

**APPROVED MINUTES - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Pope called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

III. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss labor in Room 130.

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 motion was approved.

IV. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING 7:30 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: None

The Special Meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m. in Council Chambers.

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. Trustee Lueck suggested that Item D be removed, as time would not allow for a thorough review. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

VI. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 24, 2011, Regular Meeting of November 7, 2011, Special Meeting of November 14, 2011 and Special Meeting of November 21, 2011 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Harris, 225 N. Kenilworth, #C. Mr. Harris spoke about why the Board should not approve the proposed variance for the Lake and Forest development.

Tom Wendorf, President, Madison Street Theater, 1010 W. Madison St. Mr. Wendorf discussed the TIF request from Madison Street Theater.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES

President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer.

IX. CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointment by President Pope:

Community Design Commission

Appointment of Teresa Heit-Murray, as Member, with a term to expire November 28, 2014

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

X. AWARDS CEREMONY - CAVALCADE OF PRIDE AWARDS

Community Design Commission Chair Tom Philion presented awards in the categories of Residential, Special, Signage, Commercial, Multi-Family, Garden and Good Neighbor.

XI. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR A TRULY MULTIMODAL PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT TO SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE EISENHOWER (1-290) TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

President Pope read the Resolution aloud. It was moved and seconded that the Resolution entitled **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR A TRULY MULTIMODAL PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT TO SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE EISENHOWER (1-290) TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY** be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the Resolution was adopted.

XII. REGULAR AGENDA

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

A. Presentation and Recommendation by the Madison Street Streetscape Steering Committee to Accept the Madison Street Streetscape Plan and Recommendation to Finance Madison Street Improvements

Village Planner Craig Failor discussed the background of the Plan, which was adopted in 2006 and noted that some of the recommendations in that plan were incorporated and expanded on. He stated that the purpose of this evening's presentation was for the Board to allocate TIF funds towards this project before the end of the year. A more detailed discussion would be scheduled in January.

Trustee Johnson commented that it is premature to allocate funds for this project, as none of the other priorities for Madison Street have been presented. He asked if there was flexibility to reallocate those funds for other purposes once the Board looks at the entire prioritization list on Madison. Village Manager Tom Barwin replied that the resolution may be amended if the Board wishes to make a different investment in terms of economic development on the corridor. Trustee Lueck stated that allocating funds to this project and then reallocating elsewhere later on does not seem like a very straightforward process, regardless of the fact that the Board is allowed to do it.

Josephine Bellalta of Altamanu referred to a map of Oak Park and stated that Madison Street as it currently exists is not pedestrian friendly. She proposed a "Road Diet"; that the roadway be narrowed to three lanes to slow down traffic. The portion of the road removed could be used for pedestrians, bikes, greenery or plazas. She spoke about projects in other communities where bike lanes were added, noting that retail sales in those areas increased overall. Several alternatives were presented; one would consist of adding a "protected" bike lane between the parking lane and sidewalk. This would allow for wider parkway spaces which can be utilized as plaza or park spaces. She stated that the proposed cost for this is \$15.7 million. Ms. Bellalta presented preliminary graphics of the proposed streetscape.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Madison Street Streetscape Plan.

Ron Burke, Executive Director, Active Transportation Alliance, 616 Wenonah. Mr. Burke discussed how going forward with this project will make Madison Street more bike and pedestrian friendly as well as safer.

Melissa Mickelberry, Neighbors for Madison Renewal, 417 S. Grove. Ms. Mickelberry expressed concern regarding consequences of removing lanes on Madison, such as increased side street traffic. She also requested a dedicated staff member to promote current businesses as well as recruit new ones.

Michael Awe, 517 S. Grove. Mr. Awe also expressed concern regarding increased traffic on side streets and suggested that installation of diverters be considered.

Susan Fleming, 521 Carpenter. Ms. Fleming was not in favor of slowing down traffic on this street as there are not many other major east-west streets going through Oak Park.

Trustee Brewer expressed concern on the subject of traffic congestion as well. Following a discussion, President Pope requested additional information be given

during the next presentation regarding the projected difference in travel time and what the impact will be.

Trustee Johnson suggested that pedestrian safety be addressed regardless of the Road Diet and questioned if this is the right place to invest the limited dollars in the TIF. He noted that the Road Diet approach works best on streets with limited driveways, which is not the case in this location.

Business Services Manager Loretta Daly and Madison Street Coalition President Dennis Marani spoke about impact on businesses on Madison; both commented that the business owners were intrigued by this proposal. Trustee Lueck agreed that the Madison Street Business District needed a change but also expressed concern about the shift in traffic flow. After further discussion regarding the possible impact to businesses, Trustee Hedges suggested a follow up on this topic. He asked if there was a more creative way of changing the atmosphere of Madison Street by adding the Road Diet to half the street and using half for other types of development.

Trustee Brewer commented that a vote on this motion may be premature; Trustee Johnson agreed.

The motion was withdrawn.

- B.** It was moved and seconded that an **Ordinance Related to Beekeeping in the Village of Oak Park (Ordinance Creating Chapter 20, Article 11 and Amending Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 4) As Previously Reviewed by the Village Board** be adopted.

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, Director of the Health Department, noted that the Board approved their recommendation to allow beekeeping in the Village and allow staff to regulate hive maintenance on June 14, 2011. This item includes the new ordinance as well as an amendment to the schedule of nuisances by removing bee hive maintenance.

Ms. Provost-Fyfe stated that at that meeting, the Board discussed how to address the concerns of those residents with a life threatening allergy to bee stings. This has been accommodated in the ordinance by allowing individuals with a physician documented life threatening allergy to register with a bee registry maintained by the Health Department. Any request for a permit to maintain a hive within 150 feet of where an allergic individual resides will be denied.

Environmental Health Supervisor Mike Charley discussed research that went into creating this ordinance.

Trustee Salzman asked how residents would know about the registry. Mr. Charley stated that a public information campaign is being planned.

Trustee Brewer noted that the cost of the annual renewal fee should be added for clarification. President Pope suggested that this be amended and brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

Trustee Johnson asked if someone would be forced to remove their hive if a new resident moves within 150 feet and puts their name on the registry. Village Attorney Simone Boutet stated that the hive owner would become ineligible for a permit the following year. Mr. Barwin suggested they be grandfathered in. Trustee Johnson suggested the beehive registry be shared with the real estate community. Ms. Boutet noted that it will be public record.

President Pope recommended that the amendment also incorporate Mr. Barwin's reference to grandfathering in those who already maintain hives.

The motion was withdrawn.

President Pope noted that Item F would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

C. Final Review and Ordinances Related to the Adoption of the Proposed 2012 Budget

Chief Financial Officer Craig Lesner explained that these ordinances are required to be filed with different local oversight bodies such as the Cook County Clerk's Office. The contents of each are required to be separate.

Mr. Lesner discussed Item C.1, the property tax levy ordinance, and noted that it had to be filed no later than the last Tuesday in December. He added that this changed slightly due to the increase by the Library. There were no further changes since this was last discussed. Mr. Lesner described the next ordinance, Item C.2, which pertained to the Special Area One (Downtown Oak Park) tax levy.

The next ordinance, Item C.3, referred to adoption of the 2012 Budget. Trustee Johnson commented that he was not prepared to vote on this item as there were issues that were yet to be addressed. He asked what the status was on increased requests from partner agencies. Following a discussion, Trustee Hedges suggested that a list of outstanding items be compiled for discussion. President Pope stated that this ordinance would be deferred to the next meeting to allow for outstanding issues to be resolved.

Mr. Lesner stated that Items C.4a and C.4b were in reference to revenue increases; water and sewer services, and garbage, refuse and recycling charges, respectively. The remaining items were the Annual Abatements, which must be filed with the County Clerk. He noted that unless the Village abates a General Obligation Bond, it needs to be passed through to the levy.

Trustee Tucker noted that Item C.4b should be deferred to the next meeting as it pertains to the \$200,000 for brush pickup, which is one of the unresolved issues in regards to adoption of the budget.

- 1-2** It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2011-0-72 entitled **ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF \$30,595,533 IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS**; Ordinance 2011-0-73 entitled **ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE;

- 4.a** Ordinance 2011-0-74 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 26-2-2(A), 26-2-2(B) AND 26-2-6(B) OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE METER CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES;**
- 5-13** Ordinance 2011-0-75 ENTITLED **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$299,893 OF THE 2010 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2004B GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-76 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$94,221 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2005A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-77A ENTITLED **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$192,015 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2006A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-77 ENTITLED **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$467,828 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2007A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-78 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$1,890,300 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2010 A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-79 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$1,586,693 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2010 B GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-80 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$1,276,049 OF THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2010 C GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND;** Ordinance 2011-0-81 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$685,810 THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2011A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND** and Ordinance 2011-0-82 entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$200.060 THE 2011 TAX LEVY FOR THE SERIES 2011B GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND** be adopted.

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 ordinances were adopted.

- F. Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Deny Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments Relative to Beauty Supply Stores within the Madison Street Overlay District**

Bates Larson, Attorney, K-Stone Beauty Supply, 20 W. Madison. Ms. Larson spoke about her clients' request for the Text Amendment and subsequent denial by the Plan Commission.

President Pope noted that this item may warrant additional discussion and that Village Planner Craig Failor as well as the Chair of the Plan Commission should be present to give their perspectives. Ms. Boutet clarified the background of this request, stating that the business that this attorney represents is a beauty supply store whose owners objected to another beauty supply store opening within this same district. While their application was pending before the Plan Commission, that business license was approved.

President Pope added that there are Village related plans that advocate for greater retail diversity through the community and that particularly raise concerns about

certain uses being overly concentrated in certain areas. He expressed concern that there are other locations that may be in the process of being developed for that purpose as well. He asked Mr. Barwin to add this item to an upcoming agenda.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Approve Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments Relative to Roosevelt Road Form-Based Zoning Overlay and General Landscape Regulations Relative to Screening Outdoor Storage Areas, and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents**
- G. Resolution 2011-R-182 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC ART GRANT TO THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST CIVIC THEATRE AT 1010 MADISON FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW ROOFING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000**
- H. Resolution 2011-R-183 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH VISU-SEWER OF ILLINOIS FOR PROJECT 11-13, SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING**
- I. Resolution 2011-R-184 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ONGOING CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE HOLLEY COURT PARKING GARAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,300 AND WAIVING THE BID PROCESS**
- J. Resolution 2011-R-185 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: BPIP-010**
- K. Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings of Fact and Ordinance 2011-O-83 entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-9-8F OF THE VILLAGE CODE DESIGNATING 639 N. OAK PARK AVENUE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK**
- L. Resolution 2011-R-86 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS FOR 2012 PPO AND HMO HEALTH INSURANCE INCLUDING AGGREGATE AND INDIVIDUAL STOP LOSS COVERAGE**

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, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Trustee Salzman wished Tribune reporter Jim Jaworski well on his new assignment.

Trustee Tucker also wished Mr. Jaworski well and said he will be missed in Oak Park.

Trustee Brewer commended Mr. Barwin's son Connor for his accomplishments during Sunday's football game.

Mr. Barwin announced that there will be a community forum tomorrow at Irving Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on the subject of the firearms broker opening on Roosevelt Road. He urged all concerned residents to attend. Mr. Barwin also announced that South Marion will be opened and dedicated on Thursday, December 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. He concluded by reminding residents that the Village's parking garages are also free on Fridays and Saturdays in addition to the usual Sundays from now until December 25.

President Pope stated that the WinterFest celebration in Downtown Oak Park is Saturday December 3 beginning at 11:00 a.m. He also commented that Connor Barwin is now 10th in sacks in the NFL, which is a big accomplishment. President Pope asked Mr. Barwin for the timeline for reviewing restrictions on gun shops and creating perimeters around schools. Mr. Barwin said this would be addressed in January.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 P.M. Monday, November 28, 2011.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk