

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck and Pate; President Pope
ABSENT: None
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

President Pope conveyed a statement from Police Chief Tanksley regarding the recent incidents in Oak Park involving women being approached at night by an individual who has demanded and/or taken their valuables. Patrols have increased significantly in the area and the investigation continues. President Pope stated that anyone with information regarding this individual should contact the Police Department and noted that officers are available from dusk until dawn to escort residents who feel uneasy walking alone in the Village. He urged residents to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

II. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2011, be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

III. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS

Village Clerk Powell read the resolution aloud. It was moved and seconded that the **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS** 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.

IV. REMARKS FROM OUTGOING TRUSTEE JON HALE

Trustee Hale acknowledged his colleagues and family. He spoke about the many accomplishments of the Board during his tenure, despite the recession and housing crisis. He noted that there were still challenges facing the new Board and concluded by thanking all who have a role in making Oak Park the community it is.

V. REMARKS FROM OUTGOING TRUSTEE JAN PATE

Trustee Pate said that it has been an honor serving as trustee. She recognized Village staff members and her fellow trustees for their hard work and assistance throughout the past several years. In conclusion, she congratulated the newly elected trustees and wished them luck.

VI. REMARKS FROM MID-TERM TRUSTEES

Trustee Brewer thanked Trustees Hale and Pate for their service to the community and for their guidance. He stated that he looked forward to working with Trustee-Elect Salzman and Trustee-Elect Tucker.

Trustee Lueck discussed how much she has enjoyed being part of the current Board and spoke about their achievements. She praised Trustee Pate for her organizational and communication skills and Trustee Hale for his attention to detail and financial expertise.

Trustee Hedges commended the outgoing trustees for their dedication and was proud to have served with them. He welcomed Trustee-Elect Salzman and Trustee-Elect Tucker and noted that their fresh eyes and fresh ideas will be important contributions to the Board.

VII. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

1. Village Trustee Ray Johnson (4 year term) – Sworn in by Village Clerk Teresa Powell
2. Village Trustee Adam Salzman (4 year term) – Sworn in by Village Clerk Teresa Powell
3. Village Trustee Bob Tucker (4 year term) – Sworn in by Village Clerk Teresa Powell

VIII. RESOLUTIONS IN APPRECIATION OF OUTGOING TRUSTEES AND PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

1. Resolution in Appreciation of Trustee Jon Hale

Trustee Lueck read the resolution aloud. It was moved and seconded that the **RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF TRUSTEE JON HALE** be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the resolution was adopted.

2. Resolution in Appreciation of Trustee Jan Pate

Trustee Hedges read the resolution aloud. It was moved and seconded that the **RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF TRUSTEE JAN PATE** be adopted. A voice vote was

taken and the resolution was adopted.

IX. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DIVERSITY STATEMENT

President Pope read the Diversity Statement aloud. It was moved and seconded that the **RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DIVERSITY STATEMENT** be approved.

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 approved.

X. REMARKS FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Adam Salzman

Trustee Salzman thanked his family, Village Manager Tom Barwin and his fellow trustees for their support. He discussed his first election experience in New York City during the 2001 mayoral primary and what he experienced there on September 11.

He noted that he would do his best to maintain and protect the Village's legacy as embodied by the Diversity Statement and honor his campaign commitments.

2. Trustee Bob Tucker

Trustee Tucker stated that it is an honor, as well as a great responsibility, to be a trustee. He noted that finding and creating efficiencies in government and working with other taxing bodies to save taxpayer money is a top priority, along with ensuring that Village government remain open, transparent and responsive to all residents.

In conclusion, he thanked the voters of Oak Park, the outgoing trustees for their outstanding service and his family for their support.

Remarks from the Re-Elected Trustee

1. Trustee Ray Johnson

Trustee Johnson presented his parting gifts to former Trustees Jan Pate and Jon Hale.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the 2007 campaign and said that the goals promised during that campaign have been achieved or are in the process of being fulfilled. He commended the Village staff for their services despite cutbacks due to the economic crisis and believes that this Board has instilled a sense of confidence in Village government that was not present before.

He stated that being elected for a third term is an honor and that being a trustee is all about serving the citizens of Oak Park.

In closing, Trustee Johnson thanked his parents and his friends for their support.

XI. REMARKS FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT DAVID POPE

President Pope expressed appreciation to former Trustee Pate and former Trustee Hale for their service to the community. He commended former Trustee Hale for his leadership regarding financial decisions and former Trustee Pate for her commitment to the youth of the community.

President Pope stated that he looked forward to working with Trustees Salzman and Tucker and summarized the Board's accomplishments over the last four years and objectives for the future. He said he felt fortunate to be in the position he is in, as he and his colleagues have an opportunity to be able to do good things for the community. He also thanked Village staff who support the Board and all the work they do.

XII. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M. Monday, May 2, 2011.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk