

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

**SPECIAL
MEETING
12/8/2003**

PRESENT: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

ABSENT: None.

QUORUM: President Trapani convened the Special Meeting of the Village Board at 7:35 P.M. and declared that a quorum was present.

President Trapani, with the Board's approval, asked for budget-related public comments to be heard early as opposed to later. Village Manager Swenson suggested that Village Finance Director Greg Peters provide a brief overview of the budget prior to taking comments to help establish context for the comments. He also commended Mr. Peters, the Village management team, and the Board for their efforts toward preparing, studying, and updating the budget. President Trapani also thanked Mr. Peters on behalf of the Board for his work, noting that it was done in spite of his department being short-staffed.

**BUDGET
OVERVIEW**

Mr. Peters acknowledged the compliments, then proceeded to give a brief overview of the 2004 Budget, using a PowerPoint presentation, during which he made the following points:

- ?? The Village Board met in six budget study sessions in October and November, along with a public hearing on the budget on November 17th.
- ?? The budget recognizes Board direction to not have a property tax increase.
- ?? Both Village Manager Swenson's reorganization and the budget, itself, focus on Board goals to pursue continued citizen responsiveness and emphasize organizational performance and cost controls, incorporating performance indicators and benchmarking, along with departmental reductions and shifts in personnel.
- ?? Responding to recent Board comments, a position was added to Communications, as well as one for reporting on citizen services and quality.
- ?? The budget was increased by \$100,000 for a Comprehensive Plan; by \$250,000 for extra alley construction; by \$150,000 for the Retail Rehab Grant Program; and by \$100,000 for a special Board contingency account to be used by the Board in lieu of a budget amendment (for example, to earmark funds for a program such as the animal shelter, which is not in the present budget).
- ?? The budget was funded by increased use of interfund transfers and a fund balance carryover in the general corporate fund. Partner Agencies and special programs were moved to non-General Fund accounts, e.g., housing bonds and working cash funds. Increases in the water, sewer, and solid waste fees are recommended. Finally, a 1 cent/gallon gasoline tax increase is recommended for capital improvement purposes, specifically alleys.
- ?? The 1.7% increase (from 2003) for the General Corporate Fund is coming from interfund transfer, not from additional taxation or increased fees.

- ?? The overall budget has decreased about 15.6% from 2003.
- ?? Board and staff need to establish and continue working on major partnerships relating to the delivery of services, using survey data and service indicators.
- ?? In Village Manager Swenson's discussion and overview presentation to the Board on October 16th, Board leadership was requested relating to a review of our Partner funding & services, and business district funding, as well as the issues of property tax pressure on our schools and parks. Working sessions with the Board and study sessions with both our School and Park Boards were suggested.

President Trapani thanked Mr. Peters and called for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no non-agenda public comment.

Ade Onayemi, 706 N. Taylor, President of District 97 Elementary School Board, spoke to thank the Board for its interest in engaging in discussions on the subject of "property tax capacity problems." He hoped for joint sessions and other conversations to begin in January to aid decisions about the District 97 budget that would need to be made by February-end or early March. He noted that sessions with staff were important to hammer-out issues, but welcomed speaking with the whole Board.

Willis Johnson, 603 Rogers St., Downers Grove, IL 60515, speaking solely for himself as owner of the Lake Theatre, and not as a board member of Downtown Oak Park or Chair of the Advisory Merchant Committee, thanked those board members who voted against Trustee Milstein's proposed budget amendments of November 20th, and encouraged them to vote similarly tonight.

John Story, 901 Madison, spoke as owner of the Citgo Station at 901 Madison. He said that the fallacy of assuming an additional 1-cent per gallon gas tax was that it would actually come directly out of the owners' pockets and not from customers driving in and out of Oak Park since it would not be passed-along to them.

Werner Hugel, 610 S. Elmwood Ave., spoke as a businessman and member of the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce against the proposed one percent increase in the entertainment. Having spoken to a number of restaurant owners in the area, he assured the Board that it was just another burden that they didn't need at this time.

Consent Agenda

In taking the Board through the Consent Agenda, Village Manager Swenson noted that several items were requested to be moved to the Regular Agenda by trustees, so the Consent Agenda will begin with item B instead of item A--the actual budget adoption--which will be moved to the Regular Agenda.

- B. Ordinances for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes
 - 2. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2003 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number One
 - 3. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2003 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number Five
 - 4. Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2003 Tax Levy in and for the Village of Oak Park Special Service Area Number Six

**NON-AGENDA
PUBLIC
COMMENT**

**BUDGET-
RELATED
PUBLIC
COMMENT**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**TAX LEVY
ORDINANCES**

Village Manager Swenson and Mr. Peters identified the locations of the Special Service Areas in response to President Trapani's request.

Ordinance 2003-O-55 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-56 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER FIVE** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-57 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 IN AND FOR VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER SIX** was submitted for adoption.

C. Ordinances Providing for the Abatement

**TAX
ABATEMENTS**

1. Ordinance Providing for the Partial Abatement of \$112,100 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 1996 General Obligation Bonds
2. Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$391,189 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 1996A General Obligation Refunding Bonds
3. Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$340,305 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 1996B General Obligation Bonds
4. Ordinance Providing for the Partial Abatement of \$184,354 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 1999 General Obligation Bonds
5. Ordinance Providing for the Partial Abatement of \$387,500 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 2000 General Obligation Bonds
6. Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$620,466 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 2001 General Obligation Bonds
7. Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$1,379,238 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 2002 General Obligation Bonds
8. Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$302,258 of the 2003 Tax Levy for the Series 2003 General Obligation Bonds

Mr. Peters explained that these eight ordinances will cancel portions or all of specific levies for bonds that the Village issued over the last 15 years or so, because it has sufficient funds from other sources to replace the money that normally would be levied and collected annually on the property tax. If the Village didn't do this, the levy would effectively increase by \$5-to-7 million per year.

Ordinance 2003-O-58 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$112,100 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (1996 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-59 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$391,189 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 1996A)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-60 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$340,305 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (1996B GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-61 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$184,354 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (1999 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-62 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF \$387,500 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (2000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-63 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$620,466 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (2001 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-64 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$1,379,238 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (2002 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

Ordinance 2003-O-65 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF \$302,258 OF THE 2003 TAX LEVY (2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS)** was submitted for adoption.

F. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Partner Agency Agreements For A Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2004

**PARTNER
AGREEMENT**

4. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)

Village Manager Swenson noted that all of the Partner agreements were six-month agreements per the direction of the Board. Originally, the Oak Park Development Corporation was to be reviewed on a six-month basis, then all Partner Agencies were changed to a six-month basis to be consistent.

Trustee Kostopulos requested staff to provide the Board with the enabling ordinances or original contracts prior to the actual Partner Agency reviews.

President Trapani observed that this was not a new concept: a number of years ago, HUD commended the Village on its Partner review criteria enumerated at the time, for review and reporting purposes.

Resolution 2003-R-205 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004** was submitted for adoption.

G. Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District of Oak Park For A One Year Period Ending December 31, 2004

**INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL
AGREEMENTS**

President Trapani noted that the Village contributes over \$1.6 million to the Park District's recreational services. Village Manager Swenson agreed that some citizens might not know that services are managed and delivered by the Park District, but are in large measure funded from the Village's General Fund.

Resolution 2003-R-206 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION WITH THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK** was submitted for adoption.

- H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health – Grants to Locals for Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism August 31, 2003 through August 30, 2004

PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

Village Manager Swenson explained that this is a continuation of the Health Department's progressive planning that actually began prior to the terrorist attacks in New York. President Trapani commended Dr. Polyak on her tenacity in pursuing grants available to municipalities.

Resolution 2003-R-207 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – GRANTS TO LOCALS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM AUGUST 31, 2003 - AUGUST 30, 2004** was submitted for adoption.

- I. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Intergovernmental Cooperation between Village of Oak Park and Village of River Forest for Environmental Health Services - 2004

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Village Manager Swenson explained that Oak Park provides environmental health services for the Village of River Forest. President Trapani noted that, at \$27,000 for 2004, it's a 4% increase over last year.

Resolution 2003-R-208 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION BETWEEN VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - 2004** was submitted for adoption.

- J. Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreements for Information Technology Services for Fiscal Year 2004
 - 1. Village of River Forest
 - 2. West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Village Manager Swenson explained that Oak Park provides information technology support to the Village of River Forest and to the joint public safety dispatch center.

Resolution 2003-R-209 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST FOR COMPUTER SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

Resolution 2003-R-210 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE WEST SUBURBAN CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

L. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Insurance Program for 2004

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Village Attorney Heise gave an overview of the information provided to the Board on this item, saying it is typically late because the brokers haven't provided information since 2001. This is a program that has gone up about 11-1/2% this year, 80% of that being due to increased property values. The criminal- and civil-related liability portion increases were a pleasant surprise, however, and helped to offset the property-related increases.

Resolution 2003-R-211 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR 2004** was submitted for adoption.

R. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Illinois Risk Management Services, Inc. for Third Party Administrator Services for the Village of Oak Park

WORKERS' COMP MANAGEMENT

Village Attorney Heise gave an explanation of this item. This is the Risk function of the Law Department, and this is the third party administrator, retained for workers' compensation only, because of the enormous comp -related paperwork. They do all of our claims processing. They have the contract to obtain bill reduction, where we receive 20% bill reductions from qualifying hospitals such as West Suburban. They provide the record keeping facilities for our civil liability, as well. The proposed 2004 increase is 5%, and the optional year, 2006, is around 2%. We will probably recommend the Village exercise its option at that time due to the 2% increase, but we'll have to see what the market has to bear. After this, the third contract, we will have an RFP process to test the marketplace, although not because of dissatisfaction with the current provider.

Resolution 2003-R-212 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES WITH ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.** was submitted for adoption.

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Trapani asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Gockel, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda, true and correct copies of the Ordinances and Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Regular Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA

Village Manager Swenson noted that, under item A, the ordinance adopting the annual budget for the Village of Oak Park for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, there are three subcategory ordinances.

A. Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Village of Oak Park for its Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2004

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

The Board addressed the subcategory ordinances A-1, A-2, A-3, as well as item B-1, plus four budget

amendments, before voting on item A, itself.

**JANUARY 1,
2004**

- 1. Ordinance Amending Sections 26-2-2 of the Village Code Relating to the Meter Charges for Water and Sewer Services

**METER
CHARGES FOR
WATER AND
SEWER
SERVICES
APPROVED**

Village Manager Swenson introduced this item as the water and sewer rate increases Mr. Peters spoke of earlier.

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Johnson that Ordinance 2003-O-66 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 26-2-2(A) AND (B) OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE METER CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Village Manager Swenson and Mr. Peters explained that the City of Chicago's component of the water rate has been increasing by 4% for the past four years, and is expected to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. In the other component of the rate--the charge for the distribution system within the community--there will be a 20 cent increase from \$2.79 to \$2.99.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

- 2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 23A of the Village Code Entitled "Motor Fuel Tax"

**MOTOR FUEL
TAX APPROVED**

Village Manager Swenson explained that this was an additional 1 cent per gallon tax on motor fuel purchased within the Village. Proceeds of this tax will go totally to capital improvements, notably the alley program.

It was moved by Trustee Pope, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Ordinance 2003-O-67 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 23A OF THE VILLAGE CODE** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Milstein declared he would vote "No" on this, noting that it was discriminatory to a single industry and it would be more fair to tax 1% across all businesses in Oak Park.

Trustee Gockel originally wanted a 1/2 cent increase, but he will go along with the one cent recommendation. He thought the demand for gas was inelastic--that the demand would not fluctuate with the price.

Trustee Kostopulos felt it was putting too much burden on the local gasoline stations.

Trustee Johnson thought it was unfair to compare restaurants to gas stations, because we don't all have to go to a restaurant, though we do need gas for our cars to go places. Or take public transportation. He surveyed prices on his way from work and found Oak Park stations are charging lower prices, so he felt an additional penny per gallon was not onerous. This was an effective way to target tax revenue to alley improvement.

Trustee Pope would be reluctant to impose a tax on restaurants without advanced discussion. He cited various methods and rationales for creating taxes and felt that this opportunity to tax people who live outside Oak Park, but come into the Village, was a reasonable argument for the tax.

Trustee Milstein noted the gentrification efforts happening in Oak Park and thought capture of additional outside dollars from attractive restaurants would be more effective than additional dollars from people coming to the Village for gas. In the interest of fairness, he wanted to defer the tax until the community had an opportunity to speak on the subject.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: Trustees Kostopulos, Milstein

The motion was adopted.

3. Ordinance Amending Sections 20-7-1 and 20-7-2 (E) of the Village Code Relating to Rates for Collection of Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Charges

**GARBAGE,
REFUSE, AND
RECYCLING
RATE CHANGES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Pope, that Ordinance 2003-O-68 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 20-7-1 AND 20-7-2 (E) OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND RATES FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLING CHARGES** be adopted as amended, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Gockel raised the question of whether a multi-unit building would be able to have fewer refuse carts, and therefore would be billed at a lower rate. The study session indicated that it was possible, but the rate chart in the amendment did not reflect that possibility. He wanted the Meeting minutes to reflect the fact that according to this ordinance, the owner of a larger building can elect a smaller number [of containers]. Village Attorney Heise responded that the ordinance does not say that, and an amendment would be needed. President Trapani agreed that, in the study session, Ms. Rozmus indicated that an owner of a five-unit building need not have five carts: for example, with four or even three, the cost would be assessed based on the number of carts used. Village Attorney Heise responded that it would then be necessary to make the ordinance reflect the fact that the rate per cart is different for 1- and 2-unit buildings versus 3-to-5 unit buildings--as per the increased charge for 1- and 2-unit buildings in the Waste Management contract--plus allow for a different number of carts in a multi-unit building.

In response to President Trapani's question about monitoring, Mr. Wielebnicki (Director, Public Works) answered that an enforcement officer would monitor, as is now done for commercial units, with notices being issued for overflowing carts.

President Trapani said that she would be sympathetic to formally making that amendment and incorporating it here. She asked for a second to Trustee Gockel's amendment. Trustee Pope seconded. President Trapani asked for updated ordinance text.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

B. Ordinances for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes

**TAX LEVY and
ASSESSMENT
ORDINANCE
APPROVED**

1. Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2003 and Ending December 31, 2003 of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Ordinance 2003-O-69 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF \$19,941,865 IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Gockel observed that this year's levy appeared to support the idea that there is a progressive increase in our levy ordinances over the years. President Trapani replied that the levy is based on value, not necessarily a tax increase.

Trustee Milstein said he had asked prior to the meeting at what point amendments could be made to the budget, and his understanding was that this would be the correct time, since we are about to adopt the overall budget, as opposed to addressing specific items along the way.

Mr. Peters interjected that the Board had skipped the budget ordinance and had moved onto the levy ordinance.

President Trapani asked for [further] discussion on item B-1. There was none.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Before going on to item D, Village Manager Swenson returned to item A, the ordinance adopting the annual budget of the Village of Oak Park for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004.

**ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING
JANUARY 1,
2004**

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Ordinance 2003-O-70 entitled **ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Milstein mentioned some items he wanted to be discussed when the budget process was next begun, including: his opposition to using TIF money for the arts; money for recodification of ordinances; considering a narrative budget; creation of a citizen Finance Committee to review, comment, and advise on the budget; and benchmarks & performance standards for management & management salaries.

Trustee Milstein then proposed a budget amendment, moving to fund a comprehensive economic analysis of the Downtown TIF district to assess whether it is working, with an estimated amount of \$100,000 to be wrapped into the Comprehensive Plan program. Trustee Gockel seconded.

**BUDGET
AMENDMENT
FOR TIF
DISTRICT
ECONOMIC
ANALYSIS**

Trustee Pope was sympathetic to the idea, and thought it was vital to have an outside perspective. He thought this would be something that could be incorporated into the review of the TIF that

is likely to be occurring this year, or next year at the latest, so there is no need to set aside additional money here to do that.

FAILED

Trustee Kostopulos also agreed, thinking TIF district assessments could be done with the visioning process as part of the Comprehensive Plan effort. He would not disagree with allocating a \$2,000 maximum for that.

Trustee Gockel thought there were a lot of questions with respect to the TIF district that the Board really should know about. For example, how does the increase in EAV for the TIF district compare with the increase in EAV of the community at large? That and other questions should be asked, since there is a responsibility to make sure that tax increment financing is really something that the Village wants to continue and expand. The link between TIF incentives and subsequent construction is a question the Village should really want to know much more about. An econometric firm downtown or elsewhere could help answer those kinds of questions, and it should be done by a firm that is well-recognized.

President Trapani thought Trustee Pope was not saying that we shouldn't engage in the analysis, but rather the question is, should we do it now? We want to [address these questions] as part of the TIF analysis, which would be required by State statute in order to extend the TIF.

The roll call on the vote for the amendment was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Milstein, Gockel, and Kostopulos

NAYS: Trustees Carpenter, Johnson, Pope, and President Trapani

The motion failed.

Trustee Milstein proposed an amendment to the budget, moving to set aside an additional \$150,000 for the construction of an animal shelter in the Village of Oak Park in the summer of 2004. Trustee Gockel seconded.

**BUDGET
AMENDMENT
FOR ANIMAL
SHELTER
FAILED**

Trustee Kostopulos commented that his research showed there was another \$100,000 in the budget of discretionary funds that could be earmarked for the animal shelter. He felt that would be enough money for the coming year in addition to the \$95,000 already appropriated.

