

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 21st, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope
ABSENT: None
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. President Pope announced that Item M would be removed from the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as revised.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

PROCLAMATION

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month
June 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare June 2010 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in the Village of Oak Park. Trustee Lueck read the Proclamation aloud. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

- A. Village Manager Tom Barwin described the damage resulting from the storms on Friday, including tree damage, traffic signal malfunction and power outages throughout the Village. Crews from the Public Works Department were out Friday to clear tree limbs and other debris from streets and remained throughout the evening until 12:30 a.m. They resumed work on Saturday morning; cleanup should continue for another week. Mr. Barwin asked residents to pull any remaining tree limbs or branches to the curbside. He also thanked the Public Works, Fire and Police departments for their prompt responses to each incident.

Trustee Johnson suggested an amendment to the budget allowing for the replacement of 60 trees that needed to be removed.

CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

- B. President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer for commissions and boards.
- C. It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope:

Historic Preservation Commission

Appointment of Christina Morris, as Chair, with a term to expire March 2, 2012

Public Art Advisory Commission

Reappointment of Marcia Palozzolo, as Member, with a term to expire July 2, 2013

Forestry Commission

Appointment of Tom Philion, as Chair, with a term to expire June 21, 2013

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

*All Ordinances and Resolutions adopted herein
are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk*

- D. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-78 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH KNOWLES CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT 10-1, WATER AND SEWER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,381,225** be adopted.

Village Engineer Jim Budrick stated that a number of reconstruction alternatives were offered to contractors to bid on; asphalt, concrete and permeable brick pavers on one block with asphalt on the remaining three. He recommended that this project include reconstruction of four blocks of street in concrete because of the overall longevity and low maintenance. The estimated savings would be \$6,000 in the first 40 years.

Trustee Hale commented that by using asphalt, the present savings would be \$168,000.

Trustee Johnson asked which material was more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Mr. Budrick explained that concrete did not create a heat island and was recyclable without adding rejuvenating materials to it, unlike asphalt. He added that

in two years, asphalt would require maintenance such as patching, crack filling and micro-surfacing. Concrete would require no maintenance for at least 20 years.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope

NAYS: Trustee Hale

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted

N. Motion to Direct Staff to Pursue Refinancing Bond Issues

Chief Financial Officer Craig Lesner explained the bond refinancing process and was requesting permission to proceed with the bonds to market. The bids would then be brought back to the Board for approval. He spoke about the 2001-2002 General Obligation(GO) Bonds originally issued for construction of the Library on Lake Street. Refinance will be used to amend the payment schedule to account for delays in the Cook County process. The 2001 Water and Parking Revenue Bonds would be refinanced as GO bonds along with the 2003 GO Bonds. Savings would be achieved through the rate structure. He also discussed the \$7.6 million borrowed from Park National Bank, now U.S. Bank. Currently, the Village is paying a 5.6 percent interest rate for just over five years. By going to the marketplace, that could come down to 3.5 to 4 percent, a savings of approximately \$300,000 over the next five years.

Trustee Hedges noted that the total net savings for all refinancing would be about \$1.3 million.

Trustee Pate asked Mr. Lesner when he would be presenting this back to the Board; he indicated it would be the last meeting in July.

It was moved and seconded to approve a **Motion to Direct Staff to Pursue Refinancing Bond Issues.**

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

O. It was moved and seconded to approve a Motion to Amend the 2010 Liquor Control Review Board Work Plan to Include a Review of the Liquor Class B Restaurant License as Directed at the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting and Make Recommendations to the Village Board.

Trustee Hedges spoke of perhaps eliminating the lounge area altogether, or allowing drinks without food during certain hours of operation. He was interested in what the Liquor Control Review Board's thoughts were, as well as those of the community.

Village Clerk Teresa Powell, liaison to the Liquor Control Review Board, said that they were hoping to get an idea of what problems exist and suggestions for changes through conversations with the owners of the various restaurants with liquor licenses.

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH INTERVENTIONIST/COORDINATOR WITH OAK PARK TOWNSHIP

Village Manager Barwin introduced John Williams, Director of Oak Park Township Youth Services, and Oak Park Township Manager Gavin Morgan.

Mr. Williams gave an overview of the interventionist program, which the Village has participated in for the past 14 years. The interventionists work with youth and their families regarding issues with gangs, drugs, and violence. This is a collaborative effort with the other taxing bodies in Oak Park and River Forest. The Village's contribution would be 28% of the total funding; approximately \$69,000 for 2010-11 and \$71,000 for 2011-12.

President Pope asked the rationale behind the percentage breakout. Mr. Williams explained that a formula was used based on the size of each taxing body. The final figure was agreed to after negotiations between the taxing bodies, taking into consideration what resources they had and what they could commit to.

Trustee Lueck commented that all of the Village's partner agencies have sustained cuts, let alone getting built-in increases for 2012. If this was approved, they were not being held to the same standard. The proportions established in 1996 were outdated and didn't seem like a reasonable distribution. It needed to be revisited in terms of current resources and current benefits to the taxing bodies.

Trustee Hedges agreed that this needs to be adjusted but not at the expense of endangering the success of the program.

