

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

Session #016

August 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleischer called the regular session of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:45 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:

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

Absent: Rob Dauphinais

Also present were the following: Village Clerk Melissa Martini; Village Administrator John Tomasoski; Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig; Village Attorney/Human Resources Director Carl Buck; Chief of Police Brian Benton; Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin; and Community Development Director Brent Cann

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to enter executive session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Dauphinais

Motion carried

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Dauphinais

Motion carried

Mayor Fleischer advised the public that the night's meeting began with an executive session.

DISCOVER MOKENA

Clerk Martini presented the Community Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Schlegel suggested that the Village Board discuss electronic signage at a future work session meeting. He discussed the reasons as to why he does not support electronic signage in the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-O-029, an ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus property owned by the Village of Mokena and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the same.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024 Work Session.
- c. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 Board Meeting and Work Session.

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7 (a), (b) and (c) as depicted in the August 8, 2024 Request for Board Action prepared by the Village Administrator. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

FINANCE REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Finance Director Nathan Pasbrig presented the accounts payable list for August totaling \$1,473,792.30. He highlighted the following invoice to be paid:

- \$51,650.22 to Axon Enterprise for the Police Department Body Camera System

Trustee Engler made a motion to approve the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$1,473,792.30. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS
N/A

PRE-SCHEDULED PROPOSALS / PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS
N/A

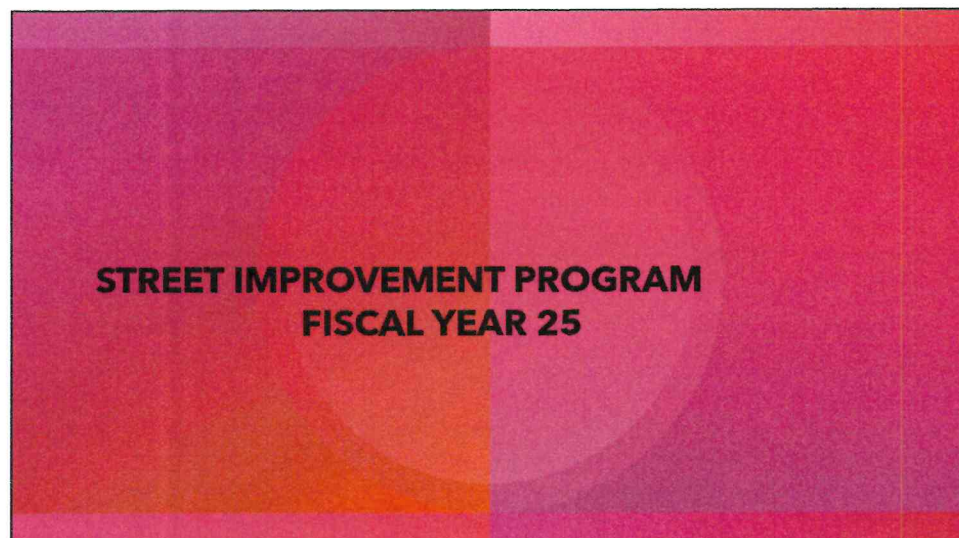
PUBLIC HEARINGS
N/A

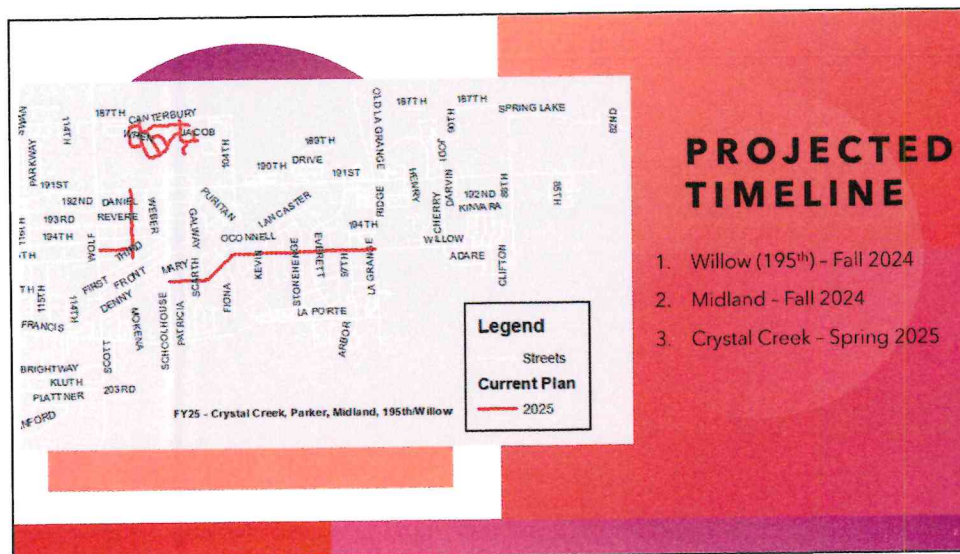
OLD BUSINESS
N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Recommendation: Fiscal Year 2025 Street Improvements

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin presented the following item:





