

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**OFFICIAL RECORD:**

REGULAR  
MEETING  
6/18/2001

PRESENT: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Kostopulos and Turner and  
President Trapani

ABSENT: Trustee Hodge-West

QUORUM: President Trapani convened the Regular meeting of the Village  
Board and declared that a quorum was present.

**MINUTES:**

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President Trapani indicated that approval of the Minutes of the last Village  
Board meeting will be deferred to Monday, June 25, as they are not available at  
this time.

**PRESENTATION: EMS ACCREDITATION**

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Village Manager Swenson stated that he is very pleased with the  
accreditation of the Emergency Medical Service in Oak Park. A year ago, the Oak  
Park Fire Department, after rigorous peer review, was honored for its Fire Service  
suppression and response.

Chief Beeson explained that the accreditation system was developed in 1988  
to "assist local governments in determining risk and safety needs and to evaluate  
performance." The Village of Oak Park applied for accreditation in 1997 and  
received same in 1999. The process involved the development of a very detailed  
self-assessment manual, which took 18 months to complete. It was submitted for  
review in the Fall of 1998. In June of 1999, a peer review team came for an on-site  
review, and in August of 1999, the Fire Department received full accreditation.  
The Fire Service Accreditation is for five years, during which time the  
Department must submit annual reports. At the end of the fifth year, the  
Department must go through the complete accreditation process again. The Oak  
Park Fire Department was the third Department in the State of Illinois to receive  
accreditation. A positive outcome is the recognition the Village has received.

Deputy Chief Puknaitis explained that in the Fall of 1999, the Department  
applied to the Commission for Accreditation of Ambulance Services. The process,  
again, was rigorous and took a year to complete. The Department believes it has  
one of the best pre-hospital emergency medical care systems in the Chicago area.  
Over the past 15 years, the Village has gone from offering basic life support to

paramedic advanced life support. Apparatus, with the exception of one piece of equipment, has been changed to advanced life support capacity. Personnel have received advanced training and the Department has received numerous awards for outstanding effort. Many members of the Department took part in the accreditation process. Chief Beeson stated that throughout the application processes, the Village Manager's office and the Board have been very supportive in terms of guidance and policy decisions. The Oak Park Fire Department is one of two in the State of Illinois to have EMS accreditation and one of five departments in the entire United States that has both EMS and Fire Service accreditation. Chief Beeson expressed his thanks to the Village Manager's office and the Board for their support and presented the plaque received for EMS accreditation to President Trapani.

President Trapani, in turn, thanked Chief Beeson, Deputy Chief Puknaitis and all Fire Department personnel for their integrity and hard work as they go about protecting Oak Park residents and for their work in pursuing accreditation. She also thanked Trustee Turner who provided guidance during public safety discussions with regard to the evaluation and purchase of new fire equipment. Village Manager Swenson echoed her thanks.

**PROCLAMATION: LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE MONTH**

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AND GAY  
PRIDE MONTH  
JUNE 2001

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE MONTH – JUNE 2001**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**APPOINTMENT:**

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It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Gockel, to concur in the following appointment by President Trapani:

**Community Relations Commission**

Appointment of high school student Rachel Doherty, as Member, for a term to expire July 6, 2002.

The motion was unanimously adopted. President Trapani thanked Ms. Doherty for her willingness to serve the Village in this capacity.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NON-AGENDA  
PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Patricia Spagat, 945 N. Elmwood Avenue, indicated that the animals in the Shelter are still suffering. Dogs need to be taken outside on a leash for the purposes of exercise, socialization and for attending to bodily functions. Her understanding is that if a vet examines a dog immediately after being picked up by Animal Control and determines that the animal is healthy, the dog can then be allowed outside on a leash. Ms. Spagat urged the Village to act quickly on this issue.

David Spagat, 945 N. Elmwood Avenue, indicated that the Village has done a fine job in the areas of upgrading and accrediting fire service and with regard to gay and lesbian rights. He feels, however, that the Village is not doing well with regard to the animal issues. He noted that Trustees Gockel and Turner have visited the facility but said they do not understand how bad the situation is. The weather has gotten warmer, and the humidity has gone up and the animals are still confined to their cages. The animals picked up in Forest Park are permitted to go outside, but the animals Oak Park delivers to the shelter are not. He believes the situation deserves immediate attention.

Jean Hayes, 715 N. Taylor, stated a Doberman Pincher mix was taken from Oak Park to a shelter in Chicago Ridge, which is a "kill" shelter. A veterinarian determined the dog is highly adoptable. She wonders why Oak Park dumps animals in a "kill" shelter. She does not understand why after the holding period is up, animals are not kept in the Forest Park facility for adoption. People involved in this matter want to rescue and save healthy animals for possible adoption.

John Fleming, 832 South Maple, noted that the Village has an ordinance that allows people in a single-family dwelling to have two dogs, but which limits a person living in a multi-family unit to possession of one dog only. Mr. Fleming asks that the ordinance be changed.

Deborah Fleming, 832 South Maple, explained that she and her family have lived in their present five-flat building for 19 years. They are on-site landlords and the unit they live in is 2000 square feet, equivalent to the size of many homes in Oak Park. Two years ago an angry tenant turned the Flemings in to the Village for owning two dogs. The Flemings had not known of the restriction. They were taken to court and found the experience demeaning and upsetting. A friend took one dog, which is now in poor health. The Flemings would like to relieve their friend of the expense of caring for the dog by taking the dog back into their home. They would like to see the ordinance changed.

President Trapani asked Dr. Georgeen Polyak, Director of Public Health, to provide an overview of how the Health Department is managing the animal control issue.

Dr. Polyak stated that since the last update on June 4, the Department has been working to improve animal control procedures. Staff appreciates the citizen input received and are increasing efforts to find adoptive families, individuals and agencies. Since May 1, 42 of 45 impounded animals have been placed—21 were returned to owners and 21 were adopted by families or agencies. She indicated the Department works with agencies when there are "special needs" dogs—dogs such as Pit Bulls, Rotweillers and others that may be used for fighting. So-called "no kill" agencies have limited admissions and often they are filled to capacity. The Village does check with these agencies whenever there is a difficult-to-place dog. Other shelters take animals that are readily adoptable. Still other shelters have limited admission capacity for animals that are not likely to be chosen for adoption.

The Village also approaches the Animal Care League, a licensed animal welfare organization which is a reputable organization. Because of the concerns of Oak Park residents regarding euthanasia, representatives of the organization were asked if ACL automatically euthanizes animals placed with them, based on breed, and they responded they do not. Upon inquiry, the Village was informed by Animal Care League that their rate of placement is approximately 69%.

The Forest Park facility is not ideal at this time, but they are working hard to improve. The Village picked up an animal that was placed in Forest Park for three weeks. During that time, an item about the dog was posted on the internet, on TV 6, on the kiosk at Village Hall and word was spread by word-of-mouth. The Village appreciates the help received from volunteers and residents.

Regarding walking impounded animals outside, Dr. Polyak indicated she spoke with the consulting veterinarian, Village administration, the Law Department and long time animal control people regarding the exercise of animals. Taking into account the information and input she has received, Dr. Polyak decided the best strategy to ensure public safety and safety for the animals is to create an enclosed area so the animals can be exercised outside. The Forest Park facility has committed to having an area enclosed by July 10, 2001.

Dr. Polyak stated it is important to consider public safety. This is an urban area. Stray and unwanted animals are picked up, as well as owned animals that can be reunited with owners. Some animals come to us because they have bitten people and those animals can present a public safety hazard.

Responding to a question from Village Manager Swenson, Dr. Polyak indicated that the Board of Health is in the process of completing their recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

President Trapani noted that Trustee Gockel has asked to spend time at the Study Session on July 30 on the neighborhood relations component, since he is the liaison to the Health Board. Trustee Gockel stated he has spoken with Dr. Lois Halstead, Chair of the Health Board, who indicated their recommendations will include amendments to the current ordinance. President Trapani stated that the Village Attorney should have a prior opportunity to review recommendations coming from the Board of Health. She asked that a memo be directed to the Board and to the Village Attorney so that he might review recommendations and "create a proper framework in which an ordinance can be developed." Village Attorney Heise agreed and said it is important not to do specific drafting, but to get recommendations in general concept form down on paper.

President Trapani, noting Mr. and Mrs. Fleming's concerns, suggested the Board might want to revisit the issue of how many animals may be kept in an apartment. Trustee Turner wondered if Oak Park's Housing Ordinance might have something to do with only one dog being allowed in an apartment. Trustee Turner indicated that based on information he has read, socialization of animals

is important for good health; and to be adoptable, an animal needs to be in good condition.

Charlotte Cohen, 605 S. Taylor Avenue, indicated she wished to speak about plantings and highrises. She spoke of people who are interested in changing plantings in neighborhoods, around businesses and homes; and she indicated that it is developers who are interested in condos and highrises, stating that Oak Park is a lovely community that does not need more highrises or condos. Ms. Cohen noted her love for her own dog and all animals, saying she prefers them to some two-legged animals.

**Consent Agenda**

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Village Manager Swenson requested that Items I and J be removed from the Agenda as negotiations are continuing with the vendors. Additionally, he requested that Items E, F and G be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, as these items will require a separate vote.

- A. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Rehabilitation Loan: CDS-452

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TION LOAN  
CDS-452  
APPROVED

Resolution 2001-R-126 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN: CDS-452** was submitted for adoption.

- B. Resolution Authorizing Execution of HOME Program Loan Agreement and Related Matters

HOME  
PROGRAM  
LOAN AGREE-  
MENT  
APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson explained that the Village has applied for and received various grants from Cook County. This item involves a grant from Cook County in the amount of \$200,000 to be used specifically for lead hazard reduction. Rogene Hill, Director of Community Services, explained that the Village will be involved in a pilot program for the purpose of lead abatement.

Trustee Kostopulos asked for clarification, noting that lead abatement can include a variety of things—lead water pipes, lead paint, etc. Ms. Hill said this project involves removal of lead paint only and indicated that updated Federal regulations, which will take effect in August, 2001, contain specific requirements for the removal of lead paint that the Village will need to follow. With the new regulations in place, the questions involve how much it will cost to remove lead paint and how difficult it will be. The pilot project allows the opportunity to follow the regulations and determine difficulty and cost of removal. Trustee Kostopulos asked who determines what will be abated. Ms. Hill responded that the Village will have to hire an expert trained according to the regulations. That expense will come out of the \$200,000.

Resolution 2001-R-127 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME PROGRAM LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED MATTERS** was submitted for adoption.

- C. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with A. C. Pavement

CONTRACT

Striping Company of Des Plaines, Illinois for Project 01-5, Micro-surfacing

WITH A. C.  
PAVEMENT  
STRIPING  
COMPANY  
APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson noted that there was only one bidder on this project. While that is a concern, the Village is proceeding because the vendor has performed well and submitted a good bid. Mr. Swenson stated that he asked that next year Public Works Director Joe Euclide look at a different method of prolonging the life of Village Streets since the number of contractors who do this work is decreasing.

Trustee Turner asked the radius of the area the Village explored for competitive bids. Mr. Euclide explained that the vendors the Village considers for this work are those prequalified by the State of Illinois. In the State of Illinois, there are only two vendors prequalified by the State. So for this project, the market area included the entire State.

Trustee Turner, looking at the EEO Report, asked what group of workers is covered in the category "semi-skilled." There are no numbers on the line labeled "laborers." Mr. Euclide said he would get more definitive information from the company.

Trustee Ebner wondered why so few companies do this type of work. Mr. Euclide indicated he does not know. This type of work is pavement maintenance and can provide a cost benefit to the Village. It is used when pavement shows wear and tear but not structural damage. Many communities, he added, are more involved in reconstruction, rather than maintenance.

Trustee Gockel asked if "micro-surfacing" and "slurry sealing" are the same. Mr. Euclide stated they are not the same, but similar. He indicated that he would not use the slurry seal technique instead of micro surfacing. The latter extends the life of a pavement for about 7 years.

Trustee Turner commented that he was surprised there are so few companies doing this kind of work because at the last Municipal Conference there were representatives of several companies providing that service. If those companies are not in Illinois, he wonders where they are. Mr. Swenson stated that the Village will look into creating a more competitive environment. Mr. Euclide noted that the Village can look at companies which are not prequalified, which we have not done. With prequalified companies, the State certifies that the company has the equipment and the experience to do the work properly.

Resolution 2001-R-128 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH A. C. PAVEMENT STRIPING COMPANY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS FOR PROJECT 01-5, MICRO-SURFACING** was submitted for adoption.

- D. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Annual Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services to Provide Family Case Management Services and Adolescent Health Services July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

AGREEMENT  
WITH IL DEPT.  
OF HUMAN  
SERVICES

Resolution 2001-R-129 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICES – JULY 1, 2001 – JUNE 30, 2002** was submitted for adoption.

APPROVED

H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Access Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Park District with Commonwealth Edison and Nicor Utilities to Allow Access to the Site for the Barrie Park Project

BARRIE PARK  
SITE ACCESS  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson emphasized that this is an important item in that the Barrie Park remediation project, which will begin shortly, is a major construction remediation project for the Village. The remedial objectives agreement set out the framework and objectives of the project. The access agreement covers the rules, procedures and structure of the work to be undertaken and how it will be done. Mr. Swenson thanked Assistant to the Village Manager Lisa Shelley, and Village Attorney Ray Heise and the Village's outside counsel and environmental staff for the incredible effort expended on this agreement.

Mr. Heise and Ms. Shelley offered a Power Point presentation. Mr. Heise explained that the remedial objectives agreement set the levels of contaminants found in manufactured gas plants. The levels agreed upon are conservative and are probably a step above what is normally found with exhaust emissions from automobiles. The depth to which digging will occur in pursuit of contaminants, the extent to which testing will proceed outward from the source area into the residential neighborhood and how the testing will take place were determined. The remedial objectives agreement is incorporated fully within the access agreement.

The access agreement assures employee safety, environmental protection and adherence to all Federal and State regulations that apply to the situation. There is a commitment to have remediation and backfill completed by August 31, 2002. After that time the Park District can begin the process of restoration and landscaping. Parkways up to and including sidewalks, streets and replacement of existing utility lines are to be completed within two years from commencement of work.

There is a plan to deal with rainwater runoff during remediation, as well as a plan to control dust. Digging of source material will occur in the winter months to reduce odors. There is a plan in place to protect existing utilities and sewer service so neighbors will never be cut off from water or utility service for more than a couple of hours. Utility lines will remain in place and be operable until the time the switch to new lines occurs—so interruptions will be a matter of hours, not days. Hours of work will be Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Continuing to work into the weekend will enable earlier completion.

Truck traffic will be limited and will go from the Park to Austin Boulevard,

and then to the expressway. There will be independent oversight from the utilities during the remediation period, with an authorized, competent representative of the utilities on-site every day during work hours to answer questions. There will be both a Village-authorized and a Park District-authorized representative for the environmental work and for construction work.

One hundred million dollars of insurance that continues for a basic ten-year period is in place. This insurance covers pollution events, as well.

Source material and non-hazardous materials will be transported in closed containers, which will be loaded onto railcars. The material will go to Garfield, over the side and down, using a special, heavy-duty crane that is being built. Clean fill to refill the Park will come in the same way.

The Barrie Park Citizens Committee is still in place and active. Public meetings will be held at least quarterly.

Each time a new protocol is developed—e.g., where equipment will be placed, how it will be moved, how material will be moved, how noise can be abated—it will become a part of the access agreement.

Dispute resolution standards have been developed with the intent to resolve disputes without stopping work on the project. It is intended that every participating property owner, as well as the Village and Park Districts, will have a "No Further Remediation" letter.

The utilities have agreed to provide voluntary residential relocation, at no additional cost. Air monitoring under the control of the Village will occur around the site to supplement air monitoring by the utilities.

There will be special signage, a phone line for questions, fact sheets and a dedicated web site.

Ms. Shelley noted that meetings are set for Wednesday and Saturday of next week (June 27 and June 30), should the Village Board approve the access agreement, in order to detail the project for the community. There will be meetings as needed throughout the project.

Mr. Swenson encouraged anyone with questions to contact the Village or to attend the meetings. He then introduced Jim Allen, Co-chair of the Barrie Park Citizens Advisory Committee, who asked if the Power Point presentation will be shown on TV-6. Mr. Swenson said it will be and asked Dave Powers, Communications/Public Information Manager, to explain what information will be available. Mr. Powers said the main communication efforts have been directed toward the residents of the neighborhood most affected. Communications have been by phone, mail and e-mail. *OP FYI* will be a vehicle for communication, as well as TV-6. Additionally, the Village is working with the project management company to have a dedicated website for the Barrie Park project, which will be

linked to the Village site and the Park District site. Copies of the Power Point presentation are available.

President Trapani commented that getting to the present point has not been easy. Indeed, the issues were complex and much effort was required. The Village's early decision to seek the expert assistance of Tom Hahn of Tetra Tech and Dennis Walsh, our environmental attorney, was a good one. She commended Assistant Village Manager Ray Wiggins and Ms. Shelley for their tenacity and commitment to ensure the protection of health, safety and property of Village residents. Former President Furlong and former Trustee Rick Kuner were instrumental in the development of the initial contract negotiations framework. Trustee Kostopulos helped to lay much of the foundation on which the agreement is based. Trustee Ebner is now the Board's Barrie Park liaison, and she "will be a strong proponent in the neighborhood."

President Trapani thanked the utility companies for helping to maintain dialog during negotiations, and she thanked the community groups, noting that the dialog between the concerned citizens and the Village can serve as a model for how the two groups can work together to address important issues. The project will take two years and we must continue to work together.

Village Manager Swenson thanked the Village Board for its continued oversight of the process.

Trustee Gockel asked if there is a potential for the utilities' general contractor to have signed contracts with the subcontractors so that work can begin in the next 120 days. Mr. Heise said the general contractor and oversight representative are in place and that there are some executed agreements on sub contracts. Ms. Shelley added that there are multiple contracts involved in connection with the transportation component. Some have been signed, and the final one is forthcoming.

Trustee Gockel and President Trapani emphasized that the Board needs to be kept apprised of any potential delays. Mr. Swenson indicated he will ask Ms. Shelley to provide an outline for the Board of any outstanding agreements and then provide status reports as the agreements are executed. The Village has been informed that the Park Board is approving their agreement tonight also.

Resolution 2001-R-130 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE BARRIE PARK SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK, COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY AND NICOR GAS COMPANY** was submitted for adoption.

M. Resolution to Contract with Industrial/Organizational Solutions for the Police Entry Examination

CONTRACT WITH INDUSTRIAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Resolution 2001-R-131 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL**

**SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE TESTING SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

APPROVED

N. Resolution to Contract with Stanard and Associates, Inc. for the Fire Lieutenant's Promotional Examination

CONTRACT WITH STANARD AND ASSOCIATES INC. APPROVED

Resolution 2001-R-132 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH STANARD AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE TESTING SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hodge-West

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Regular Agenda**

Attorney Heise confirmed that Items E, F and G can be considered together.

E. Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Purchase Agreement with Mar Lac House, Ltd. for the Property Located at 1141 South Boulevard

PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 1141 SOUTH BOULEVARD APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson noted that recently the owners of Mar Lac House decided to change the use of their primary property and made the parking lot available to the Village for purchase.

F. Ordinance Authorizing an Addendum to Real Estate Sales Contract Authorizing Right to Purchase Parking Permits at 1141 South Boulevard

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT RE: 1141 SOUTH BOULEVARD APPROVED

Mr. Swenson explained this is an agreement involving the long-term agreements currently in existence for several parking spaces in the lot.

G. Ordinance Amending the 2001 Annual Budget to Provide an Additional \$1,985,000 for the Property Redevelopment/Acquisition Program of the Downtown Special Tax Allocation Fund

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Ordinance 2001-0-60 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MAR LAC HOUSE, LTD. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 1141 SOUTH BOULEVARD**, Ordinance 2001-0-61 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM FOR PARKING AT 1141 SOUTH BOULEVARD IN OAK PARK**, and Ordinance 2001-0-62 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2001 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,985,000 FOR THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITION PROGRAM IN THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Ordinances herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Kostopulos recused himself from the vote, noting that Mr. Fabbri is a friend and business partner.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Trustee Kostopulos

ABSENT: Trustee Hodge-West

The motion was adopted.

- K. Ordinances to Modify the Existing Traffic Control Devices at the Intersections of Wesley and Randolph and Wesley and Pleasant as Reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees at its May 7, 2001 Meeting
1. Ordinance to Remove the North-South Yield Sign Controls at the Intersections of Wesley Avenue and Pleasant Street and Wesley Avenue and Randolph Street
  2. Ordinance to Install North-South Stop Sign Controls at the Intersection of Wesley Avenue and Pleasant Street, to Remove the East-West Stop Sign Controls at the Intersection of Wesley Avenue and Randolph Street and to Install North-South Stop Sign Controls at the Intersection of Wesley Avenue and Randolph Street

TRAFFIC  
CONTROL  
MODIFICA-  
TIONS  
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Gockel, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Ordinance 2001-0-63 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1-12 OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNS** and Ordinance 2001-0-64 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Ordinances herewith being ordered

filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Hodge-West

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Village Board Committee Reports**

BOARD  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Trustee Kostopulos noted that parking regulations and on-street signage are to be reviewed, and the meeting is scheduled for July.

Trustee Gockel asked that a portion of the Study Session on July 30 be set aside to discuss the animal control issue, including possible changes to the ordinance and implementation of those changes. President Trapani commented that it will be helpful to have concerns enumerated and possible remedies suggested so that Attorney Heise will be able to draft an ordinance.

**Village Manager Reports**

VILLAGE  
MANAGER  
REPORTS

L. Reports

- 1. Village Board Calendars for June, July, August
- 2. Nicor Automated Meter Reading Pilot Project

Nicor is looking into technology to obtain meter readings without having to enter homes. A pilot project will be conducted in Oak Park, with an expected beginning date of sometime in August. Nicor will contact affected residents via mail.

- 3. Letter from Department of Housing and Urban Development Regarding Annual Review of Oak Park's Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs.

The HUD Office of Community Planning & Development conducts an annual review of Oak Park's programs to assess overall progress. The assessment notes that Oak Park puts forth a "worthy effort to reach low and moderate income citizens for input in the development of the Consolidated Action Plan" and applauds Oak Park's efforts in many areas, noting that Oak Park has always been responsive to requests for information. Mr. Swenson thanked Community Services Director Rogene Hill and all of her

staff who are involved in grant administration, and he thanked the Board for their stewardship of the grant funds.

4. Noise Complaint Follow-up

Staff is working on the possibility of bringing ordinance changes to the Board, which will improve the Village's ability to enforce some of the noise restrictions currently in place in order to aid the neighbors of the gas stations where noise issues are present.

President Trapani stated her understanding that letters from Rogene Hill went to the owners of the gas stations. She is interested in knowing how the gas station owners are responding. Periodic updates to the Board are important, and it is also important that the residents who have expressed concerns are informed as to the Village's efforts and the response of the gas station owners.

5. Project Update

The parking structure project at Euclid Terraces is moving along, and Village staff are pleased with the progress.

President Trapani appointed Trustee Ebner as President Pro Tem for June 26 and June 27, inclusive, and Trustee Kostopulos as President Pro Tem June 28 through July 6, inclusive.

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN  
THE OFFICE OF:

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By: Kathleen M. Cannon  
Deputy Village Clerk