Trustee Johnson also agreed and praised Mr. Williams and his staff. He stated that there needed to be a more balanced approach to the distribution of funding and asked if the Board could approve the agreement for just one year at this level. He stated that outside funding should also be pursued.

Trustee Brewer raised the issue of personnel cost increases in the agreement and noted that partner agencies that underwent cuts were laying people off. He asked where cost savings related to personnel can be made and how soon the taxing bodies could meet to address modifying the distribution.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-79 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH INTERVENTIONIST/COORDINATOR WITH OAK PARK TOWNSHIP** amended to one year be adopted.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

- F. Resolution 2010-R-80 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE NEAR WEST SUBURBAN HOUSING COLLABORATIVE WITH THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD ENTERING INTO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL HOUSING COORDINATOR**
- G. Resolution 2010-R-81 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REHABILITATION LOAN AND A LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFR-030A**
- H. Resolution 2010-R-82 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: FTHB-002**
- I. **Motion to Adopt the "Procedure Manual for Board, Commissions and Committees in the Village of Oak Park" As Amended**
- J. **Motion to Accept the Zoning Board of Appeals' Recommendation & Findings of Facts as Proposed and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents for a Special Use Located at 715 Lake Street**
- K. Ordinance 2010-O-39 ENTITLED **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-9-8F OF THE VILLAGE CODE DESIGNATING 845 CHICAGO AND 250 FOREST AS OAK PARK HISTORIC LANDMARKS AS REVIEWED AT THE JUNE 7, 2010 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
- L. Resolution 2010-O-83 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH WATER PUMPING STATIONS WITH COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000.00**
- P. **Motion to Amend the 2010 Transportation Commission Work Plan to Include a Review of Speed Zones as Directed at the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting and Make Recommendations to the Village Board**
- Q. Resolution 2010-O-84 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH MCADAM LANDSCAPE INC. OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS, FOR VILLAGE WIDE LITTER PICK UP SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000**

President Pope removed Item R from the Consent Agenda for a regular vote after approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approve the Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the items under the Consent Agenda.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope

NAYS: None

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

- R. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2010-O-40 entitled **ORDINANCE FOR ALL WAY STOP SIGNS ON DIVISION STREET AT WOODBINE AVENUE as Reviewed at the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting** be adopted.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Johnson, Lueck and Pate

NAYS: Trustee Hedges and President Pope

The ordinance was adopted.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell congratulated newly sworn-in police officer Ron Foytek. She thanked the Public Works crews for their hard work cleaning up after the storm, and reminded everyone to purchase their vehicle stickers before the July 1 deadline. She referred to Trustee Lueck's comment at the June 7 meeting regarding Boards and Commissions and whether they are all still serving a useful purpose.

Trustee Hedges commended Public Works and said it was very heartening to hear the stories about neighbors helping neighbors with storm cleanup. He spoke about attending the Midweek Market and said it was wonderful.

Trustee Brewer raised the subject of the District 200 lawsuit against the Village and an action taken today in court. Village Attorney Ray Heise elaborated and stated that the judge sustained half of the Village's motion to dismiss in ordering District 200 to name District 97 as a necessary party to the litigation by July 12th. The remainder of the motion to dismiss will be responded to at that time. Trustee Brewer noted that about \$100,000 in taxpayers' money has been spent defending this lawsuit to date.

Trustee Lueck discussed a meeting she and President Pope attended hosted by the Housing Center on Building Sustainable and Inclusive Communities. She said that it was an interesting presentation and gave good information in terms of how we build upon our relationships with neighboring communities and think more regionally about distribution of dollars.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the Afro Cultural and Technological Olympics and commended the winners. He also discussed the open house bike event the past weekend; it was an innovative idea and received much press coverage throughout the Chicagoland area. Trustee Johnson noted that some of the repairs being made by Nicor were deteriorating. He also wanted citizens to be aware of the 52 shootings reported in Chicago over the weekend and to count their blessings to live in a community such as Oak Park, but not to forget there are neighbors so close that are having these kinds of tragic consequences.

Trustee Hale stated that one of the positive things that comes out of difficult economic conditions is that it will often force the Board to think of better ways to do things and cited several examples given that evening.

Trustee Pate commented that she was out of town during the storm but commended the staff for their quick response and email updates.

Village Manager Barwin spoke about an article in the June 20 New York Times about Park National Bank. He also discussed the crime in Chicago and other urban areas and said that local governments should be approaching Washington D.C. more aggressively. He suggested a resolution regarding National Youth Corps.

President Pope discussed his attendance at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and said he had a conversation with Mayor Daley regarding the Village's Firearms Ordinance. He noted that the Supreme Court ruling would be in a few days. He referred to the New York Times article and said it was troubling that it was not more focused on the injustice and ill-advised economic decision. President Pope stated that the Village has received money from the county to put up cameras that have the ability to track train platforms and help ensure public safety on the green and blue lines. He referred to the District 200 lawsuit and reiterated that the Board wished to meet with representatives of their Board to try to resolve this issue. He also commended the Park District and their transformation over the last ten years. The annual bicycle sale would be June 26; he reminded drivers to be watchful of pedestrians and those on bicycles.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M. Monday, June 21st, 2010.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Executive Secretary

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk