

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 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 6:30 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 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING,
POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, potential litigation and review of Executive Session minutes 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 Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m. in Council Chambers.

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

President Pope announced that Item A would be removed from the agenda and Items D, E, and F would be moved from the Consent to the Regular agenda. 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 Special Meeting of November 28, 2011 and the Special Meeting of December 5, 2011 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no non-agenda public comment.

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no proclamations, resolutions, awards or presentations.

IX. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

Village Manager Tom Barwin gave an update regarding construction completed in late fall. The Roosevelt Road streetscape project was completed with landscape restoration to take place in spring. The water and sewer improvements were suspended for winter and will resume in spring as well. The streetscape improvements for South Marion Street were completed, and the street reopened for the holiday season. Work on the Ridgeland water main crossing under I-290 continues; the contractor will perform the liner work the week of January 16. Work regarding sewer televising will begin this week.

Mr. Barwin announced that four Administrative Law Judges would be sworn into office this evening and introduced Director of Adjudication Robert Anderson.

Mr. Anderson discussed backgrounds of the four judges.

Administrative Law Judges Darlene Redmond, John Stack, Anita Richardson and Carrie Washington were administered the Oath of Office by Village Clerk Teresa Powell.

X. VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES

There was no Board Committee business to report.

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:

Board of Health

Appointment of Ravi Grivois-Shah, as Member, with a term to expire January 3, 2015
Appointment of Florence Miller, as Member, with a term to expire January 3, 2015

Community Relations Commission

Appointment of Miguel Zarate, as Member, with a term to expire January 3, 2015

Housing Programs Advisory Commission

Appointment of William Berg, as Member, with a term to expire January 3, 2015

Removal of Katrina Fill, as Member

Universal Access Commission

Appointment of Leo Irakliotis, as Member, with a term to expire January 3, 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.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-01 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO PROJECT 10-10, CENTRAL RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENTS** be adopted.

Village Engineer Jim Budrick stated that this was for additional work that arose while completing a project at the central pump station.

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.** It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-02 entitled **RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR VILLAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DESIGN** be adopted.

Mr. Budrick explained that this policy was developed in response to a 2010 resolution regarding complete streets. This will serve as a guideline to follow as future improvements, resurfacing and reconstruction projects are implemented.

Trustee Lueck suggested that some type of metric associated with pedestrian and bicycle traffic, as well as bicycle parking, be added to the evaluation. She also referred to the four significant exemptions, noting that these exemptions could almost undo the policy depending on how they are interpreted. Trustee Lueck added that a significant proposal coming before the Board is the Madison Street complete streets plan; this will be the first assessment of how the policy measures up against these exemptions and what the end result may be. President Pope agreed.

Trustee Hedges noted that the emphasis on pedestrians and bicycles does not

sufficiently address the requirements of automobiles. President Pope stated that the overall goal is to reduce congestion; these proposals will incorporate all of these elements into one. A greater number of people on bikes and walking versus driving will reduce the congestion on streets; this approach is being implemented throughout the country.

Trustee Brewer stated that any additional costs required for a project when elements of a complete street are included should be evaluated.

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 a **Motion to Approve a Taxi Company License for American Taxi** be approved.

Amer Gamal, Owner, Red Cab, 854 S. Kenilworth. Mr. Gamal stated that there is no demand for American Taxi in Oak Park.

Mohammed Bouchama, Driver, Blue Cab, 9243 W. Cermak, North Riverside. Mr. Bouchama commented that there is sufficient cab service in the Village and licensing another company is unnecessary.

Longino Brooks, Driver, Blue Cab, 2540 N. Manheim Rd., Franklin Park. Mr. Brooks spoke about how the economy has negatively affected the income of cab drivers; creating more competition in Oak Park will add to this impact.

John J. Kleeman, Representative, American Taxi, 28 Bernard Dr., Buffalo Grove. Mr. Kleeman discussed age and mileage of the American Taxi fleet. He also stated that all business conducted in Oak Park is prearranged and will not affect the number of cabs at taxi stands.

Village Clerk Powell noted that the rationale is not to add more cabs but to license American Taxi, as they are currently operating in Oak Park without a license. They need to be held to the same standards as the other cab companies that are serving the Village. Village Attorney Simone Boutet clarified that any company may drop off passengers in Oak Park but must be licensed in order to pick up passengers according to the Village ordinance. Discussion followed about cabs cruising and parking for extended periods in metered spaces.

Trustee Lueck expressed concern that a company that was told they couldn't pick up from Oak Park unless they were licensed, and continued to do so, was being rewarded for essentially breaking the law. Mr. Kleeman responded that American Taxi is in the process of developing software that would restrict dispatching to Oak Park. He was also surprised at the number of pickups that were accepted in the Village and commented that residents obviously expressed a need for his firm.

President Pope noted the benefits of competition in terms of service levels but if the economics of driving cabs decline, there won't be enough revenue available for drivers to maintain their cabs at the proper level. He also stated that regulatory standards must be set and enforced; if competition is increased and regulations are not enforced, the end result may be cabs that are unsafe for passengers and drivers alike. Village Clerk Powell suggested limiting the number of chauffeur licenses issued. Trustee Hedges spoke in favor of competition.

Ms. Boutet commented that in order for the Board to decide this, it needed to be in resolution form.

The motion was withdrawn.

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-03 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAXI COMPANY LICENSE FOR AMERICAN TAXI** be adopted.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: Trustee Lueck

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted.

D,E,F It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2012-R-04 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH B. HANEY AND SONS INC. OF LOMBARD, ILLINOIS FOR 2012 SUMMER SEASON TREE REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000.00**, Resolution 2012-R-05 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE OF RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS FOR 2012 WINTER SEASON TREE REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00** and Resolution 2012-R-06 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD WITH A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE OF RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS FOR STUMP REMOVAL AND RESTORATION SERVICES, IN 2012 NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00** be adopted.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman; President Pope

NAYS: Trustee Johnson, Lueck and Tucker

ABSENT: None

The resolutions were adopted.

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

- G.** Resolution 2012-R-07 ENTITLED **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN AND LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT: SFT-042**
- H.** Resolution 2012-R-08 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES INC., FOR SECURITY AND SUPPORT STAFFING SERVICES AT THE OWNED PARKING**

STRUCTURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,000 AND FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT VILLAGE HALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500 FOR A SIXTY-DAY PERIOD

- I. Resolution 2012-R-09 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING HARLEM AVENUE RESURFACING AND ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCES 2012-O-01, 2012-O-02 AND 2012-O-03 RELATED TO PARKING, DRAINAGE AND ENCROACHMENTS**

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.

XV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved and seconded to approve the bills from November 7th, 2011 through December 30th, 2011 in the amount of \$6,636,958.96.

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.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell wished the Village of Oak Park a happy 110th anniversary and spoke about preservation of documents.

Trustee Tucker announced that many of the local merchants appeared to have a successful holiday season.

Trustee Salzman wished everyone a happy new year.

Trustee Lueck spoke positively about the Council of Governments meeting that the Board had attended. She was disappointed in the budget process this year, stating that those Trustees not on the Finance Committee were at a disadvantage. She noted that there was still budget work to complete as well as other significant items coming before the Board. This needed to be prioritized and indicated that the Board should have some input regarding this.

Trustee Johnson announced that the Village Manager review process for 2011 has begun. He suggested the Board meet to discuss their goals for 2012.

Trustee Brewer wished all a happy new year.

Trustee Hedges agreed that the budget process was somewhat disorganized and suggested more time be spent discussing as a full Board this year. He noted that he was

following the on-line agenda and materials using an iPad during this meeting and noted it worked very well.

President Pope discussed the budget process and the possibility of adjustments to it. He congratulated the Park District on receiving a \$1.6 million grant.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk