

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

Session #018

September 11, 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.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Clerk Martini called the roll and the following Trustees were present:

Rob Dauphinais
Debbie Engler
Melissa Fedora
Terry G. Germany
George Metanias
Terence Smith

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Village Attorney/Human Resources Director Carl Buck; Acting Commander Robert Williford; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin

DISCOVER MOKENA

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Schlegel discussed safety concerns throughout the Village and requested the Village Board discuss the improvement of pedestrian and vehicle safety in the Village at future work sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator John Tomasoski presented five (5) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to grant approval to the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to conduct door-to-door sales of their fall product program offerings throughout the Village of Mokena from September 22, 2023, through October 15, 2023, door-to-door sales of their cookies throughout the Village of Mokena from December 15, 2023, through January 14, 2024, and booth sales of their cookies throughout the Village of Mokena from February 15, 2024, through May 31, 2024.
- b. Motion to approve and authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for the Mokena Chamber of Commerce's Magic of Mokena Tree and Window Walk scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023, in the downtown area in the vicinity of the Wolf Road and Front Street node, and in the landscaped area along the south side of Front Street between Wolf Road and the west entrance of the Front Street Metra lot.
- c. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-032, an ordinance authorizing the disposition of three John Deere mowers as therein described to J and R Sales, Service, and Repair, Inc. and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.
- d. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023 Work Session.
- e. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

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

FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig presented the accounts payable list for September totaling \$3,573,999.75. He highlighted the following invoice to be paid:

- \$1,083,936.16 to Austin Tyler Construction for Street Maintenance

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$3,573,999.75. Trustee Metanias seconded.

AYES: (6) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Germany, Metanias, Smith
NAYS: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Rail Safety Week Proclamation

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming September 18-24 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Mokena.

Constitution Week Proclamation

A proclamation was read by Clerk Martini proclaiming September 17-23 as Constitution Week in the Village of Mokena.

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Village Administrator John Tomazoski presented information regarding Illinois Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs ICash program. He invited residents to attend the Illinois Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs' I-Cash event at the Village Hall on September 29, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He reminded the public that Metra has rescheduled the crossing closure at 187th Street for safety repairs from September 20 through September 29.

Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson presented a Schedule of Development featuring fall landscaping and welcomed new businesses to the community.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Fedora thanked Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson for bringing back the Schedule of Development and business spotlight to the Village Board meetings. She welcomed all new businesses to the community.

Trustee Metanias invited the public to the Village's last Food Trucks on Front event of the year. He encouraged motorists to utilize safe driving practices. Trustee Metanias recognized the events of September 11, 2001.

Trustee Engler recited a quote from Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, to recognize the events of September 11, 2001: "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

Trustee Dauphinais reminded motorists to utilize safe driving practices.

Trustee Germany agreed with Mr. Schlegel's public comments regarding safety concerns with e-bikes and small motorized vehicles. He suggested the Village Board discuss and address safety in the community. Trustee Germany recognized the events of September 11, 2001.

Trustee Smith passed on the opportunity to make comments.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer discussed the lack of time patrol officers have to catch offenses in the act and suggested the community to be proactive and contact the police to report unsafe activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:24 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

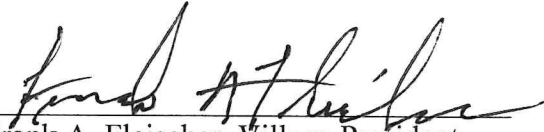
AYES: (6) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)


Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,


Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:


Melissa Martini, Village Clerk