



**TENTATIVE Agenda  
President and Board of Trustees  
Monday, October 24, 2011  
Village Hall  
123 Madison Street**

**Open Meeting/Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Board is expected to immediately adjourn into Executive Session (Closed Session) in Room 130 at approximately 6:30 p.m. and will return to Open Session in Room 101 at 7:00 p.m.**

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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Labor in Room 130 at 6: 30 p.m.
  - IV. Return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Room 101
  - V. Agenda Approval
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**Instructions for Agenda Public Comment  
(3 minutes per person; 3 items per person maximum)**

Comments are 3 minutes per person per agenda item, with a maximum of 3 agenda items to which you can speak. In addition, the Village Board permits a maximum of three persons to speak to each side of any one topic that is scheduled for or has been the subject of a public hearing by a designated hearing body. These items are noted with a (\*).

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- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Public Hearing
  - A. **Truth and Taxation Public Hearing for the Recommended 2011 Tax Year Levy**

**Overview:** Every year the Village holds several meetings within the Finance Committee and the full Board to review the Village Manager's budget recommendations for the coming fiscal year. In addition to these sessions, an additional public hearing is held to allow for additional comment by members of the community that may wish to provide input to the appropriations process.
  - B. **Draft 2012 Budget Public Hearing**

**Overview:** Every year the Village is required to approve a property tax levy. If the levy is expected to be 105 percent greater than the previous year's extended levy a public

hearing is required. However currently the proposed tax levy by the Village is significantly less than 105% threshold required for a hearing; however the Village's past practice is still to post and hold this hearing in order to explain and show the calculation to the public.

## **VIII. Budget Discussion Continued**

The Finance Committee of the Village Board met during the month of September to review the proposed 2012 budget. On October 3, 2011, the CFO released a draft budget to the Board of Trustees and the public. A copy of the proposed budget is available on the Village's website. The Finance Committee scheduled three meetings with the full Board to review the highlights of the proposed budget, which are focused on Public Safety (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>), Capital & Public Works (October 24<sup>th</sup>) and the Citizen Survey Results & Wrap-Up (November 10<sup>th</sup>). The budget adoption planned for Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**C. Public Works Department**

**D. Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer, Solid Waste)**

**E. Capital Improvement Funds (Fleet, Buildings, Street/Alleys)**

**F. Economic Development (if time)**

## **IX. Adjourn**

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VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY


**Item Title: TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE RECOMMENDED 2011 TAX YEAR LEVY**

Resolution or Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Board Action: *October 24, 2011*

Staff Review:

Department Director Name: Craig M. Lesner, Finance 

Village Manager's Office: 

**Item History (Previous Board Review, Related Action, History):**

Each year, the Village Board approves a property tax levy and files it with the Cook County Clerk's Office by the last Tuesday of December. According to State statute, if the proposed levy is expected to exceed 105-percent that the previous year's extended levy, a public hearing is required.

**Item Policy Commentary (Key Points, Current Issue, Bid Process, Recommendation):**

State statute 35 ILCS 200/18-70 requires a public hearing prior to the approval of any recommended property tax levy in excess of 105-percent of the current year's extended levy.

The recommended fiscal year 2012 Budget (2011 tax year) shows a 0.81-percent increase or \$244,344. While the general operating levy is to be flat, the debt component is to increase \$799,021. The pension component is set to decrease by \$841,117 and the Library's portion is set to increase \$286,441.

While the Library is a separate governing body, state law precludes it from issuing its own levy and must do so through the Village Board.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities (describe if there are opportunities for cost savings or better service with this item by joint participation from other local Oak Park governmental agencies, or regional municipalities):**

Not applicable.

**Item Budget Commentary: (Account #; Balance; Cost of contract)**

Not applicable.

**Item Action Options/Alternatives (List the alternative actions; list the positive and negative**

implications of each; if no alternatives, explain why):


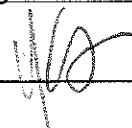
Not applicable.

**Proposed Recommended Action:**

Not applicable

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VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

<b>Item Title: PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE RECOMMENDED 2012 BUDGET</b>	
Resolution or Ordinance No. _____	
Date of Board Action:            October 24, 2011	
Staff Review:	
Department Director Name: <u>Craig M. Lesner, Finance</u>	
Village Manager's Office:           _____	
<b>Item History (Previous Board Review, Related Action, History):</b>	
State statute 65 ILCS 5/8-2-6 requires a public hearing on the proposed annual budget not less than one week after the publication of the document.	
The Village Board is scheduled to meet three different times, in addition to the previous Finance Committee meetings, to review various aspects of the recommendations. At these meetings, the Board seeks public comment at the onset.	
The Board also holds a public hearing in addition to these other meetings to ensure anyone who would like to comment may do so.	
<b>Item Policy Commentary (Key Points, Current Issue, Bid Process, Recommendation):</b>	
Not applicable.	
<b>Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities (describe if there are opportunities for cost savings or better service with this item by joint participation from other local Oak Park governmental agencies, or regional municipalities):</b>	
Not applicable.	
<b>Item Budget Commentary: (Account #; Balance; Cost of contract)</b>	
Not applicable.	
<b>Item Action Options/Alternatives (List the alternative actions; list the positive and negative implications of each; if no alternatives, explain why):</b>	
Not applicable.	
<b>Proposed Recommended Action:</b>	
Not applicable	