

**IMODS**  
**MINUTES OF 04/28/2009**

President Miles convened the meeting at 6:30 PM at North Shore Community Bank. Present were Scott Holtz, Bill Novello, Peter Nicholas, Bill Schmidt and Dick Witry, Janice Cook, Ross Mathee. Absent were Sonya Baysinger, Kathy Skobel. New members present were James Kardasis d/b/a Management Consulting Company. Jeff Berman of the 219 Education Foundation was also present. Tom Thompson and other guests were present.

President Miles discussed 2009 goals. There is \$6787.52 in the Foyteck fund. It is hoped that a sculpture can be placed in Krier Plaza although a communication from the Village Manager suggested that Veterans Park should also be considered due to overcrowding concerns at Krier Plaza. A picture of the "Boots & Helmet" sculpture was circulated to the Board. If a family member purchases the sculpture the cost is reduced to \$3900.00. Randy will discuss the matter with Connie Foyteck and report to the Board. Bill Schmidt moved that President Miles be authorized to consummate the purchase of the sculpture and associated materials (concrete pod) at a cost not to exceed the balance in the Foyteck fund. Bill Novello seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Car shows for the summer were discussed. Scott Holtz continues to meet with the Chamber officials to discuss. It appears that at this time the car shows may not occur due to lack of financial backing. Sponsorship of the five show package will cost \$2000.00. Individual show sponsorships will cost \$500.00. (*Sponsorship has been secured from Evanston Subaru and others, at this point the car shows will begin in June*). The Backlot Bash will be held in downtown Skokie on August 28-30. The 5 K race will occur in the downtown and Lorel Park areas. Here were discussions regarding sponsorship opportunities. Pleas for donations to operate the Skokie Theater during the bash were made. \$750.00 has already been raised. Scott Holtz passed out "Super Fan" sponsorship materials.

Bill Novello and Tom Thompson have met regarding the Village Grant. The Village awaits further information from IMODS before funding the 2008 grant. Bill Novello will tender this information to the Village within the next 2 weeks.

Fran Roehm from the Skokie Public Library reported on the state of SkokieNet. The platform is being rebuilt and continues to be "tweaked" and, hopefully, will be up and running in the next 72 hours. The Library will be open during the Bash.

Scott Holtz reported that the website continues to be in the top 5 regarding page views. He reported on "Triblocal.com" a new website where anyone can get on line and write a story which may be included in the issue (at the editor's discretion). The print edition will be placed in the North Shore issue delivered to Skokie residents.

Peter Nicholas reported that the Temporary Zoning Advisory Committee is now reviewing zoning changes which will affect residential areas and Dempster Street.

William Novello presented the Treasurer's report. Witry moved its approval which was seconded by Schmidt. Motion passed in a voice vote.

The minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were passed out electronically. Motion to approve made by Novello and seconded by Holtz. Motion passed in a voice vote.

Tom Thompson from the Village of Skokie was present and reported on the Skokie Swift Oakton Street station. It is expected that groundbreaking will occur in the fall and the construction schedule will last 17 months. An interesting design facet is that because of the power line towers and the inability to relocate the towers, pedestrian egress will be via an underground tunnel. The marketing study is ongoing. The interviews have been completed. Sweetie Pies will relocate to the former Vitello's bakery building at 8044 Lincoln Avenue. SP will take approximately 60% of the first floor. The Potpourri building, purchased by the nearby day care center, may receive facade restoration monies from the Village. The Village website has a downtown Skokie "button" and an IMODS link. He reported that the brickwork in Krier Plaza is to be replaced, and in fact, work had already begun. A medical tech school may rent the former Katz-Weiss building now owned by Forest City. Lastly, sign designs submitted to the Village by Kathy Skobel for the downtown area are being reviewed.

Next meeting date will be August 19th - location to be announced.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 PM which was seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Witry, Secretary