

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

Session #004

February 26, 2024

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:

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

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson; Village Attorney/Human Resources Director Carl Buck; Chief of Police Brian Benton; Director of Public Works Jim Kulesa; Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin; and Village Engineer Kyle Vester

DISCOVER MOKENA

June Graffy of Curtain Call Theatre presented information for the theatre's upcoming performances of The Runner Stumbles on March 1-3, 2024 and March 8-10, 2024. She advised that auditions for Curtain Call Theatre's next production, You Can't Take It With You, are taking place on March 20-21, 2024. She announced the theatre's upcoming Improv Night on March 23, 2024 and also announced Curtain Call Theatre's 2024 Emily McCabe Musical Theatre Program is now open for registration. More information and ticket purchasing options can be found through their website at www.ccctheatre.com or by contacting the theatre at (708) 607-2281.

Trustee Engler asked what dates the Emily McCabe Musical Theatre Program runs for.

Ms. Graffy stated the big kids program runs for five weeks, Monday through Thursday (first week Monday through Friday) with morning (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) and afternoon sessions (1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) available. The junior camp program runs for four weeks and the sessions run at the same time as the big kids program.

Mayor Fleischer thanked Ms. Graffy and Curtain Call Theatre for choosing Mokena and for the great job that they do. He recognized their business as a staple in community.

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Schlegel stated he looks forward to Mr. Bill Weber's new development. He commented on the upcoming 191st Street resurfacing project and asked the Village Board to consider a safety island at 191st Street and Schoolhouse Road to safely cross 191st Street. Mr. Schlegel discussed his support of Senate Bill 2769 that would create a program to provide internships with state government to honorably discharged veterans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator John Tomasoski presented six (6) items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. These items are strictly administrative in nature.

- a. Motion to approve the purchase of an EnviroSight Quickview 360 camera from Standard Equipment Co. in an amount not to exceed \$21,315 and to authorize the Public Works Director to execute the same.
- b. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-O-007, an ordinance authorizing the sale/transfer/disposition via Clinton Auto Auction of certain personal property owned by the Village of Mokena and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.
- c. Motion to approve the placement of an order for one Ford F550 vehicle with uplift from Currie Ford in an amount of \$114,907.24 and to waive the bidding requirement due to inventory shortages and uncertain delivery dates pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-2.
- d. Motion to approve the North Aquatics Club, Inc. of Tinley Park Bubble Run on Saturday, June 1, 2024; and to authorize the use of municipal/Village resources for event coordination.
- e. Motion to conditionally approve the Mokena Lions Club's 36th Annual Firecracker Dance Weekend and Fundraiser Event on Friday, July 12, 2024 and Saturday, July 13, 2024 utilizing the Front Street commuter lot from Friday morning, July 12 through Monday, July 15, 2024; 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.
- f. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 6 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) as depicted in the February 22, 2024 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

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Appointment of Brent Cann to Community Development Director Position

Village Administrator John Tomasoski stated that due to the resignation of Matt Ziska on August 1, 2023, there has been a vacancy in the Village's management team for the position of Community Development Director. Since that time, Assistant Village Administrator Greg Anderson has acted as the Community Development Director to keep the department working as efficiently as possible. The opening was advertised on several job sites and our Village website. Over 500 applicants submitted resumes for the Community Development Director position.

Village Administrator Tomasoski discussed the initial review of applicants and interview process conducted by himself, Assistant Village Administrator Greg Anderson and Village Attorney/Human Resources Director Carl Buck. Based the interviews, it was determined that Mr. Brent Cann emerged as the primary candidate and possesses the skills and qualifications necessary to fulfill the duties of the Community Development Director position based on his education, training, and experience.

Village Administrator Tomasoski reviewed Mr. Cann's educational and professional background. He further recommended Mr. Brent Cann to fill the position of Community Development Director.

Trustee Engler made a motion to appoint Mr. Brent Cann to the position of Community Development Director and to approve an employment agreement between the Village of Mokena and Mr. Brent Cann to commence at the direction of the Village Administrator and to authorize the Village Clerk and Village President execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

Trustee Metanias welcomed Mr. Cann to the Village.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Mr. Cann thanked the Village Board for the opportunity.

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Assistant Village Administrator/Acting Community Development Director Greg Anderson announced The Golf Facility and A Bite of Mexico are now open for business and welcomed them to the community.

Village Administrator John Tomasoski reminded the public that the Village's permit fee rates have been adjusted, effective February 12, 2024.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Smith passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Fedora offered her condolences to a local family.

Trustee Metanias highlighted and recommended new business A Bite of Mexico.

Trustee Engler congratulated her granddaughter, Emma, for making Lincoln Way Central's Honor Roll and wished her luck at softball tryouts. She reminded motorists to be cautious while driving and pay attention children and others out enjoying the nicer weather.

Trustee Dauphinais welcomed Mr. Brent Cann to the Village and looks forward to working with him.

Trustee Germany passed on the opportunity to make comments.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini passed on the opportunity to make comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer passed on the opportunity to make comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:20 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