

**APPROVED MINUTES - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN ROOM 130 OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Pope called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope
ABSENT: None

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
TO DISCUSS SALE OF PROPERTY, PROPERTY ACQUISITION, AND LABOR**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of sale of property, property acquisition and labor. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. Monday, September 26, 2011.

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IN ROOM 101

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope
ABSENT: None

The Special Meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m. in Room 101.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

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

A. Presentation and Motion to Accept the Health Department's IPLAN for 2011-2016

Village Manager Tom Barwin stated that in order to maintain state certification, the Health Department must submit an Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) every five years and introduced Health Department Director Margaret Provost-Fyfe.

Ms. Provost-Fyfe gave a presentation providing an overview of the IPLAN process. Information discussed included demographics, socioeconomics, mortality, birth and Health Department Program data. She explained that the IPLAN is a community health assessment and strategic planning tool compiled by a representative group of community stakeholders who review these statistics. Five specific community specific health priorities are then identified. This year's IPLAN includes obesity, teen alcohol and drug abuse, mental health for all ages, chronic disease and inability to access adequate health and dental care.

Trustee Lueck recommended that the Board of Health research the possibility of an ordinance requiring nutritional labeling on restaurant menus. She also noted that the report lacks clarity to distinguish between mental health and mental illness and recommended a greater focus on promotion of mental health.

Trustee Brewer asked for clarification regarding "screen time" in local child care facilities. Ms. Provost-Fyfe explained that this is the amount of time a child spends in front of a video or TV screen rather than being physically active.

Trustee Johnson noted that according to the report, the number of sexually transmitted diseases, especially among young people, was on the rise and asked why this was not addressed in the five priorities. Ms. Provost-Fyfe stated that sexually transmitted disease control was already one of the core functions of the Health Department.

President Pope asked how Oak Park compares to other communities and whether any additional areas need more focus. Ms. Provost-Fyfe stated that specific data is not collected at the community level.

It was moved and seconded to accept the **Health Department's IPLAN for 2011-2016**. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

B. Resolution to Approve Electric Aggregation Operation Plan for the Village of Oak Park's Community Choice Aggregation Program

Sustainability Manager K.C. Poulos summarized the history of the Aggregation Program and what steps were taken to create the Operation Plan.

She noted that several parties are involved in implementing this plan, each with different responsibilities. The Village will be the facilitator of the program and ensure that a smooth process is executed between Com Ed and the alternative retail electric supplier (ARES). The aggregation consultant, Energy Choices, represents the interest of the Village and the aggregation members in drafting the plan, reviewing proposals and recommending the successful bidder as well as overseeing the

program. The ARES will implement the program and provide quarterly progress reports to the Village. Com Ed will provide a confidential list of accounts and send notice regarding the rate change to their customers. They will continue to be the single biller as well as the provider for customer service and outage responses.

She referred to the Plan, noting that the RFP asks the ARES to secure the lowest priced electricity supply available and a bid for 100% renewable electricity and to set aside a one-time payment to the Village derived from the savings to help create an Energy Efficiency Fund.

Mr. Barwin noted that he expects both the lowest price mix and the 100% renewable option to be less than what residents are currently paying. The payment to the Village, in quarterly installments over the first year, will amount to approximately \$400,000. The Energy Efficiency Fund will be used for further sustainability initiatives and progress in energy efficiency in Oak Park.

Trustees Hedges and Lueck expressed concern that part of the savings promised to the residents was going to the Village.

Mr. Barwin pointed out that this would go towards various initiatives that would save residents money in the end.

Trustee Lueck commented that the relationship between the consultant and the ARES is unusual, as the consultant has a role in designing the RFP as well as choosing the ARES, yet is being paid by the ARES.

Mr. Barwin explained that the consultant will receive a set fee, capped at \$100,000 for this contract, not a percentage of the contract. They will receive the same amount of money regardless of who the chosen ARES is.

Trustee Lueck asked how a two-year contract was determined.

Craig Shuttenberg of Energy Choices stated that significant savings between now and May of 2013 is almost guaranteed. Com Ed sets their rates every three years; this will occur during the last six or seven months of the contract. The Village will be in a better position to decide then whether to lock in a subsequent contract for one year or more based on the marketplace at that time.

Trustee Salzman expressed support for \$400,000 going towards the Energy Efficiency Fund.

Trustee Brewer noted that it had to be made very clear what the compensating benefits are for electing this fund and how they anticipate using it.

Trustee Johnson expressed concern about the purpose of the Energy Efficiency Fund. He noted that this is a new program and the Village has yet to determine exactly what administrative costs will be. He also questioned whether this fund would be allocated toward low income residents or to all residents and asked for more details.

Mr. Barwin explained that the intention of the Village is to create programs for the aggregate co-op members that would enable them to continue saving money and reduce their electrical consumption. He also would recommend a 10% cap on administrative costs.

President Pope commented that it appears that there will be additional information coming forward and defining the purpose at this time may prevent the Board from moving quickly to approve the RFP. Following discussion of Appendix A, he suggested that Appendix A be removed.

