

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 21ST, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Johnson, Lueck and Tucker; President Pope

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

III. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION

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

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Johnson, Lueck and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

The motion was approved.

IV. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING 7:30 PM IN ROOM 101

PRESENT: Trustees Johnson, Lueck and Tucker; President Pope

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

VI. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 1, 2012, Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012 and Special Meeting of May 14, 2012 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. President Pope noted that he was not present on May 14.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Tyma, 848 N. Harvey. Ms. Tyma spoke about her pending request for a fence variation.

Les Golden, 934 Forest. Mr. Golden discussed pending legislation regarding vicious dogs.

John Murtagh, 601 S. Oak Park Ave. Mr. Murtagh read aloud his letter regarding the boards and commissions recommendation process.

VIII. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no proclamations, resolutions, awards or presentations.

IX. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

Village Manager Cara Pavlicek stated that construction on Harlem Avenue is underway, moving north from Cermak, and should reach Oak Park shortly.

X. VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES

Trustee Johnson reported that the Intergovernmental Committee met on May 19 and refined their original working documents. He distributed a draft for the Board's review and comments, requesting placement on the June 4 agenda for action of endorsement.

Trustee Lueck added that it was suggested a poster be created for display at Day in Our Village with each entity's logo as well as a list of their shared accomplishments. This would be a way to highlight that these entities accomplish many things collaboratively. She asked if the Board would be in favor of such a poster. President Pope asked if there was any objection. There were no objections.

Trustee Lueck also noted that there was a request that one of the OP/FYI newsletters have a feature article on intergovernmental collaboration to emphasize some of their successes and some of the ways that the governing bodies have worked together.

President Pope spoke about the Personnel Committee and the search process for the new Village Manager. He announced that a meeting would be held on Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall Council Chambers for community input regarding the search process. Bob Slavin of Slavin Management Consultants will be in attendance as well.

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

There were no appointments, reappointments, removals, resignations or chair appointments.

XIII. FIRST READING

A. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 5-5-7 of the Village Code Entitled "Birds and Squirrels; Harming and Taking Young or Eggs" and Section 17-1-4 of the Village Code Entitled "Birds"

Ms. Pavlicek stated that staff has been working to address public health issues specifically related to roosting pigeons at the Marion Street viaduct. She added that the proposed ordinance amendment includes two other species of birds as well. This alternative is used in communities to address roosting pigeons and public health issues. Staff is sensitive to public concern regarding this request to humanely euthanize these birds. This is brought before the Board to request direction about this or alternative responses.

President Pope asked what some of the health issues are and the reason for recommending euthanization of pigeons.

Environmental Health Supervisor Mike Charley explained that this recommendation responded to a complaint from Downtown Oak Park regarding excess pigeon droppings. Upon investigation, it was discovered that pigeons had roosted at the Marion Street viaduct where pigeon exclusion products had been removed during remodeling. The netting was reinstalled and they relocated to another area of the bridge. Mr. Charley met with three pest control companies and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Division. A bird expert from O'Hare Airport, referred by Springfield, observed the pigeon activity and concluded that with so many different roosting areas, it would be impossible to totally exclude them. He recommended an integrated pest management approach, where he would provide additional exclusion and trappings. Once trapped, they would be humanely euthanized in the most professional manner. Mr. Charley added that pigeons are known to carry several diseases, although this issue is currently more of a nuisance, as Public Works pressure sprays the area every couple of weeks at a cost to the Village.

Trustee Lueck asked if the trappings would continue indefinitely. Mr. Charley responded that since pigeons live in flocks, once the flock is removed there is a good chance that the pigeon population will be gone for a long period of time. He added that another issue to consider is the significant renovations scheduled for that viaduct in the fall. If additional exclusion were installed now, it will likely be in the areas where this work is to be done and would be removed at that time.

Trustee Tucker raised the subject of trapping and releasing, commenting that the pigeon's homing instinct will only allow them to return. Mr. Charley stated that this was considered, but was deemed impractical by the O'Hare bird expert, adding that euthanization is their last resort.

Trustee Johnson commented that he has confidence that these experts have laid out a pragmatic plan and this should be brought back to the full Board. President Pope added that this would be as a Second Reading and acted upon if the majority of the Board agreed to do so.

XIV. 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-93 entitled **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FUND BALANCE POLICY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** be adopted.

Chief Financial Officer Craig Lesner stated that this policy would maintain some level of financial reserve to account for unplanned events. He added that an item of note regarding bond rating agencies has been the Village's lack of an official fund balance policy. This will serve as direction going into the 2013 and subsequent budget processes.

Trustee Lueck commented that she is in favor of this as long as it's a policy and not a rule. If the balance falls below the targeted 10%, action is required but that action could be, for example, a discussion to decide to stay below 10%. Mr. Lesner stated that the resolution directs staff to provide recommendations to the Board. The Board will have opportunities for discussion of alternatives.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Johnson, Lueck, and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

The resolution was adopted.

XV. CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Resolution 2012-R-94 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH A.C. PAVEMENT STRIPING COMPANY FOR PROJECT 12-6, MICROSURFACING AND CRACK FILLING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000**
- F. Resolution 2012-R-95 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH G.A. PAVING FOR PROJECT 12-7, PAVEMENT PATCHING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,932**
- XVI. **Motion to Approve Bills for the weeks of May 7th through May 18th in the Amount of \$888,249.28**

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 Johnson, Lueck, and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

The Consent Agenda was approved.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Powell urged residents to volunteer for service on boards and commissions, adding that student volunteers were needed on several commissions.

Trustee Johnson stated that it would be helpful to have a diagram for public view of the Capital Improvement Plan that shows street, water and sewer improvements for the years it is in effect available at Day in Our Village. He asked whether the Board should focus on the pension plan reform discussions that are taking place in Springfield, as he wanted Oak Park to be on record regarding their position. President Pope responded that the session has two weeks to go; there would be no time to adopt something that would have any impact. If carried over to veto session, it would be important to do this.

Trustee Tucker spoke about his visit to the Farmers Market on their opening day.

Trustee Lueck asked the Board to support the efforts of the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education.

President Pope announced that Day in Our Village is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, and Uncork Illinois, a new wine event, for June 2. He commended Ms. Pavlicek and her staff, specifically the members of the Police Force, for their responsiveness in collaborating with Chicago and other first responders in the county during the NATO Summit. In closing, President Pope spoke about his trip to the Brookings Institute in Houston, and discussed a social services collaborative in that area called Community Centers Incorporated.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges and Salzman

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., Monday, May 21, 2012.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman
Interim Deputy Village Clerk

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk