

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 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 6:34 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LITIGATION IN ROOM 130**

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

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Tucker

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 Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**V. AGENDA APPROVAL**

President Pope noted that the sequence of the Regular Agenda would be revised. Items B, G, J, I and C would be taken in that order. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

**VI. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2012 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

### **VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Gonzalez, 1018 S. Oak Park Ave. Ms. Gonzalez spoke about her son's citation for curfew violation and stated that 24 hours of community service is too extreme a punishment.

Alan Kimrey, 930 S. Grove Ave. Mr. Kimrey also felt that 24 hours of community service is beyond the scale of the violation.

Beth Ann Brozo, 1179 S. Euclid. Ms. Brozo agreed with the other parents, adding that it wasn't taken into consideration that this was the first offense for these boys.

Patrick Somers, 1175 Wisconsin. Mr. Somers, an attorney, expressed disapproval of the community service program and suggested that the ordinance may be unconstitutional.

President Pope asked Interim Village Manager Cara Pavlicek to report back to the Board with additional information regarding these concerns.

### **VIII. PROCLAMATION – COMMEMORATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER**

President Pope read the proclamation aloud. It was moved and seconded that the proclamation entitled **COMMEMORATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER** be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the proclamation was adopted.

Michael Stewart of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center spoke about the organization.

### **IX. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**

Interim Village Manager Cara Pavlicek announced that the Village is starting the process of receiving public comments on the Comprehensive Plan update. A series of public meetings will be held to collect input, beginning tomorrow, October 16. She also noted that fall leaf collection began today.

### **X. VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES**

There were no Village Board Committee reports.

### **XI. CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES**

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

**XII. CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

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

**Citizen Police Oversight Commission**

Appointment of Robert Tamillow, as Member, with a term to expire October 15, 2015

**Civic Information Systems Commission**

Reappointment of Victoria Boylan, as Member, with a term to expire October 17, 2015

**Environment and Energy Commission**

Appointment of Peter Hugh, as Member, with a term to expire October 15, 2015

**Farmers Market Commission**

Appointment of Jennifer Lowe, as Member, with a term to expire October 15, 2015

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

**XIII. REGULAR AGENDA**

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

**B. Motion to Approve the Design Phase of Garage Portion of the Lake & Forest Development Project and to Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents**

President Pope clarified an editorial in the Wednesday Journal regarding this project.

Business Services Manager Loretta Daly stated that this presentation of drawings for the garage portion of the project is the most current and 90% complete. They are asking the Board to accept the design as it is being put forward and to direct staff to create documentation to be brought back at the November 5 meeting. This would allow for permit application on November 1 as required in the RDA. One minor adjustment will be included in the November 5 presentation which amends the RDA to reflect that there will be no public parking on the subsurface level of the facility.

Trustee Johnson asked for clarification regarding who will be using the spaces and how this will be managed. Ms. Daly stated that the Village's 300 public spaces, located on the first, second and part of the third level, will be available for consumers and people employed in the area. The 288 private spaces associated with the project's 270 units would be located on the lower and upper levels. Of those 288 spaces, 18 will be shared, i.e., available for public use, and will be located on the lower level. She added that appropriate signage is being looked at in addition to an operator to assist in enforcement.

Steve Miller of Gensler, architect of the project, gave a presentation of the drawings and he and Ms. Daly answered questions from the Board.

Trustee Johnson wanted feedback from Downtown Oak Park prior to final approval of the design. Trustee Brewer noted that getting input is acceptable but the party providing that input needs to understand the parameters, as any changes could lead to additional costs attached to the project. He added that in some situations, suggestions may have to be denied.

Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to **Approve the Penultimate Design Phase of Garage Portion of the Lake & Forest Development Project and to Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents.**

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.

- G.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-215 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A POWER SALE AGREEMENT AND CONFIRMATION WITH INTEGRYS ENERGY COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIXED PRICE ELECTRICITY** be adopted.

Director of Public Works John Wielebnicki explained that this is a two-year agreement for five Village facilities; four parking structures and the water pumping stations. As revenue generating facilities, the Village must pay for electricity at these locations. Competitive quotes from suppliers were obtained and staff recommends the Village enter into an agreement with Integrys, with a rate not to exceed \$0.04711 per kWh.

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.

- J.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-216 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KOREAN SMART GRID INSTITUTES AND THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE COLLABORATION ON THE KOREAN SMART GRID INSTITUTE SMART CITY USA PROJECT AS REVIEWED AT THE OCTOBER 11, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD** be adopted.

Sustainability Manager K.C. Poulos described the project. The residential portion involves 200 residents and will not only test communication between smart meters and the network operating center but will also be an opportunity for residents to receive solar panels and a battery backup system which will allow for a more reliable system at their homes during power outages as well as supplement their energy use and save them money on their energy bills.

Val Jensen, Vice-President of Customer Operations for Com Ed, spoke about the initiative. Trustee Hedges commented that he recognizes all of the positive aspects but

noted the Board has to make sure to do their due diligence in terms of any potential downside. He asked what the selection process is regarding who will receive one of these test systems. Mr. Jensen explained some of the selection criteria and the process, adding that each phase will be fully presented to the Board for their approval prior to implementation.

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.

- I. **It was moved and seconded to Authorize Staff to Apply for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Energy Efficiency Trust Fund on Behalf of the Residential Smart City USA Pilot Collaboration Between the Village of Oak Park, the Korean Smart Grid Institute and the Institute for Sustainable Energy Development as Reviewed at the October 11, 2012 Special Meeting of the Village Board.**

Ms. Poulos explained that this would allow for funding split 50/50 between the Korean Smart Grid Institute and the State of Illinois. Neither the Village nor the residents will be under any financial obligation except in the case of an owner financed commercial project.

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.

- C. **Recommendation from the Transportation Commission to Install a Cul-de-Sac on the 1200 Block of Rossell and Install a Traffic Diverter on the 1200 Block of North Elmwood**

Village Engineer Jim Budrick gave a brief history.

Christopher Arado, 1215 Rossell Ave. Mr. Arado stated that the quality of life in this area is declining due to traffic issues.

David Huber, 1210 Rossell Ave. Mr. Huber spoke in favor of the cul-de-sac, noting that Rossell is a two-block long residential street that is used regularly as a conduit for North Avenue traffic.

Chris Herrman, 1213 N. Elmwood Ave. Mr. Herrman stated that installing a cul-de-sac on Rossell and a diverter on Elmwood would force more traffic onto Elmwood; these two blocks should be treated with a common solution.

Mr. Budrick stated that staff is not supportive of the cul-de-sac. From an Engineering, Public Works, Police and Fire point of view, diverters will work just as well to resolve most of the issues on this block.

Fire Chief Tom Ebsen noted that the Fire Department opposes cul-de-sacs in general, as they impose obstructions and barriers to access for emergency vehicles. Conversely, emergency apparatus such as an ambulance or fire engine can still have access back and forth across traffic diverters.

Deputy Police Chief Tony Ambrose added that the police don't have the same concerns. However, when there is a major fire, police must assist the Fire Department with traffic control, which creates more problems in cul-de-sacs.

Jack Chalabian, Chair of the Transportation Commission, stated that the commission extensively discussed this item and received input from staff and residents. He noted that according to all of the quantitative measures, the impact here is no different than any other block that is adjacent to a commercial district. However, the feedback from the residents in terms of quality of life compelled the commission to recommend the cul-de-sac on Rossell and diverter on Elmwood.

There was a discussion regarding other cul-de-sacs and diverters throughout the Village and their positive and negative impacts. Mr. Chalabian answered questions from the Board.

A possible next step could be testing of temporary traffic control devices on these streets. Prior to that, it is recommended to ballot the block to confirm there is support for such an investment, as a cul-de-sac would cost residents of the block \$70,000.

Following further discussion regarding traffic patterns and parking restrictions President Pope reviewed the options available. Option one is to do nothing; option two is implement resident permit parking on the block; option three is implement one-way northbound travel on the block; option four is installation of traffic diverters; option five is installation of cul-de-sacs and option six is installation of angled parking.

Trustee Johnson suggested that option four, installation of traffic diverters on both Rossell and Elmwood, allows testing of the concept for data analysis versus immediate installation of a permanent cul-de-sac. This also aligned with staff recommendation. President Pope noted that the diverter would still require local funding. Mr. Budrick stated that the test period is typically four to six months; the cost of a permanent diverter is \$25,000.

It was moved and seconded that the **Recommendation from Staff to Install a Traffic Diverter on the 1200 Block of Rossell and Install a Traffic Diverter on the 1200 Block of North Elmwood** be approved.

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.

**XIV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- D. Resolution 2012-217 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR THE FUNDS FROM THE ILLINOIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO ADMINISTER A HOME MODIFICATION FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM**
- E. Resolution 2012-R-218 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AMBER MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., OF ALSIP, ILLINOIS FOR VENTILATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FLEET MAINTENANCE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,798.00**
- F. Resolution 2012-R-219 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF \$20,000.00 TO THE EXECUTED PURCHASE PRICE AGREEMENT WITH H.J. MOHR AND SONS OF OAK PARK, IL FOR CONCRETE, SAND AND STONE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 2012**
- H. Ordinance 2012-0-59 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ON AN "AS IS" BASIS**
- K. Resolution 2012-R-220 entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT 2012 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO US HUD**
- K.1a Resolution 2012-R-221 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2012 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH WEST SUBURBAN PADS - EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- K.1b Resolution 2012-R-222 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2012 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH WEST SUBURBAN PADS - RAPID RE-HOUSING**
- L. Resolution 2012-R-223 ENTITLED **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH G.A. PAVING CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., FOR SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING OF VILLAGE LEASED/OWNED PARKING LOTS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD WITH ONE (1) OPTIONAL EXTENSION YEAR**
- M. **Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$1,577,317.89 for the Week Beginning October 1st through October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

Village Clerk Powell stated that the period for voter registration has ended but those who didn't register may do so at one of several County Clerk's Offices but must vote at the time of registration. She also discussed early voting and absentee ballots. In closing, Clerk Powell noted National Friends of the Library Week from October 21 through 27 and recognized those who make the library the special place that it is.

Trustee Hedges commended the Housing Authority for their anniversary event.

Trustee Lueck referred to Item D regarding home modification forgivable loans and urged those who are qualified to apply. She also urged residents to attend the first Comprehensive Plan update meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Trustee Salzman noted that the Board needs to discuss why the Village is administering a community service program when there is one already available through the Township.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M. Monday, October 15, 2012.

**SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:**

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman  
Interim Deputy Village Clerk