BID RESULT FROM AUGUST 5TH, 2024

Fiscal Year 2025 Street Improvements	
Contractor	Bid Amount
P.T. Ferro Construction ***	\$2,712,760.18
Iroquois Paving	\$2,997,879.88
Gallagher Asphalt	\$3,155,511.20
Austin Tyler Construction	\$3,238,284.16
D. Construction	\$3,267,591.48
K-Five Construction	\$3,361,945.93

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin stated that a bid opening was held on August 5, 2024 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Street Improvements. The work consists of concrete curb/sidewalk replacements, milling, underdrains, patching, longitudinal joint sealing, resurfacing, and ancillary repairs at various locations within the Village of Mokena. For this project, the Village will be performing work on approximately 4.5 miles of roads that include Willow Avenue/195th Street (Schoolhouse Road to LaGrange Road), Midland Avenue (191st Street to Third Street), Parker Street (Wolf Road to Midland Avenue) and many streets within the Crystal Creek subdivision (south of 187th Street beginning a couple blocks east of Wolf Road).

Significant construction should begin very soon after Labor Day. Per the bid documents, Willow/195th, Midland and Parker should be completed before Thanksgiving. Also per the bid documents, as this is a very large project, the beginning of construction within the Crystal Creek subdivision shall depend on the project's progress versus possible weather conditions which could mean this area may have to begin after winter.

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin stated that six (6) bids were received for the project, with the lowest bid received from P.T. Ferro Construction of Joliet, Illinois, in the amount of \$2,712,760.18. The budgeted amount of \$3,763,000 was available for this project. After reviewing the bids, it was determined bidders were responsive and responsible in accordance with the intent of the bid documents. P.T. Ferro Construction has satisfactorily performed these street improvements for the Village in recent years.

The favorable bid result being lower than the budgeted amount for the street improvement project allows the Village the opportunity to increase the budgeted amount for the Village-wide sidewalk replacement program by an additional \$200,000 to a proposed total of \$450,000. The increased budget amount would be similar to the last fiscal year.

Assistant Public Works Director Dan Peloquin further recommended awarding the bid for the Fiscal Year 2025 Street Improvements to the lowest bidder, P.T. Ferro Construction, Joliet, Illinois in the amount of \$2,712,760.18 with an additional budgeted amount for any contingencies if needed up to \$3,350,000. Additionally, it is Village staff's

recommendation to increase the sidewalk replacement program budget by \$200,000 as a result of the favorable bids received for the street improvement program.

Trustee Engler made a motion to award a contract for the Fiscal Year 2025 Street Improvements to the lowest bidder, P.T. Ferro Construction, of Joliet, Illinois, in the amount of \$2,712,760.18, and to award additional work under said contract to P.T. Ferro Construction, up to \$3,350,000.00 and to waive the bidding requirements for said additional work based upon the competitive prices contained in the bid for said services, and to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute same. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

Trustee Engler made a motion to authorize an increase to the Capital Improvement, Repair & Replacement Fund, Improvements – Sidewalk and Curbs Repairs budget item to a total of \$450,000. Trustee Metanias seconded.

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Chief of Police Brian Benton thanked the Village Board, residents, businesses and public for coming out to support the Police Department's National Night Out on August 6. He further thanked the Mokena Community Park District for hosting the event and sharing their property. He recognized Sergeant Jason Louthan, Police Officer Tom Czarniecki, and Administrative Assistant Sarah McCarthy for their efforts in planning and organization of the event.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Smith passed on the opportunity to make comments.

Trustee Fedora wished all students a successful 2024-2025 school year.

Trustee Metanias recognized Trustee Engler for another successful Food Trucks on Front event on August 7 and mentioned the Ronald J. Grotovsky Mayors Charitable Golf Outing on August 13. He congratulated Chief Benton and the Mokena Police Department on a successful National Night Out event.

Trustee Engler announced there are three Food Trucks on Front events left of the 2024 season. She highlighted the Police Department's successful National Night Out event. Trustee Engler encouraged drivers to use extra caution while driving now that school is back in session.

Trustee Germany highlighted the Police Department's successful National Night Out event and encouraged drivers to use extra caution while driving now that school is back in session.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Martini announced that petition packets will be available at the Village Hall on August 20 for those interested in running in the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election for the positions of Village President, Village Clerk and Village Trustee positions.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fleischer thanked Chief Benton and the Police Department for their efforts to organize and run the National Night Out event on August 6. He recognized Trustee Engler for bringing additional popular food trucks to the Village's Food Trucks on Front events.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Engler made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the scheduled work session at 7:17 p.m. Trustee Metanias seconded.

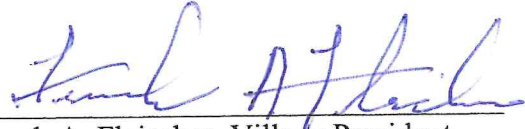
AYES: (5) Engler, Fedora, Germany, Metanias, Smith

NAYS: (0)

Absent: (1) Dauphinais

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Frank A. Fleischer, Village President

ATTEST:



Melissa Martini, Village Clerk