

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002, AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

REGULAR
MEETING
9/17/02

PRESENT: Trustees Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and
President Trapani

ABSENT: Trustee Carpenter

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

MINUTES:

MINUTES OF
9/17/02
MEETING
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Gockel, that the
Minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2002 be adopted as submitted.
The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, that
the Minutes of the special meeting of September 30, 2002 be adopted as submitted.
The motion was unanimously adopted.

MINUTES OF
9/30/02
MEETING
APPROVED

APPOINTMENTS:

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It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West , seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, to
concur in the following appointments by President Trapani:

Citizen Involvement Commission

Appointment of Stacy Sattler, as Member, with a term to expire October 7,
2005.

Citizen Police Oversight Commission

Appointment of Gregory Root, as Member, with a term to expire October 7,
2005.

Community Relations Commission

Appointment of Catherine Bendowitz, Chris Jackson and Alfredo Maldonado,
as Members, each with a term to expire October 7, 2005.

Environmental & Energy Advisory Commission

Appointment of Amy Little, as Member, with a term to expire March 4, 2005.

Appointment of Jane Weber (student), as Member, with a term to expire October 7, 2003.

Telecommunications Commission

Appointment of Steve McIntyre, as Chair, with a term to expire September 24, 2004.

Stacie Sattler was in the audience, and President Trapani thanked her for being willing to serve the community in this capacity.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER, 2002

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Turner, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROCLAMA-
TION:
NATIONAL
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH -
OCTOBER, 2002

PROCLAMATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2002

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROCLAMA-
TION: DOMES-
TIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
MONTH –
OCTOBER, 2002

PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 6-12, 2002

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Turner, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 6-12, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROCLAMA-
TION: FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK –
OCTOBER 6-
12, 2002

PROCLAMATION: ILLINOIS ARTS WEEK IN OAK PARK – OCTOBER 6-12, 2002

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Ebner, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION: ILLINOIS ARTS WEEK IN OAK PARK – OCTOBER 6-12, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROCLAMA-
TION: ILLINOIS
ARTS WEEK IN
OAK PARK –
OCTOBER 6-12,
2002

PROCLAMATION: LIONS CANDY DAY – OCTOBER 11, 2002

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Turner, to concur in the

PROCLAMA-
TION: LIONS
CANDY DAY –

issuance of a Proclamation by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION: LIONS CANDY DAY – OCTOBER 11, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

OCTOBER 11, 2002

RESOLUTION: HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT" HOURS – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2002

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It was moved by Trustee Gockel, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, to concur in the issuance of a Resolution by President Trapani entitled **RESOLUTION: HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT" HOURS – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2002**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Ruth Hamilton, 1111 Ontario Street, stated that she is concerned about the proposal for a 17-story building at Ontario and Harlem. She thinks that building this project would mean a great loss for Oak Park. She stated that traffic at the corner of Harlem and Ontario would be terrible and she noted that many people would be deprived of being able to view a beautiful sunset.

Charlotte Cohen, 605 S. Taylor Avenue, said that the street light across the street from her home, in front of 604 S. Taylor Avenue, has been out for two or three weeks. The absence of that light makes the street seem dark and dangerous. Additionally, the trees are so tall that they tend to block the light coming from the poles. She said that she called about the light and hopes it will be taken care of soon. Ms. Cohen also noted that Adams Street, east of Taylor, is a "mess."

Village Manager Swenson said that Staff will check on the street light promptly.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Resolution 2002-R-157 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2002 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT** was submitted for adoption.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

B. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with V-3 Consultants for Project 02-13, Benchmark Loop Survey

CONTRACT WITH V-3 CONSULTANTS

Village Manager Swenson stated that this contract is for the benchmark loop survey and monument installation project and added that the surveying work must be performed periodically.

Trustee Kostopulos noted that some of the monuments were removed or destroyed because redevelopment was occurring where the monuments were located. He asked if, when this occurs, the removed monuments are relocated to another space. Village Engineer Jim Budrick stated that if the removed survey

monuments were on Village property, they are relocated. The monuments removed or destroyed were on school property and other private property. The new monuments will go on public property so that the Village "can maintain control over them."

Trustee Hodge-West complimented Mr. Budrick on the Minority and Women Owned Business Outreach summary form included in the packet, noting that it is an excellent document. She asked that this form be included in the packet each time, saying that it was "a great job."

Resolution 2002-R-158 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH V-3 CONSULTANTS OF WOODRIDGE, ILLINOIS FOR PROJECT NO. 02-13 SURVEYING SERVICES, ESTABLISHING BENCHMARKS AND MOMUMENT INSTALLATION** was submitted for adoption.

- E. Motion Authorizing the Release of the 2003 Draft Action Plan for a 30-Day Public Comment Period

2003 DRAFT
ACTION PLAN
AVAILABLE FOR
REVIEW

Village Manager Swenson said that this Plan is prepared each year as part of the Village's Community Development Block Grant process.

At President Trapani's invitation, Eileen Fein, Chair of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC), introduced herself and some of the other Committee members, and explained that CDCAC looks at the applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, examines the requests and makes recommendations to the Village Board for funding to agencies and organizations that serve the community.

Responding to President Trapani's question, it was noted that the 2003 Draft Action Plan will be available for review at the Library, in the Village Clerk's Office and in the Community Services Department. President Trapani wondered if it might be possible to have it on the Village's website and Mr. Swenson said that he will check into it.

Trustee Gockel noted that the Community Development Block Grants are part of a federal program and that the Village receives annual funding allocations through that federal program. Ms. Fein agreed. She said that she wanted to mention a couple of things that she did not include in her letter. One is that several agencies mentioned to CDCAC that they are having trouble making the community aware of their services. It was discussed very briefly at a Committee meeting, when those agencies were present, that perhaps it would be possible to include something about the agencies in the *FYI* on a rotating basis. Such exposure would be helpful to the agencies.

Ms. Fein noted that this is her last year on the Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Committee and she complimented Staff this year as having been the best that she's served with since she'd been on the Committee. President Trapani thanked her for her fine work. Trustee Hodge-West stated that Ms. Fein

will be greatly missed and that she and the Committee have done a fine job. She asked how many agencies requesting funds this year are new agencies. Grants Manager Janis Akerstrom stated that the West Suburban Access News Association was the only new agency that requested funding, and the Committee recommended that it receive funding. Although there was only one new agency this year, in other years, there have been more.

Trustee Ebner added her thanks to Ms. Fein, noting that she and her Committee have done a fine job listening to groups that have come forward for funding and sorting out their needs. Following a suggestion by Trustee Kostopulos, there was a round of applause for Ms. Fein. Trustee Turner commented that as he reviewed the documents, looking at agencies that are not going to receive funding, he saw that the rationale is always well thought out. He expressed appreciation for the Committee's diligence.

Ms. Fein thanked the Board members for their comments and noted that she's passing the job on to able hands.

The **MOTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE 2003 DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** was submitted for approval.

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, to approve the items submitted 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 Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Regular Agenda

REGULAR
AGENDA

Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions

Liquor Control Review Board Recommendation

- F. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the Village of Oak Park – Creation of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License (Beer & Wine) for Erik's Deli & Catering, Inc., d/b/a Erik's Deli & Catering at 107 N. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR
ERIK'S DELI

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, that

Ordinance 2002-0-54 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK** be adopted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Turner, referring to the Agenda Item Commentary, asked what "Bassett training" is. Mark Gartland, Chair of the Liquor Control Review Board, explained it is alcohol training required of the applicant and all employees of the applicant so that they are aware of "how to serve alcohol and who to serve alcohol to." He added that part of the training involves being able to recognize "when a person has been over served."

Village Clerk Sokol noted that the new owners were in the audience, and President Trapani greeted them.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Housing Program Advisory Committee Recommendations

G. Resolutions Authorizing Execution of Marketing Services Agreement MSA-0229/B and Housing Bond Loan HB-0211

MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT – MSA-0229/B AND HOUSING BOND LOAN HB-0211

Since there were no questions regarding Item G, it was decided to take Items G and H together.

H. Resolution Authorizing a Rehabilitation Loan: CDS-453

REHABILITATION LOAN: CDS-453

It was moved by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Ebner that Resolution 2002-R-159 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT – MSA-0229/B**, Resolution 2002-R-160 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN – HB-0211**, and Resolution 2002-R-161 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REHABILITATION LOAN – CDS-453** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Public Art Advisory Commission Recommendation

J. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance, Placement and Maintenance of Three Rental Public Art Sculpture Pieces

LEASE
AGREEMENT
FOR PUBLIC
ART SCULP-
TURE PIECES

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Resolution 2002-R-162 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AND THE ACCEPTANCE, PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THREE RENTAL PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE PIECES** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Ebner noted that Rick Palmore, Chair of the Public Art Advisory Commission, and several members of the Arts Council were present.

Trustee Turner commented that at the Commission's last presentation, he had asked about the "kind of possible income that having these fine pieces of art and the attraction would bring to the community." He acknowledged that this might be hard to quantify, but that the City of Chicago was able to do so because of the cow exhibition. Mr. Palmore indicated that this was the first time for him to appear before the Board in his capacity as Chair of the Commission. The Commission members are "excited and energized" by being on the first Commission of this type in the Village. They are working to discover what kinds of things they should be doing. Mr. Palmore said that he did not know how to quantify the financial benefit to the Village of having the sculptures available in Oak Park. He said he and the Commission will work on a method of quantifying the benefits and that when he appears before the Board again, he will have an answer.

Trustee Kostopulos wondered if there has been discussion regarding the acquisition of art in the future. Mr. Palmore said that there has been discussion about acquisition of pieces on a permanent basis. While the Commission is trying to figure out what they are to be doing, they are also exploring how artwork is to be paid for. When the Commission finds the "right opportunities and the right pieces to acquire," they will come back to the Board.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Village Manager Reports

VILLAGE
MANAGER
REPORTS

I. Reports

(1) Village Board Calendars: October and November

CALENDARS

(2) Proposed 2003 Budget Presentation

BUDGET
PRESENTATION

Village Manager Swenson introduced the two items and indicated that he would make a brief budget presentation. Trustee Kostopulos noted that this is a leaner budget than last year. Mr. Swenson agreed and stated that it is a very good budget. Due to the leadership and direction of the Board and the efforts of Staff, the Village continues to be financially solid.

Staff has been working on this budget since May. Finance Director Greg Peters and Staff from all departments work together, and then the Village Manager makes the recommendation to the Village Board.

The proposed budget allows for improved service delivery in some areas and a continuation of all current services. There are no reductions proposed in the budget. The Capital Improvement Program will continue. Just completed was the fifth year of a 5-year program. The Village will now begin the next 5 years and will focus on some needs that have not yet been addressed, e.g., alleys and maintenance work on Village-owned buildings.

Again this year, the budget does not call for a property tax increase on the Village's portion of the property tax. As a home-rule community, the Village has an opportunity to raise funds in other ways; so, in fact, there is a slight reduction in the Village's property tax rate.

There is a four percent increase from the City of Chicago for water. The Village is looking at increasing the gasoline tax and there are other modest increases in user fees.

Mr. Swenson stated that he is recommending that the Village add to the areas of youth services and traffic enforcement—which will mean more youth officers, crossing guards and another traffic enforcement officer.

The changed administration and staffing of the Village's parking permit office is provided for in the budget so that the Village can provide service delivery to those who purchase parking permits. Also provided for is an adjudication system, which will make the enforcement of parking codes clearer for the citizens and easier to administer. There will be increased enforcement with regard to the collection of solid waste, with one position to be added that will be funded from the solid waste fund. Mr. Swenson stated that he thinks it will be important for the Village to reduce the number of haulers servicing commercial properties within the Village. There needs to be increased focus on code enforcement with regard to

deteriorating structures in the Village.

The budget includes money for animal control and a shelter, since the Village has not been satisfied with its contractual relationships for animal sheltering.

With regard to the Village's purchasing program, some significant system improvements are being added. Mr. Swenson indicated that the purchasing function was decentralized several years ago, and it is felt that it is now time to centralize the purchasing function. Money has been provided in the budget for this item.

This budget follows the continuation of the program and performance budgeting concept. Trustee Hodge-West's suggestions last year regarding tracking from year-to-year has been included in the budget document, as have comments and suggestions from other members of the Board. The result is that this document is more usable and readable for the Board and the public.

The budget review sessions will be October 14, 22, and 29 and November 7 and 12, if necessary, with a budget hearing on November 18 and adoption of the budget on December 2. All budget meetings will be held in Room 101 and will begin at 7 p.m. Mr. Swenson invited those watching the meeting to take note of the dates and he said that they will be on the Village cable station and in the *FYI*. Members of the public are invited to attend these meetings.

President Trapani referred to a memorandum she provided to the Board, suggesting modifications with regard to the review process. She hopes to be able "to look at the review process in a different way and look at policy issues much more broadly." The first budget meeting will be on Monday, October 14.

The Board will look at the Capital Improvement Program separately, and the Partner Agencies will come in and present their programs in detail.

A motion was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. The motion was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN
THE OFFICE OF:

By: Kathleen M. Cannon
Deputy Village Clerk