mazzorana with his tie, which was owned by the former Trustee.

Trustee Smith thanked the voters for his election as Village Trustee. He discussed his background and ambition to bring a different perspective to the Village Board. Trustee Smith stated his intention to represent the residents of the Village with its continued fiscally conservative spending and make a positive impact in the community for future generations. He thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Trustee Metanias congratulated Trustee Engler on her re-election as Village Trustee. He congratulated Trustee Germany and Trustee Smith on their elections as Village Trustees. He discussed the importance of the Village Trustee role and stated he looks forward to working with everyone. Trustee Metanias congratulated Trustee Engler on a successful Food Trucks on Front event and invited everyone to attend and support future Food

Trucks on Front events. He reminded motorists to be cautious now that more people are out enjoying the nice weather.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer thanked Trustee Budzyn for his service and wished him luck in his future endeavors. He congratulated Trustee Engler on her re-election as Village Trustee. He congratulated Trustee Germany and Trustee Smith on their elections as Village Trustees and welcomed them to the Village Board. Mayor Fleischer congratulated Stoney Point Grill and OTB on their successful Kentucky Derby event. He suggested reaching out to the business for their plans next year as it is the 150th Anniversary of the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss 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: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Fedora
Motion carried

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

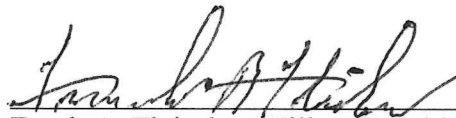
AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Fedora
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

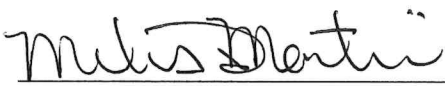
Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 8:38 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (5) Dauphinais, Engler, Germany, Metanias, Smith
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (1) Fedora
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,


Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:


Melissa Martini, Village Clerk