

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003 AT 7:40 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**OFFICIAL RECORD:**

REGULAR  
MEETING  
3/17/03

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

**ABSENT:** None

**QUORUM:** President Trapani convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

**MINUTES:**

MINUTES OF  
2/18/03  
MEETING  
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, that the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2003 be adopted as submitted. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION: IN MEMORIAM – CHARLOTTE COOPER**

RESOLUTION:  
IN MEMORIAM –  
CHARLOTTE  
COOPER

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Ebner, to concur in the issuance of a Resolution presented by President Trapani entitled **RESOLUTION: IN MEMORIAM – CHARLOTTE COOPER**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**PROCLAMATION: BUILDING SAFETY WEEK – APRIL 6–12, 2003**

PROCLAMA-  
TION: BUILDING  
SAFETY WEEK –  
APRIL 6-12, 2003

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Turner, to concur in the issuance of a Proclamation presented by President Trapani entitled **PROCLAMATION – BUILDING SAFETY WEEK – APRIL 6-12, 2003**. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**COMMENDATION: OFFICER JOHN CURTIN**

COMMENDA-  
TION: OFFICER  
JOHN CURTIN

Police Chief Tanksley indicated that he wanted to publicly commend Officer Curtin for his actions on September 3, 2002. He is being presented with an award for an act of heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

At 3:45 p.m. on September 3, 2002, two offenders surprised the security guard of a check-and-go business on North Avenue while he was outside on break. The offenders took the guard's weapon and using the guard as hostage, the offenders entered the store. The guard and another employee were forced to lie on

the bathroom floor and the store manager was forced to open the safe. In opening the safe, the manager was able to activate a silent alarm.

Officer Curtin was on an off-duty detail a few doors away and heard the police dispatch on the silent alarm. After running to the door of the check-and-go business, Officer Curtin was able to determine that the alarm was genuine and he so notified the Communications Center. Officer Curtin entered the business and the offenders, both armed, saw him and ran out the back door with Officer Curtin in pursuit. At one point, one of the offenders partially hid behind a parked car and fired his weapon at Officer Curtin. It was later learned that the gun misfired. Officer Curtin, fearing for his life, fired several shots. The offenders were able to reach a getaway car and fled the scene. A description of the getaway car was broadcast over police frequencies and a Chicago police unit saw the car and followed it. A brief foot chase followed and the offenders were arrested. Chief Tanksley said that both offenders "are career criminals and are suspected in six other robberies of check-and-go businesses."

Chief Tanksley read the commendation and said that he took pleasure in presenting the commendation and the "appropriate uniform ribbon" to Officer Curtin. A standing ovation followed.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NON-AGENDA  
PUBLIC  
COMMENT

David Hoder, 1100 S. Taylor Avenue, noted that Barrie Park work is occurring right in front of his house. He noted that recently another vault was opened that people had not previously been aware of. Someone from the Park District told him that there was a substantial amount of coal tar in the vault and that it was in liquid form. If such a thing occurs in the street, once the structure has been removed, what will Oak Park's response be?

Village Manager Swenson answered that if there is migration of source material from the park into the street, often called "stringers," the agreement with the Park District provides for the removal of the material if it is found as the work is progressing. The manufactured gas plant did maintain large quantities of source material in the street, such as those found at fairly deep levels in the park. That material is exclusive to the area where the plant maintained the material in vats. If stringers are found, the Village has the ability to make sure that the material is removed. Additionally, the Village will work with residents to the extent it can with regard to options available for remediation of private property. Mr. Hoder reiterated that he is concerned because more and more material is being found. Should material be found in the street after the structure is gone, and the contaminants become airborne, he wants to know how the Village will respond.

Village Manager Swenson assured Mr. Hoder that the excavation will occur "under the building within the street" so that anything released into the air will be contained. Air quality will be protected as the material is excavated and removed. Village Attorney Heise noted that "there is real-time air monitoring going on constantly." He added that the Village's environmental specialist has the authority to shut the project down so that any problem with air quality can be remedied.

President Trapani said that neighbors in the Barrie Park vicinity will be kept informed about the work that is occurring. Mr. Hoder noted that the ComEd crane operators went on strike that morning and he wondered what the impact of the strike will be. Mr. Swenson indicated that the crane operators work for the utilities; they are not Village employees. There is a labor contract between the workers and the utilities. Mr. Swenson said that he talked with the Park District Director that morning, who indicated to Mr. Swenson his belief that the workers would be back on the job that day.

Marion Biagi, 100 Forest Place, #805, stated that the Barrie Park neighbors have been receiving phone calls and e-mails from former area residents who have seen reports about the remediation work. The former neighbors are reporting health problems. She said that she has a list of 46 health incidents, including 27 people who died from cancer. The reports of these incidents came from current and former neighbors. The neighbors are concerned for their health. There is a need for more data, which is too difficult for the neighborhood group to obtain. Ms. Biagi asked that the Village determine whether these health problems and the number of incidents are typical of any neighborhood park in Oak Park. The neighbors would like a professional person to conduct an in-depth, "epidemiological study of area residents near Barrie Park that goes back as far as records indicate," utilizing help from local, State and Federal government sources. Since children have come from several blocks away to play, she believes the study should include several blocks out from the Barrie Park area.

Charlotte Cohen, 605 S. Taylor, spoke against the Whiteco project, saying that she thinks the developers don't care about Oak Park. She also stated that the Village should hire more police officers, noting her concern that people drive too fast and that many drivers ignore signs. If there were more police officers, more tickets could be issued to bad drivers, which might cause them to slow down.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Second Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with Euclid Terraces, L.L.C. for the Redevelopment of the Southwest Corner of Lake Street and Euclid Avenue

CONSENT  
AGENDA

SECOND  
AMENDMENT  
TO REDE-  
VELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT  
WITH EUCLID  
TERRACES,  
L.L.C.

Trustee Gockel noted that this item provides for a slight expansion of the building to the west, although height is not affected. Village Manager Swenson agreed and explained that during the planning stages of the Euclid Terraces development, the Village acquired a small piece of land to the west of the land covered by the Redevelopment Agreement. During discussions with the developer, it was thought that it would be advantageous that some of the Village-owned land be incorporated into the "building footprint and site design" for the development on that corner. The developer will compensate the Village for the land and the additional land will allow for "reconfiguration of that building." Mr. Swenson noted that approval of this item will require an amendment to the Planned Development approval.

Trustee Gockel noted that there will be a ten foot easement along the

western edge of the parcel. He asked who will hold title to the ten foot strip. Development Services Director Mike Chen said that the property will be owned by the developer, who will grant a permanent easement back to the Village. It will be used as a landscaped pedestrian walkway easement and it will be designed and constructed by the developer. The Village may pay for construction of the easement.

Trustee Ebner, referring to the drawings, said that the area is wider than ten feet in some places. She wondered what the "large object in the middle of this easement that looks like a building and/or a trash collection place" might be. Mr. Chen said he thought that it is the exit stairway coming out of the building.

Ordinance 2003-0-17 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT WITH EUCLID TERRACES, L.L.C. FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF LAKE STREET AND EUCLID AVENUE** was submitted for adoption.

B. Resolution Authorizing Village of Oak Park to Enter into Collective Bargaining Agreements

1. Resolution Authorizing the Village of Oak Park to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Oak Park Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment

LABOR  
AGREEMENT  
WITH OAK  
PARK  
LIEUTENANTS  
AND  
SERGEANTS  
ASSOCIATION

Resolution 2003-R-74 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION** was submitted for adoption.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Village of Oak Park to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #8 Concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment

LABOR  
AGREEMENT  
WITH  
FRATERNAL  
ORDER OF  
POLICE, LODGE  
#8

Resolution 2003-R-75 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #8** was submitted for adoption.

C. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with DMD Services for Project 03-22, Building Demolition and Site Preparation

CONTRACT  
WITH D.M.D.  
SERVICES

Resolution 2003-R-76 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH D.M.D. SERVICES OF NORTHLAKE, IL 60164 FOR PROJECT #03-22 BUILDING DEMOLITION & SITE PREPARATION** was submitted for adoption.

- I. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Sales Agreement to Sell 1402 N. Austin to the Oak Park Residence Corporation

SALES AGREEMENT FOR 1402 N. AUSTIN BOULEVARD

Village Manager Swenson explained that this home had fallen into disrepair and the Village acquired it for community development purposes some time ago. It has been determined that the best use of the property will be to allow the Oak Park Residence Corporation to rehabilitate the property and turn it into a contributing structure within the neighborhood.

Resolution 2003-R-77 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SALES AGREEMENT FOR 1402 NORTH AUSTIN TO THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION** was submitted for adoption.

- J. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with the Suburban Tree Consortium for the Purchase and Planting of Parkway Trees for Spring and Fall 2003

CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM

Trustee Kostopulos asked if this will include replacement trees in the Village parking lot for those trees lost several years ago, and the response was, "Yes."

Resolution 2003-R-78 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM FOR THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF PARKWAY TREES FOR SPRING AND FALL 2003** was submitted for adoption.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Turner, 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 Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Regular Agenda**

REGULAR AGENDA

President Trapani indicated that testimony would now be received from residents wishing to speak on the next agenda items.

Steve Tyma, 132 Francisco Terrace, urged the Village Board not to adopt the proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Agenda Item D-1a, and to reject the application for a Special Use Permit, Agenda Item D-1b. He indicated

PUBLIC COMMENT

that he was "outraged" at the way these items are coming before the Village Board. He stated that this proposal was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals at Friday night and early Monday morning sessions. He noted that Trustee Kostopulos has stated that the process was not accelerated in any way but, rather, was the culmination of a process that had taken four to six years. Yet, the RFP for a garage was issued in February 2002, which was before the Village Board publicly mentioned the garage. Mr. Tyma indicated that he told the ZBA that he believes the application for a special use permit fails to conform to the Comprehensive Plan and doesn't meet the standards.

A claim has been made that the facility will be cost effective, but studies have not been done to demonstrate support for the claim. In the beginning, residents were told that a surplus in the Parking Fund would "allow the construction of the structure." Now the plan is to "expend \$4.3 million in current capital costs to construct the facility." He believes there could be an additional cost of \$2.8 million for debt service on the bonds to be issued. He said that the Village has indicated that the fees charged for use of the facility from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on weekends will "nearly recoup the initial capital cost of the project," but he stated that the Village has offered nothing to support that contention. Of the 100 spaces available for overnight permit parking in the Pilgrim Church lot, there are fewer than 25 permits sold for the lot and there are complaints from high school staff that the overnight parkers do not vacate the spaces in time for staff to use the spaces on school days. If 65% of 280 garage spaces, or 182 spaces, are to be sold for overnight/weekend permit parking, only 98 spaces will be left for other uses. Again, Mr. Tyma urged the Village Board to reject the proposal.

Regina Peterson, 300 N. Elmwood Avenue, indicated that as President of District #200 she had the opportunity at the January 21 Village Board meeting to make a statement on behalf of District #200, supporting the comprehensive parking plan. She stated that now she wanted to advocate for that plan as the Board contemplates the building of the parking garage. In the time since January 21, many people have debated the pros and cons of the garage and opinions have been formed. The majority of the feedback provided to District #200 has been positive.

She stated that it is important for the community to understand that the parking plan for the area around Oak Park River Forest High School must be consistent with parking plans for the rest of the community and "internally consistent parking regulations." Parking is a Village-wide issue and many areas have their own parking issues; but all parking "must be governed by regulations that don't conflict with each other." Current parking regulations do not include any kind of all-day parking on streets with residential frontages. Some opposition to the parking garage appears to be because residents think high school staff and neighbors are unwilling to consider creative parking solutions such as all-day, alternative side parking with staff on one side of the streets and residents on the other. Providing such all-day parking options in front of residences was not considered to be a viable solution.

Working together, District #200 and the Village of Oak Park have come up

with a good solution, and the school district is pleased to partner with the Village in building the parking garage, believing that the structure will benefit the high school and the general community.

D. Oak Park Avenue/Ridgeland Avenue/Chicago Avenue/Lake Street  
Community Parking Plan Recommendations

1. Recommendations from Zoning Board of Appeals
  - a. Approve Ordinance for Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
  - b. Approve Ordinance Authorizing Special Use Permit

Village Manager Swenson introduced the items, noting that they relate to the proposed parking structure to be constructed south of the field house, north of Lake Street. President Trapani asked Mr. Ralph Gerbie, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to come forward to provide an overview of the issues that were before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Gerbie stated that the Zoning Board considered two issues, with the first being an evaluation of a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code, which would allow for parking garages as a special use. The Zoning Board heard testimony relating to the need to provide greater density of parking in R-7 districts and testimony regarding the consistency of the proposed text change with the Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning Board agreed that the evidence presented was cause to approve the text amendment.

The second item was the co-application of District #200 and the Village of Oak Park for a special use permit to construct the parking structure just south of the high school field house. Several lengthy meetings were devoted to the review of the application, with careful and thorough consideration given to the standards by which the Zoning Board evaluates a special use permit. The Board voted five to one that the co-applicants met the standards for a special use permit.

The Zoning Board felt it important that they review the intergovernmental agreement between the Village and District #200--which covers such things as responsibility for maintenance, ongoing oversight, construction and leasing of the real estate--in order to be able to be sure that the standards for the special use permit were being met. This review, then, took place before review of the application for special use.

It was determined that the items should be considered separately.

It was moved by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Ordinance 2003-0-18 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6.3, 6.3D AND 4.5.2(P) OF THE VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING GARAGES AS SPECIAL USES** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

ORDINANCE  
FOR TEXT  
AMENDMENT  
TO ZONING  
ORDINANCE  
APPROVED

Trustee Gockel asked if the text amendment will apply to all sections of the Village. Village Attorney Ray Heise responded that the text amendment applies to areas within 300 feet of an R-7 District. Trustee Gockel stated that this might be a good step to take, noting that at some future time, there may be a need and an opportunity to build small garages, especially in commercial districts. If the areas are within 300 feet of an R-7 District, or in an R-7 District, this text amendment would allow the issuance of a special use permit so that a structure could be built. He believes it might also be an economic development tool, as well. President Trapani added that the issuance of a special use permit is not automatic; the application must go through the process with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, that Ordinance 2003-0-19 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPALLY OPERATED, TWO LEVEL PARKING GARAGE ON OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY LEASED TO THE VILLAGE AND LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LAKE STREET BETWEEN SCOVILLE AND EAST AVENUES IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

SPECIAL USE  
PERMIT FOR  
PARKING  
STRUCTURE  
APPROVED

Trustee Hodge-West indicated that it is important for the Village to pay close attention to "marketing efforts" to fill the garage at night and on weekends in order to meet the projected revenues to be realized from the parking structure. President Trapani commented that she wanted to address the perception of some residents that the Village Board is moving ahead too quickly on the parking structure. She said that in actuality, the process of carefully gathering and reviewing information from the community and the high school with regard to parking needs in the area has been a lengthy process and has continued over the last year or two.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: Trustee Gockel

The motion was adopted.

2. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Castle Construction for Project 03-10, Parking Garage Construction

CONTRACT  
WITH CASTLE  
CONSTRUCTION  
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, that Resolution 2003-R-79 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CASTLE CONSTRUCTION CORP. OF MARKHAM, ILLINOIS 60426 FOR PROJECT NO. 03-10** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Carpenter, referring to the Agenda Item Commentary, asked what the \$25,000 for "material testing services" covers. Village Engineer Jim Budrick responded that the testing of the concrete and other materials associated with the project would be covered. Trustee Carpenter asked that Mr. Budrick explain the other itemized costs as well.

Mr. Budrick stated that there will be four pay stations for use by the general public placed at the locations of the stair towers on both levels. It is estimated that installation of these pay stations will cost \$100,000. The \$200,000 figure includes the \$185,000 contract the Village has already entered into with the architect, plus an increase based on actual construction cost. It is estimated that \$50,000 will cover the cost to construct the partial cul-de-sac on Scoville, allowing the section from Lake Street to the alley to become two-way for traffic and enabling vehicles to enter and leave the garage. Trustee Carpenter asked if the construction of the cul-de-sac will occur at the same time the garage is being constructed. Mr. Budrick responded, "Yes."

Trustee Hodge-West stated that she wanted to amend the motion. President Trapani noted that at each Trustee's place there was a proposed amendment to the motion which read: "Be it further resolved that the staff will conduct a meeting with the contractor for the purpose of assuring that a system be developed to establish payment procedures for subcontractors, suppliers and others associated with the project and that the certifications and capabilities of all subcontractors be verified to the satisfaction of the Village."

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, that Resolution 2003-R-79 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CASTLE CONSTRUCTION CORP. OF MARKHAM, ILLINOIS 60426 FOR PROJECT NO. 03-10** be adopted **AS AMENDED**, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Responding to a question from Trustee Kostopulos regarding the contract that will be used, Mr. Budrick stated, "It's a standard AIA contract." Trustee Hodge-West said that with regard to the amendment, it is the Board's understanding that the conditions will be met prior to the contract being executed. President Trapani agreed.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: Trustee Gockel

The motion was adopted.

3. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2003, of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, and Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax for the Payment of the Principal and Interest on said Bonds

ISSUANCE OF  
GENERAL  
OBLIGATION  
CORPORATE  
PURPOSE  
BONDS, SERIES  
2003 APPROVED

Finance Director Greg Peters said that the Village went through a competitive process on the Internet for the issuance of these bonds. He introduced the Village's financial advisor, Raphaliata McKenzie of Speer Financial to speak regarding the sale of the bonds.

Ms. McKenzie indicated that that morning between 9:30 and 10:00, The Village had an Internet sale for its \$4.5 million Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2003, being issued for the construction of a public parking structure. Bidding was aggressive, with rates between 4.1814 and 4.26. The lowest bidder was Banc One Capital Markets. Ms. McKenzie stated that the principal and interest payment for each fiscal year will average approximately \$340,000. Bids were very competitive and she noted that it was a great sale.

Mr. Peters, responding to a question from Trustee Turner, said, "we allowed the marketplace to purchase the entire series of bonds." Then between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m., local banks were contacted to allow them the opportunity to purchase the 2009 and 2015 maturities at the cost of the competition. None of the local banks participated in the purchase of the two maturities. However, Banc One is a local bank and a national bank, and Banc One purchased the whole issue.

It was moved by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Carpenter that Ordinance 2003-0-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2003, OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Hodge-West asked about the call provision, and Mr. Peters indicated that it was not included in the documents before the Board. He stated that Trustee Gockel asked about the difference between the \$15 million bond issue last September and the current one. The bond issue in September was a 15-year issue at 3.8 percent. The current issue is for 20 years at 4.19 percent. And the call feature for these bonds has been shortened to five years. Mr. Peters added that in

the Agenda Item Commentary, he had assumed a rate of 4.75 percent. The difference in debt service costs over 20 years due to the decreased interest rate will result in a savings of approximately \$316,000.

Trustee Gockel noted that the Village will repay the principal amount of \$4.5 million and interest amount of \$2.4 million for a total obligation of \$6.9 million over the next 20 years.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: Trustee Gockel

The motion was adopted.

Following a short break the meeting continued.

- E. Ordinance Amending Village Code Chapter 15-3-18: Parking Rates; Parking Meters, Attendant Parking Lots, Permit Parking Lots and Daytime On-Street Permit Parking

PARKING RATE INCREASES APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Ordinance 2003-0-21 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 15-3-18: PARKING RATES; PARKING METERS, ATTENDANT PARKING LOTS, PERMIT PARKING LOTS AND DAY-TIME ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Ebner commented that she did not see anything regarding parking meters. Mr. Peters indicated that Section A, which is not included in the portion of the ordinance before the Board, contains the portion including parking meters. The section on parking meters is not being changed at this time. The parking structure rates will go into effect on May 1 and the permit rates will go into effect on July 1.

Trustee Ebner remarked that the rate schedule, which reads "10 to 24 Hours," should be amended to read "over ten" because a person cannot park overnight in a structure without a permit. If a car is parked for more than 12 hours and there is no overnight permit, the owner will get a ticket and will still have to pay the \$12 fee.

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Ordinance 2003-0-21 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 15-3-18: PARKING RATES; PARKING METERS, ATTENDANT PARKING LOTS, PERMIT PARKING LOTS AND DAY-TIME ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING** be adopted **AS AMENDED**, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance 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, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions**

CITIZEN  
ADVISORY  
BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS

It was announced that Item F was removed from the Agenda.

Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation

- G. Motion to Accept Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission for the Village Board of Trustees to Designate by Ordinance the First Gunderson Subdivision as an Addition to the Gunderson Historic District as an Oak Park Historic District and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Ordinance

ADDITION OF  
FIRST  
GUNDERSON  
SUBDIVISION  
TO  
GUNDERSON  
HISTORIC  
DISTRICT  
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to **ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO DESIGNATE BY ORDINANCE THE FIRST GUNDERSON SUBDIVISION AS AN ADDITION TO THE GUNDERSON HISTORIC DISTRICT AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE.**

President Trapani noted that this is a "wonderful proposal" and Trustee Turner agreed that "it is a fine project." Trustee Turner commented that the Historic Preservation Commission's "decision on demolition is binding but can be appealed to the Village Board." Trustee Gockel remembered that the history submitted to the Village Board when the Gunderson District was authorized was very interesting and "Mr. Gunderson's views of the world were fascinating." The document includes attitudes that were prevalent in the community at the time. Trustee Gockel suggested at that time and is suggesting again that it might be reprinted as a "separate, self-standing historical document." Village Manager Swenson indicated that he will give direction to the Commission and staff regarding the printing of the document. Mr. Swenson commented that the document to which Trustee Gockel referred was used at Percy Julian Middle School in a civics class.

President Trapani called for a voice vote on the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Village Manager Reports**

VILLAGE  
MANAGER  
REPORTS

H. Reports

(1) Village Board Calendar – March and April

CALENDAR

Village Manager Swenson pointed out the Special Meeting of the Village Board next week to consider a Planned Development amendment with regard to the Euclid Terraces project.

(2) Emergency Medical Dispatch Update

EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL  
DISPATCH  
UPDATE

Mr. Swenson called the Board's attention to the memo from West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Executive Director Gregory Riddle.

(3) High Speed Community Notification System

HIGH SPEED  
COMMUNITY  
NOTIFICATION  
SYSTEM

Mr. Swenson stated that the Village has received a grant from ComEd in the amount of \$40,000 for a high-speed community notification system. It is a system that can be used to notify residents by phone of dangerous situations or other issues that affect members of the community. ComEd purchased the system for the Village as a part of the Barrie Park project after it was agreed in negotiations that it would be a useful tool in the event the public needed to be notified should something go wrong or if there is a change in the project. Trustee Ebner noted that this is a useful system and one that the Environmental and Energy Advisory Commission thinks might be used to notify people of West Nile virus spraying.

(4) Fire Department Heartsaver Recognition

FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
HEARTSAVER  
RECOGNITION

The Fire Department has been recognized by the American Heart Association as a "Professional Heartsaver." This recognition is a result of the focus and commitment that the Oak Park Fire Department has to CPR and heart attack prevention. Several automatic defibrillators have been placed in the schools, in many of our police vehicles and in all of the fire vehicles. Additionally, the public is encouraged to participate in CPR training. Deputy Chief Puknaitis is the person to contact if anyone is interested in obtaining a defibrillator for his/her home, facility, religious institution or community group. The Village is able to obtain the units at a special price and will pass the savings along to interested persons or organizations.

(5) Roosevelt Road Corridor Study

ROOSEVELT  
ROAD  
CORRIDOR  
STUDY

Village Manager Swenson stated that this planning process for the Roosevelt Road Corridor involves a partnership between the Village of Oak Park and the City of Berwyn and includes a great deal of citizen participation. There have been a number of public meetings and comments are mostly favorable. The process will be completed in May or June. Residents who are interested in the process and who want to receive a copy of the draft plan should contact either Mike Chen or Loretta Daly in Development Services. The draft plan is on the City of Berwyn's website and can be viewed there. It is a very large document, however, and takes a long time to download. The Village of Oak Park will make hard copies of the study

available to Oak Park residents and businesses for a small charge. Trustee Ebner indicated that it is a "great" report that is well done. There are things that can be done right now and some things "that can happen as the development works."

Village Clerk Sokol reminded the citizenry of the April 1, 2003 election and explained the extended hours offered by the Village Clerk's office for in-person absentee voting.

A motion was made by Trustee Hodge-West, seconded by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

IN-PERSON  
ABSENTEE  
VOTING & APRIL  
1, 2002  
ELECTION

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN  
THE OFFICE OF:

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By: Kathleen M. Cannon  
Deputy Village Clerk