Trustee Johnson agreed, stating that he disagreed with taxing those who are part of the plan and then distributing it to those who are not part of the plan.

Mr. Shuttenberg described the energy mix choices and explaining the opt-out procedure.

President Pope asked what percentage of savings could be expected. Mr. Shuttenberg stated that the savings throughout the course of the contract will be 10-15%.

President Pope recommended that the agreement be amended on Page 10, removing under Item F the last sentence which reads "The Village will dedicate these funds to its Energy Efficiency Program as described in the Appendix A" as well as removing Appendix A itself. This will allow the Village to move forward with this and subsequently have a conversation in front of the Board as to how to use the \$400,000 that is accounted for in the agreement.

It was moved and seconded that a **Resolution to Approve Electric Aggregation Operation Plan for the Village of Oak Park's Community Choice Aggregation Program**, amended by removing "The Village will dedicate these funds to its Energy Efficiency Program as described in the Appendix A" and removing Appendix A, be adopted.

Trustee Lueck noted that the new language gives no explanation as to why the Village is receiving a rebate.

Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet also commented that Mr. Shuttenberg had pointed out to her that other non-material clarifications needed to be made to the final document.

The motion was withdrawn.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2011-R-157 entitled **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION OPERATION PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK'S COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM**, amended by removing "The Village will dedicate these funds to its Energy Efficiency Program as described in the Appendix A" and removing Appendix A, be adopted, in substantial conformity with the document as presented, noting the fact that there will be some minor technical changes prior to its release to the public.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted.

C. Staff Update on the I-290 Environmental Impact Statement and Timeline

President Pope announced that this would be an overview of the timeline and process, as well as highlighting some of the key issues.

He recognized Rick Kuner, former Village Trustee and head of Citizens for Appropriate Transportation, a citizens group that helps address some of the challenges and issues related to the Eisenhower that will be faced in the future.

Assistant Village Manager Rob Cole gave a presentation that included a brief history and the general structure of an environmental impact statement, as well as some of the alternatives that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is considering. He noted that the intent is to have a more in-depth conversation regarding the key issues at a later time

He stated that this study began in 2009 and is projected to be completed in 2013. He noted that the Hillside Strangler Project, initiated without the benefit of an environmental impact statement, was the catalyst for Oak Park's advocacy, which has led to substantial improvements in the study process going forward

Mr. Cole summarized what has been done to date regarding the study, including collection of data identifying corridor concerns and examining purpose and need. He stated that part of the Federal Transportation process is determining a need that matches the investment of the project. Community concerns for economic development and air quality are looked at in terms of mitigation rather than the driving force behind the transportation project.

President Pope added that how the project gets defined will be the benchmark that all alternatives are measured against.

Mr. Cole explained the fatal flaw screening, which removes alternatives suggested by stakeholders that don't stand any likelihood of supporting the purpose and the need. He discussed some non-motorized improvements that endured the fatal flaw screening, such as bike and pedestrian improvements, bridges and widened bridge decking.

Trustee Johnson asked if this feedback is being applied throughout this corridor or is it being looked at as piecemeal. Mr. Cole stated that IDOT is waiting for an appropriate time to bring those elements in and incorporate sufficient infrastructure.

Among the alternatives were seven options for highway expansions, five options for bus rapid transits and two options for heavy rail transits (CTA Blue Line). He briefly discussed the process for evaluating these options and gave details regarding these alternatives.

There was a discussion regarding construction of a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, and conversion of the CTA Blue Line to bus rapid transit (BRT).

Mr. Cole concluded by noting that the model doesn't consider that future transportation choices can be changed by the types of investments made and does not anticipate what a new, reliable and efficient transit alternative can do in terms of modifying the behavior of commuters.

Trustee Johnson noted that the proposed removal of the Blue Line does not seem to reflect input from the communities affected and offers a model that is not forward-thinking. He also stated that external factors such as the price of gasoline can impact the use of mass transit.

Trustee Lueck agreed that the model is flawed and asked what course of action, if any, is available to the Village to impact the process.

President Pope noted that the models created by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) do not adequately address forward-thinking integration of transportation and land use but rather look at the past outcomes and whether or not the model was reasonably accurate in predicting them.

President Pope asked Mr. Kuner to elaborate on the modeling process. Mr. Kuner spoke about his experience with IDOT's modeling. He urged the Village to address proposed outcomes that intuitively don't make sense and to question them.

Trustee Brewer asked how neighboring communities feel about the various alternatives and options and asked for details during the next conversation on this topic. President Pope replied that this would be provided.

Trustee Lueck noted that the relationship between IDOT, RTA, and CTA should be discussed, as there is no overall transit planning entity that has authority over these agencies.

President Pope stated that any additional questions or concerns should be referred to Mr. Cole or Mr. Barwin to be put on the agenda.

Mr. Barwin suggested a Board half day retreat to discuss this subject in depth.

VIII. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M. on Monday, September 26, 2011.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk