

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**OFFICIAL RECORD:**

PRESENT: Trustees Ebner, Hodge-West, Kostopulos, Kuner, Trapani, Turner and President Furlong REGULAR MEETING  
12/04/00

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: President Furlong convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present. QUORUM

President Furlong indicated that members of a Boy Scout troop were present and invited the leader to introduce the group by troop number. The boys assembled were from Ascension Boy Scout Troop #20. President Furlong welcomed them to the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Kuner, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2000 be adopted as amended. The motion was unanimously adopted.

MINUTES OF  
11/20/00  
VILLAGE BOARD  
MEETING  
APPROVED

**PROCLAMATION: DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH - DECEMBER, 2000**

It was moved by Trustee Trapani, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Furlong entitled **PROCLAMATION: DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH - DECEMBER, 2000**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROCLAMATION:  
DRUNK AND  
DRUGGED  
DRIVING PRE-  
VENTION  
MONTH

**APPOINTMENTS:**

President Furlong indicated there were a number of appointments and reappointments being recommended for approval. Trustee Trapani suggested that Village Manager Swenson explain why the reappointments are occurring.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Swenson explained that the Board has been in the process, for the last several months, of moving back toward having staggered terms within each board and commission, which will provide continuity as some members' terms end and new terms begin. The appointment process provides for appointment of a chairperson to run concurrently with his/her appointment to the board or commission as a member.

It was moved by Trustee Trapani, seconded by Trustee Turner, to concur in the following appointments and reappointments by President Furlong:

**Environmental and Energy Advisory Commission**

Appointment of Douglas Michaud, as Member, for a term to expire December 4, 2003.

**Farmers Market Commission**

Appointment of Amy Waitr, as Member, for a term to expire December 4, 2003.

**Universal Access Commission**

Reappointment of Frank Heitzman, as Chair and Member, for terms to expire November 18, 2002.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Reappointment of Ralph Gerbie, as Chair, for a term to expire August 15, 2001.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

President Furlong thanked these residents for agreeing to serve and reserve as members of the Boards and Commissions.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ingo Schaefer, 1101 S. Euclid Avenue, is concerned that Oak Park has ordinances on the books that are not enforced. He stated that he buys a Village vehicle sticker for his car and, yet, he observes that cars park at night on the street or in Village lots without vehicle stickers. He noted that a car without a Village sticker parked on his street for over a year and received very few tickets. The owner then purchased a sticker, which has now expired, and the owner is still parking on the street and the car is not being ticketed. He observes cars parking on the street overnight in non permit areas without being ticketed, and yet, Mr. Schaefer said, when he calls in for an overnight guest who has visited several times, he is told he cannot have any more passes for that person.

Phil Thompson, 112 Wesley Avenue, moved with his family from Chicago because of the good schools in Oak Park and because he looked forward to living in a quieter neighborhood. He is concerned now about the development planned for the lot near Tasty Dog, the possibility of South Boulevard becoming a one-way street and the numbers of people and cars a development will bring. He wonders if such a development will provide any benefit for his neighborhood and his family.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Truth-in-Taxation Public hearing on the Village of Oak Park's Proposed 2000 Property Tax Levy

President Furlong convened the Village Board as a hearing body for the purpose of conducting the Truth in Taxation hearing, as required by law, and asked that Finance Director Greg Peters explain the issues involved.

Mr. Peters indicated that State law requires the Village Board to conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2000 property tax levy for taxes to be collected in 2001, prior to the adoption of the tax levy. Legal notices announcing this hearing were published in both local newspapers on November 22, 2000. Residents were invited to present written or oral comments on the proposed tax levy; no written comment was received.

Mr. Peters noted that the Village Board's adoption of the 2001 budget assumes no increase in the Village's portion of the 2000 tax levy. In April 2000, the citizens of Oak Park approved an advisory referendum for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Oak Park Library. The first \$5,000,000 of general obligation debt has been issued; thus, the levy reflects a 7.91% increase in the combined Village and Library tax levy to fund the payment of that debt in 2001. This increase is not on the total tax bill, but rather is on the portion of the tax bill for the Village and the Library, or approximately 18% of the total sum of taxes paid. Mr. Peters then indicated that, for example, based upon an assumption that there will be no increase in the Equalized Assessed Valuation and no change in the State Multiplier, the overall levy of \$16,970,086 will result in a combined Village and Library mill rate of \$2.24 per \$100 of equalized assessed value, or approximately \$0.15 more than the 1999 tax rate of \$2.08 per \$100.

Mr. Peters recommended that based on the information provided, the Village Board adopt the 2000 tax levy and related abatement ordinances.

President Furlong invited public testimony.

Charlotte Cohen, 605 S. Taylor Avenue, indicated that it is her opinion the Library expansion project is a waste of tax dollars, and she is against tearing down what she considers to be a perfectly fine building. Additionally, she noted that Oak Park is a lovely town, with lovely old homes; and she stated her opposition to the building of condos on existing parking lots, when parking is at such a premium.

Mr. Peters indicated he had been asked why this is called the "2000" levy, instead of "2001." He explained that property taxes are the revenue of last resort in funding the budget. Now at the end of a fiscal year, we are, in effect, funding the 2000 budget with property taxes. Though the Village Board is considering the 2001 budget, legally the tax levy applies for the year 2000.

In response to a question from Trustee Hodge-West regarding the mill rate, Mr. Peters explained that the Cook County Assessor reassesses properties in the Village every three years. When a reassessment occurs, normally the value of property significantly increases. When there is a larger base of value, the tax rate drops, even when more tax money is being requested. There was a reassessment in 1999 and the Village's tax rate dropped from approximately \$2.18 to \$2.04. The levy has been adjusted to reflect a 7.91% increase in the overall tax levy to fund the payment of the Library debt in 2001.

In responding to a request from Trustee Trapani, Mr. Peters explained that there are a number of taxing bodies that comprise the tax bill, including the Village, Township and the schools. He noted that the combined Village and Library rate is about 18% and explained that the highest tax rates are attributable to the schools. He agreed with Trustee Trapani who suggested that because our schools are largely funded through property taxes, if property taxes remain stagnant over time, there might not be adequate funding available for School Districts 97 and 200 due to property tax caps.

There being no further questions, President Furlong declared the public hearing closed.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

### **Consent Agenda**

President Furlong, speaking to the Boy Scouts present, acknowledged that the topic of the tax levy may sound complicated, but explained that the Village Board must address budget issues for the coming year and establish the tax rate. Village Manager Swenson concurred and indicated the first action involves adoption of the 2001 Village budget. Mr. Swenson asked Mr. Peters to provide an overview of the budget, while Trustee Trapani asked that Mr. Peters indicate the budget process, including the public hearings.

Mr. Peters agreed with Mr. Swenson and President Furlong that the budget process involves months of preparation and that the budget is very important in determining programs to be funded. The budget process begins in July, with each department determining what its program should include for the following year. The budget must be balanced and the document must be understandable.

The Village is maintaining a 20 percent fund balance in the General Corporate Fund, which is considered by rating agencies to be very good. Maintaining such a fund balance provides cash flow, which allows the Village to maintain its systems and operations. Mr. Peters explained that improved revenues over the past year and use of savings from Fiscal Year 2000 made it possible to have a balanced budget.

Four public hearings on the budget were held in October and November, at which time the Village Board examined the various components

of the budget document.

The total proposed spending plan is \$121,143,894, which includes inter-fund transfers of \$27,289,475. Mr. Peters explained that the transfer of monies from one fund to another is not an expense to the Village; so the actual outlay of funds will be \$93,854,419.

The budget includes over \$32 million in capital improvements for 2001, indicating the Village Board's continued emphasis on improving our capital infrastructure. Both Austin Boulevard and Lake Street will be resurfaced; improvements will be made to Dole Learning Center; water and sewer system improvements are scheduled; funding is provided for additional parking structures; and the Village's computer systems are being improved.

New personnel, totaling 6.45 additional full time equivalent positions, will be added in the areas of Information Technology, Building and Property Maintenance, Fire, Engineering and Public Works. Enhanced landscaping and beautification services to the Village's business districts will be provided by Public Works. Significant redesign of the Village's website is planned, and *Oak Park FYI* will be published monthly, rather than bi-monthly, improving the Village's ability to provide information to residents. Services to our partner agencies will receive additional funding, as well.

Mr. Peters explained that the first item to be considered for adoption would be the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001. Five tax levy ordinances, including those for Special Service areas in the Village were being presented, followed by abatement ordinances. Mr. Peters indicated that adoption of the abatement ordinances allows the Village to use monies from other sources to pay outstanding debt, rather than levying the property tax to fund the debt.

The following items were voted upon with one motion as part of the Consent Agenda.

- B. Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Village of Oak Park for its Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2001 2001 BUDGET  
ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED

Ordinance 2000-0-52 entitled **ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2001** was submitted for adoption.

- C. Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2000 and Ending December 31, 2000 of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois. ORDINANCE FOR  
LEVY AND AS-  
SESSMENT OF  
TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2000  
ADOPTED

Ordinance 2000-0-53 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

was submitted for adoption.

ORDINANCE  
FOR LEVY AND  
ASSESSMENT  
OF TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR  
2000 IN SSA #1  
ADOPTED

- D. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2000 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number One

Ordinance 2000-0-54 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE** was submitted for adoption.

ORDINANCE  
FOR LEVY AND  
ASSESSMENT  
OF TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR  
2000 IN SSA #4  
ADOPTED

- E. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2000 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number Four

Ordinance 2000-0-55 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER FOUR** was submitted for adoption.

ORDINANCE  
FOR LEVY AND  
ASSESSMENT  
OF TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR  
2000 IN SSA #5  
ADOPTED

- F. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2000 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number Five

Ordinance 2000-0-56 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER FIVE** was submitted for adoption.

ORDINANCE  
FOR LEVY AND  
ASSESSMENT  
OF TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR  
2000 IN SSA #6  
ADOPTED

- G. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2000 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number Six

Ordinance 2000-0-57 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER SIX** was submitted for adoption.

Village Manager Swenson asked Mr. Peters to give a brief overview of special service areas. Mr. Peters indicated that State law provides for the designation of a particular geographical area within a community in order to provide special services to that area. A need is determined and the residents of that area vote on whether or not the special service area should be created. If the area is created, the Village is then empowered to levy a tax on the residents within that area to pay for the special services. Special Service Area

#1 was created to finance the operations of Downtown Oak Park. Special Service Areas #4 and 5 were created to construct and maintain cul-de-sacs; and Special Service Area #6 was created in the area around Oak Park Avenue and the Eisenhower Expressway to provide enhanced streetscaping and landscaping. A portion of the cost of services to these areas is then levied on the residences and businesses of the area to reimburse the Village for the project costs.

H. Ordinances Providing for the Abatement of Various Bond Issues

ORDINANCES  
PROVIDING FOR  
ABATEMENT OF  
BOND ISSUES  
ADOPTED

Village Manager Swenson asked Finance Director Greg Peters to clarify the issue of abatements. When bonds are issued, Mr. Peters explained, tax levies are pledged to pay the debt service of the particular bond issue. A tax levy ordinance, filed with the County Clerk, mandates that the Clerk extend the levy for each year there is an outstanding debt on the particular bond issue. If sufficient funds exist in other funds, e. g., the Parking Fund or the TIF Fund, to pay the debt on a particular bond issue, an abatement ordinance can be filed with the County Clerk which authorizes the Clerk to extend only a portion of the levy, or none at all. Mr. Peters further explained that monies exist in various funds that will be used in lieu of property taxes to pay the debt on particular and identified bond issues. Mr. Swenson noted that there were 12 abatement ordinances before the Board.

1. \$1,174,053 of the 2000 Tax Levy for the Series 1988 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-58 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$1,174,053 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1988)** was submitted for adoption.

2. \$534,000 of the 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1990 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-59 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$534,000 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1990)** was submitted for adoption.

3. \$225,300 of the 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1992A General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-60 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$225,300 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1992A)** was submitted for adoption.

4. \$526,795 of the 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1993A General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-61 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$526,795 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate purpose Bonds, Series 1993A Refunding Bonds)** was submitted for adoption.

5. Partial Abatement of \$356,549 of 2000 Tax levy for Series 1995A General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-62 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$356,549 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1995A)** was submitted for adoption.

6. Partial Abatement of \$376,091 of 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1995B General obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-63 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$376,091 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1995B)** was submitted for adoption.

7. Partial Abatement of \$129,550 of 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1996 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-64 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$129,550 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (1996 General Obligation Bond Issue)** was submitted for adoption.

8. Abatement of \$167,410 of 2000 Tax levy for Series 1996A General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-65 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$167,410 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996A)** was submitted for adoption.

9. Abatement of \$333,455 of 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1996B General Obligation Bonds

President Furlong noted that these bonds are related to the additional construction for the Holley Court parking structure and that monies from the Parking Fund are being budgeted for the debt service. She asked if there might be a time when TIF funds can be used for this purpose. Mr. Swenson confirmed that TIF funds can be used.

Ordinance 2000-0-66 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR**

**ABATEMENT OF \$333,455 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (1996B General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)** was submitted for adoption.

10. Abatement of \$799,945 of 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1998 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-67 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$799,945 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (1998 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)** was submitted for adoption.

11. Abatement of \$267,074 of 2000 Tax Levy for Series 1999 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-68 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$267,074 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (1999 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)** was submitted for adoption.

12. Abatement of \$1,252,250 of 2000 Tax levy for Series 2000 General Obligation Bonds

Ordinance 2000-0-69 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$1,252,250 OF THE 2000 TAX LEVY (2000 General obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds)** was submitted for adoption.

I. Ordinance Amending Section 26-2-2 of Village Code Relating to Meter Charges for Water Services

INCREASE IN  
WATER SERVICE  
CHARGE  
APPROVED

Mr. Swenson explained the City of Chicago is increasing the delivery charge for water by \$0.10 per 1000 gallons, for a total of \$2.58 per 1000 gallons. The increase will be passed through to consumers in Oak Park.

Ordinance 2000-0-70 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-2-2(A) OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE METER CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

J. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Bowling Alleys (Oak Park Lanes, 6046 Roosevelt Road)

RENEWAL OF  
BUSINESS LI-  
CENSE FOR  
BOWLING ALLEYS  
APPROVED

Resolution 2000-R-167 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BOWLING ALLEYS** was submitted for adoption.

RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR OAK PARK BILLIARDS APPROVED

- K. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Billiard Hall (Oak Park Billiards, 1019 South Boulevard)

Resolution 2000-R-168 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BILLIARD HALL** was submitted for adoption.

RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BILLIARD HALL (LEONA'S PIZZERIA, INC.) APPROVED

- L. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Billiard Hall (Leona's Pizzeria, Inc., 850 Madison Street)

Resolution 2000-R-169 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BILLIARD HALL** was submitted for adoption.

CONTRACT WITH TERRA ENGINEERING, LTD. APPROVED

- M. Resolution Authorizing Extension of a Professional Services Contract with Terra Engineering, Ltd. of Chicago, Illinois

Resolution 2000-R-170 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH TERRA ENGINEERING LTD. OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS** was submitted for adoption.

SECURITY GRANT APPROVED

- N. Resolution Authorizing a Security Improvements Grant: SIG-142

Resolution 2000-R-171 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECURITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT – SIG-142** was submitted for adoption.

MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT MSA-0014/A AND HB 0010 APPROVED

- O. Resolutions Authorizing Execution of Marketing Services Agreement MSA-0014/A with Grant for 5 Year Term and HB 0010

President Furlong noted that the business license expires December 15, 2000 and that approval would be contingent upon prompt renewal of the business license.

Trustee Trapani referred to the minutes of HPAC and noted that concern had been expressed that although the building is racially diverse, it would still be an Option A agreement. Staff had indicated that surrounding area buildings, as well as tenant composition, are considered. Trustee Trapani asked if demographics are available for the purpose of comparison. Community Services Director Rogene Hill indicated that the 1990 census, demographics from the surrounding buildings, and demographics from the school districts were used. In response to a question from Trustee Trapani, Ms. Hill indicated the school information mainly related to public schools and that the data regarding private schools was not as reliable.

Trustee Trapani noted owners participating in Option A agreements agree to affirmatively market dwelling units for one year and she wondered if it were possible that no leases will expire in the coming year. Ms. Hill

indicated that while the Village does not have specific lease information, it is possible, but unlikely, that no leases would expire during the next year.

Trustee Trapani asked for clarification regarding the condition of the building, noting that in the HPAC minutes Housing Programs Manager Cynthia Breunlin reported that the building is well maintained, while the resolution authorizing the rehabilitation loan says the premises are in a "substandard" condition. Ms. Hill agreed the two terms seem to be in conflict, but that certain conditions exist in the building that the owner is seeking to rectify with a loan or grant. Generally, she continued, the building is well maintained. There are some things, however, that need to be repaired or replaced, some specific conditions that the owner wants to rectify and it is to remedy those conditions that the owner seeks the loan. Trustee Trapani asked that in the future terms be carefully explained so that there does not appear to be such inconsistencies.

In response to Trustee Trapani's question, Ms. Hill indicated that there is no mortgage on the property.

Resolution 2000-R-172 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT MSA-0014/A OPTION A** and Resolution 2000-R-173 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN HB 0010** were submitted for adoption.

P. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with A&B Landscape for Stump Removal and Restoration Services for 2001

CONTRACT WITH  
A & B LAND-  
SCAPING AND  
TREE SERVICE  
APPROVED

Mr. Swenson, responding to a question from President Furlong, indicated that though restoration will not be able to occur until Spring, stump removal will continue as long as weather permits. Trustee Trapani wondered if costs might change if the diameter of stumps exceeds that which the contractor has anticipated. Mr. Swenson, after checking with Public Works Director Joe Euclide, indicated that the Village will be covered even in the event of larger stumps.

Resolution 2000-R-174 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH A & B LANDSCAPING OF RIVERSIDE, IL FOR STUMP REMOVAL AND RESTORATION SERVICES FOR 2001** was submitted for adoption.

Q. Employee Health, Dental and Life Insurance

1. Resolutions Authorizing Execution of Contracts for Group Health Insurance Coverage

CONTRACTS FOR  
GROUP HEALTH  
INSURANCE  
APPROVED

A. CIGNA Health Plans for PPA Insurance Coverage

Resolution 2000-R-175 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING**

**EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CIGNA PPA GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE** was submitted for adoption.

B. AETNA Health Plans for HMO Insurance Coverage

Resolution 2000-R-176 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AETNA HMO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE** was submitted for adoption.

C. SAFECO for Specific and Aggregate Reinsurance

Resolution 2000-R-177 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SAFECO FOR SPECIFIC AND AGGREGATE REINSURANCE** was submitted for adoption.

CONTRACT FOR GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE APPROVED

2. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract for Group Dental Insurance Coverage

Resolution 2000-R-178 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF ILLINOIS FOR GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE** was submitted for adoption.

CONTRACT FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE APPROVED

3. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Group Life Insurance Coverage

Resolution 2000-R-179 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PRUDENTIAL GROUP LIFE FOR LIFE INSURANCE SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN DOWNTOWN TIF FUND APPROVED

R. Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Special Tax Allocation Fund Balances in the Downtown TIF Fund to Projects for the 1999 and 2000 Fiscal Years

Resolution 2000-R-180 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN THE DOWNTOWN TIF FUND TO PROJECTS FOR THE 1999 AND 2000 FISCAL YEARS** was submitted for adoption.

DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN MADISON STREET TIF FUND APPROVED

S. Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Special Tax Allocation Fund Balances in the Madison Street TIF Fund to Projects for the 1999 and 2000 Fiscal Years

Resolution 2000-R-181 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN THE MADISON STREET TIF FUND TO PROJECTS FOR THE 1999 AND 2000 FISCAL YEARS** was submitted for adoption.

- W. Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Documents Relating to the Acquisition of 1121-1123 Lake Street

ACQUISITION OF  
1121-1123 LAKE  
STREET  
APPROVED

Ordinance 2000-0-71 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF 1121-11123 LAKE STREET** was submitted for adoption.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Trapani, seconded by Trustee Kuner, to approve the items submitted under the Consent Agenda. True and correct copies of the Ordinances and Resolutions are to be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Ebner, Hodge-West, Kostopulos, Kuner, Trapani and Turner and President Furlong

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

At this point, Village Manager Swenson said he wanted to thank the Board for their hard work on the 2001 budget and Trustee Trapani for leading the Finance Committee. President Furlong thanked Mr. Swenson, Mr. Peters and staff for the strong support provided to the Board during the budget process.

### **Regular Agenda**

- T. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with H. J. Pokorny, Inc. of Naperville, Illinois for Dole Learning Center Improvements

CONTRACT FOR  
DOLE LEARNING  
CENTER  
IMPROVEMENTS  
APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson introduced this item and explained that when the project was bid earlier in the year, the Village was not satisfied with the responses. When the project was re-bid, after engineering staff worked with the Village's architectural consultants, the Village was pleased with the result. Mr. Swenson asked that Village Engineer Jim Budrick provide information on the project.

Mr. Budrick explained that the planning process for this project actually started two years ago. As Mr. Swenson noted, the initial bids were rejected. Specifications were revised and the project was re-bid in the Fall, a better time for building contractors to bid on projects of this nature. Thanks to the assistance of the Village's consultant, Gilmore Franzen, it was possible to make use of the bid list of the City of Chicago Public School system. Twenty-three contractors participated in the process and 14 bids were received. The

low bid was submitted by H. J. Pokorny Inc. of Naperville, with a base bid amount of \$1,589,000, which is a savings of nearly \$400,000 over the initial bids.

President Furlong thanked Mr. Budrick and the citizens committee and indicated there were residents present who wished to testify on this issue.

Ette Worthington, 403 N. Humphrey, stated she is the founder and Board President of River Oaks Arts, a literary arts organization with offices on the third floor of Dole Learning Center.

Ms. Worthington said she learned on November 30 from a library staff member that a meeting was occurring that day with Mr. Budrick and the proposed contractor for the Dole renovation. Additionally, the staff member informed her the renovations were to begin on December 12 and that River Oaks Arts would need to be out of the building by that time. Ms. Worthington, although not invited, attended the meeting with Camille Wilson-White of the Arts Council, and she said she learned that, indeed, December 12 was the date set for the eviction of River Oaks Arts.

Ms. Wilson-White informed those at the 11/30 meeting that River Oaks Arts held a written agreement for use of the space, with a month-to-month arrangement. The group has met in the building since 1995 and has used the third floor since 1996, with the space being used by the group's executive director and for some public programming.

River Oaks Arts' attorney, Chuck LeMoyné, spoke with the Village Engineer on December 1, and was informed that the project starting date has been known since August. Ms. Worthington noted that the group has never received written or direct oral communication about the need for the group to leave the building and that she is very unhappy about the lack of communication. She indicated that it will not be possible to be relocated by December 12.

Mr. Swenson stated the River Oaks Arts' use of the space in the Dole Learning Center was based on a letter from a former director of the Arts Council. Mr. Swenson noted that the groups using the building have not had standard agreements but remarked that in the future, there will be standard lease agreements, whether the Village or another entity owns the building. He noted the Village's desire to be as sensitive as possible to the users of the building during the construction and indicated the Village will work with the Arts Council and River Oaks Arts to help them find space to use.

President Furlong said she had a voice mail message from Mary Ann Brown, the director of Hephzibah, who uses space at Dole Center for 20 children for an after school tutoring and homework program. Mr. Swenson responded that the Hephzibah program is in the building under the auspices of the Park District. He explained that a variety of people use the building under a variety of arrangements, some of which were granted by groups that didn't

have the authority to grant the arrangement. The Village is working directly with each group using the building regarding a new timeframe for vacating the building.

Trustee Hodge-West asked if it were correct that a new timeframe has been established and that the River Oaks Arts group does not have to vacate the premises by the date originally indicated. Mr. Swenson stated the Village is working with all entities involved to help them make arrangements so the construction can begin. He agreed with Trustee Hodge-West that the Village will have a list of those people who should be involved.

Robyn Steele, 221 S. Humphrey Avenue, remarked that the Children's Chorus also uses space in the Dole building. She is the Operations Manager for the group and explained that the group has used space there since 1996, with a loose agreement, similar to that of the River Oaks Arts. She stated that although they have opened their doors to contractors and architects coming into the building, their group also has never been told when the construction will begin. The group was guessing that they would learn of the plans sometime in 2001 and be given some time to move. Ms. Steele said she learned what was to happen from Ms. Worthington and Ms. Wilson-White. She remarked that this is a particularly busy season for the Chorus, and she feels there is a lack of appreciation for the fact that River Oaks Arts and the Children's Chorus are not-for-profit businesses, adding to the quality of life in Oak Park and bringing in revenue.

Mr. Swenson assured the groups of Village support for their organizations and said Mr. Budrick and Public Works Director Joe Euclide will work with them. He added that the contract for the work is just now being approved and the contractor would like to move ahead quickly, which is a plus for the renovation of the building; but this also means communications regarding timing have been somewhat hurried. In response to Ms. Steele's concern about the possible need to vacate in 8 days, Mr. Swenson assured her that the Village will work to make departure times as comfortable for the organization as possible.

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, that the proposed Resolution 2000-R-182 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH H J POKORNY INC. OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS FOR PROJECT 00-22, DOLE LEARNING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

President Furlong invited questions from the Trustees.

In response to a question from Trustee Kostopulos, Village Engineer Budrick stated that there are basically five alternates on the project this time around. The 14 alternates initially discussed were put into the general contract documents this time. The alternates being asked for, which are not

included in the contract documents, involve allowing some of the space, mainly the library portion, to be occupied during construction. The cost will be an extra \$10,000. If a sewer extension is required, the cost will be an additional \$18,000. There is no additional cost for the contractor to complete the work within 9 months of start-up.

Trustee Hodge-West congratulated Mr. Budrick on his outreach goal of involving women and minority-owned businesses during the bid process, noting that the bids were competitive and further noting that one of the women or minority-owned businesses submitted a bid that was fairly close to the low bid. She asked what portion of the capital expenditures are federal funds and what portion are funds coming from the Village. Mr. Budrick responded that the CDBG funds will all be related to ADA improvements—the elevator tower and the bathrooms.

Trustee Hodge-West clarified with Mr. Budrick that the Village awards a contract not necessarily to the lowest bidder, but to the lowest responsible bidder. She wondered why a known company that has been around for a long time and which submitted a competitive bid would not have been chosen over a company which she has never heard of. Mr. Budrick responded that everything required in the Village's bid documents had been checked, and Trustee Kostopulos remarked that the company awarded the bid has been around several years. Mr. Budrick said he would be glad to share the whole report.

Trustee Hodge-West asked how involvement of minority and women-owned companies as subcontractors would be tracked. Mr. Budrick indicated that all subcontractors must register and provide information to Community Development prior to the work starting. Staff then interviews employees.

Trustee Kuner thanked the citizens present and acknowledged the hard work and persistence of the committee members during the time it took to bring the project to this point. Additionally, he thanked the architects for completing the difficult task of estimating costs for the project. Trustee Kuner also acknowledged the unique groups currently using the building and noted they have unique sets of needs. He urged that an effort be made to work with the groups in connection with the December 12 date.

Mr. Budrick responded that the contractor intended to walk through the building the next day and that the primary goal is to get the outside work underway and completed as quickly as possible. This will be mostly excavation work for the foundation walls. He explained it is important that people using the building know and understand that a lot of construction work will be occurring and that access will be limited. Trustee Ebner asked if, then, there had been a misunderstanding and that the entities using the building were not expected to vacate by December 12. Mr. Budrick agreed, indicating the contractor had said in a pre-construction meeting that he will allow the groups to stay as long as possible. Trustee Kostopulos suggested the Village should be considerate of the tenants, giving them an idea of a schedule and keeping them informed periodically.

Trustee Trapani asked if there will be trucks parked on Augusta. Mr. Budrick indicated there will be trucks at some time and explained that notification will occur three or four days in advance so that "No Parking" signs can be posted. Trustee Trapani stated that she thinks it would be appropriate to post a notification more than three or four days in advance, since this is a substantial project and the neighborhood will be impacted. Mr. Budrick said he will be glad to do that.

Mr. Swenson added that mailings will go to residents of the neighborhood near the building and that the citizen committee which has been involved will be asked to spread the word, as well. He noted that this building is a community asset, as well as a neighborhood asset. And he indicated that once a schedule is known, it will be communicated to everyone involved with the project.

President Furlong suggested asking the Area Arts Council, the Library and Park District if there are other people with whom the Village should be in contact. Village Manager Swenson agreed that is a good idea.

President Furlong asked for a roll call.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustee Ebner, Hodge-West, Kostopulos, Kuner, Trapani and Turner and President Furlong

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

U. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation Resolution for Village Share of Lake Street Resurfacing Project

MOTOR FUEL TAX  
APPROPRIATION  
RESOLUTION FOR  
LAKE STREET  
RESURFACING  
PROJECT  
APPROVED

Mr. Budrick explained that planning for this project began two years ago when Engineering applied to the North Central Council for funds for Lake Street resurfacing. Over \$1 million were secured and it is hoped that additional funds will be received. The project includes water and sewer main replacement, modernizing of traffic signals, new signals at Euclid and Lake and the landscape median at Taylor Avenue, adjacent to Stevenson Park. The construction and engineering costs will total approximately \$3,750,000, with the Village's share being approximately \$2,665,000.

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Kuner, that the proposed Resolution 2000-R-183 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MOTOR FUEL TAX APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR VILLAGE SHARE OF LAKE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT (SECTION: 99-00234-00-RS)** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered

filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Ebner, Hodge-West, Kostopulos, Kuner, Trapani and Turner and President Furlong

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

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### **Village Board Committee Reports**

Trustee Kostopulos announced that the December Parking Committee meeting has been cancelled.

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### **Village Manager Reports**

#### V. Reports

##### (1) Village Board Calendars: December and January

President Furlong asked if there were any changes in the calendar. Trustee Trapani indicated that the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for December 12 is cancelled.

##### (2) Austin Boulevard Resurfacing Project

Village Manager Swenson remarked that the City of Chicago has begun work on this project. Construction will occur during the next construction season.

##### (3) Update on Home Day Care

Mr. Swenson indicated that this item was brought to the Board at the last regular meeting. Community Services staff is working on this issue and Mr. Swenson anticipates having more information available for the Board at its next meeting.

##### (4) Free Parking for Holiday Shopping Event

Mr. Swenson explained that during the holiday shopping season, there will be free meter parking in business districts on designated days. A memo will be provided to the Board and there will be information pieces in the newspapers and on the local Cable station. President Furlong noted that all of the shopping districts are included, and the dates are December 9, 16, 22 and 23.

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Turner,

seconded by Trustee Kuner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition.

SUBMITTED BY AND RECORDED IN  
THE OFFICE OF:

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By: Kathleen M. Cannon  
Deputy Village Clerk