

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

Session #020

October 9, 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.

**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; Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Village Attorney/Human Resources Director Carl Buck; Chief of Police Brian Benton; and Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin

**DISCOVER MOKENA**

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jim Schlegel commented regarding safety concerns throughout the Village and requested the Village Board research and discuss improvements to pedestrian and vehicle safety in the Village.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson presented two (2) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 Work Session.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2023 Board Meeting.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 6 (a) and (b) as depicted in the October 5, 2023 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

**FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig presented the accounts payable list for October totaling \$2,990,194.79. He highlighted the following invoice to be paid:

- \$ 457,562.37 to Austin Tyler Construction for Street Maintenance.
- \$ 378,900.00 to ERA-Valdivia Contractors for the East Water Tower Painting.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$2,990,194.79. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS  
N/A

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS  
N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS  
N/A

OLD BUSINESS

**Police Department Expenditures**

Chief of Police Brian Benton stated that as part of the Village Board’s approval of the construction of the new public safety building in April of 2022, the Village Board reviewed the costs associated with providing the building with furniture, information technology and phone systems, and additional owner costs related to the building construction. Further, in July 2022, the Village Board approved construction of the gun range as a separate contract from the building construction contract. At that time, the Village Board consensus was to approve the building out of the cleaning and training room associated with the gun range with a contingency cost.

Chief Benton advised the Board that as part of the formal approval process for the contract with Henry Brothers, the approval of the above referenced costs was not incorporated as those costs were not part of the construction contract. With the construction advancing, it is necessary to formally approve the costs associated with furniture, information technology and phone systems, build out of the range cleaning and training room, and the range contingency.

Chief Benton stated Village staff is seeking approval of the following costs:

Furniture	\$298,443
IT / Phone System	\$114,480
Additional Owner Costs	\$91,115
Range contingency	\$100,000
Range Cleaning / Training room	\$160,000

Chief Benton stated each of these costs were accounted for as part of the Fiscal Year 24 budget. Accordingly, Village staff is recommending approval of these costs for the purpose of outfitting and completing the installation of the computers, phone system, and range.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the expenditures provided for in the Fiscal Year 24 budget for the public safety building in the amount of \$764,038 for furniture, information technology, phone systems, Owner’s cost, range contingency, and range training and cleaning room buildout. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS  
N/A

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson presented information regarding the Village’s fall free leaf and branch pickup dates on October 25-27 and November 15-17. He presented a business spotlight featuring local businesses that provide fall-flavored items and sweet treats.

### **TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

Trustee Engler discussed the Mokena Police Department's participation in Will County's Men Who Cook fundraiser event and asked Chief Benton to provide the public with additional information.

Chief Benton advised the Village Board and public that members of the Police Department will be participating in Will County's Men Who Cook fundraiser event in support of the Children's Advocacy Center on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. located at Joliet Junior College's Agricultural Center.

Trustee Dauphinais passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Germany passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Smith passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Fedora thanked the Park District for hosting another successful Halloween Hollow event and thanked the Police Department and ESDA for keeping everyone safe during the event.

Trustee Metanias congratulated the Park District for hosting a successful Halloween Hollow event. He offered his condolences to the Saldana family for the passing of Steven Saldana.

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Fleischer congratulated the Park District for hosting a successful Halloween Hollow event. He requested Chief Benton provide the public with an update regarding certain events that happened over the previous weekend.

Chief Benton provided the Village Board and public with an informational update regarding a shooting that occurred on October 6, 2023 in the Village. He further provided the public with information on how to receive emergency notifications.

Mayor Fleischer encouraged residents to refrain from using social media.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 7:28 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: (6) Dauphinais, Engler, Fedora, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

### **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular session at 7:32 p.m.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

### **ADJOURNMENT**

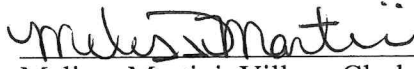
Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:37 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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