Trustee Johnson thought it would be prudent to wait on adding money into the budget until conversations about collaborations with other communities have finished and more detail from staff is available.

Trustee Pope verified from Village Manager Swenson that once outcome from discussion was available and costs were identified, that a budget amendment would then be doable, as has been the intent from the time of 2003 budget discussions.

Trustee Milstein thought there has been enough waiting and it was time to set a definitive date for making something happen.

Trustee Kostopulos concurred, noting that it was on the agenda for his and Trustee Johnson's committee, and they expected to attack it soon and with diligence.

Trustee Gockel, in responding to Trustee Johnson's comment, noted that there has been precedent for allocating funds in the budget prior to the conclusion of discussions, and so that wouldn't be a reason not to amend the budget at the present time. However, he thought Trustee Kostopulos' committee should have an opportunity to address the issue and respond to the Board before the end of February.

The roll call on the vote for the amendment was as follows:

AYES: Trustee Milstein

NAYS: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Pope, and President Trapani

The motion failed.

Trustee Milstein proposed an amendment to the budget, moving to reduce Partner Agency funding by 5% for all agencies except the Residence Corporation and the Convention and Tourist Bureau, for the purposes of setting aside funds for other options to be left open for discussion at a later date. Trustee Gockel seconded.

**BUDGET
AMENDMENT TO
REDUCE
PARTNER
AGENCY
FUNDING BY 5%
FAILED**

In discussion, Trustee Gockel observed that having seconded the motion, he still thought it was too late in the process to be preemptively reducing the funding for Partner Agencies. He agreed with the spirit of the amendment.

Trustee Carpenter also thought that, at this point, the Board should not cut Agencies' funding. She referred to study session discussions where the agreement was that the best compromise was to give six months of funding to Agencies and apply performance measures, then decide on appropriate funding for the remainder of the year based upon a performance review.

Trustee Kostopulos could not support the amendment, having originally wanted to fund Agencies for a full year, during which they would be aware of, and have the opportunity to respond to, performance measurements and benchmarks. He also believed it was important for the Board to review the history and founding goals of the various organizations.

Trustee Pope expressed his belief in the importance of both the Board and the Partner Agencies being clearly aware of the criteria by which performance would be evaluated, and not to reduce funding without basing it on some fact base. He looked forward to putting the criteria in place--both for Partner Agencies and for Village internal departments. Once measurements were gathered, he would not be adverse to subsequently reducing funding all the way to zero, if warranted by performance against expectations.

Trustee Johnson wanted further dialog and investigation of these complicated issues.

President Trapani commented that, like Trustee Gockel, she is concerned about last minute notification. Trustee Milstein is correct, though: a number of Trustees have observed that there are certain Agencies that the Board has serious concerns about, including their ability to provide the services the Village is funding. She hoped Trustee Milstein and Trustee Pope would aggressively pursue a study session wherein there would be both an analysis of the current state of affairs and development of criteria to perhaps re-shape the historical configurations of relationships into more appropriate up-to-date forms.

The roll call on the vote for the amendment was as follows:

AYES: Trustee Milstein

NAYS: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Pope, and President Trapani

The motion failed.

Trustee Milstein proposed an amendment to the budget, moving for a vehicle sticker surcharge of \$2.50 for the third vehicle, and all other vehicles above two, registered to the same owner housed in Oak

**BUDGET
AMENDMENT**

Park. There would also be a vehicle sticker surcharge on SUVs and SUV-style vehicles of \$3.50 for each vehicle classified as such. Trustee Gockel seconded.

**FOR VEHICLE
STICKER
SURCHARGES
FAILED**

Trustee Pope thought this was not going to raise significant revenues; it was more for making a statement. It might perhaps be more appropriate to raise the price of stickers for everybody, or put a sin tax on gas to impact everybody, not just a segregated community.

President Trapani expressed her sympathy, noting that the federal government subsidizes the gas industry, unlike elsewhere in the world, where people drive little cars and scooters because gas is heavily taxed. If she had her way, she would heavily tax gasoline, not individual SUVs or stickers. On the other hand, perhaps sticker fees should be reassessed, as they are lower than other communities such as the City of Chicago.

Trustee Gockel thought the basis of this amendment was that different cars have different impacts on the environment and on the roads, so the negative impact of a larger car should be offset with increased Village revenues.

Trustee Pope wanted to mention that the idea of the circulator was a proactive way of getting people out of cars, along with the additional benefit of addressing some other issues coming from density in the Village.

Trustee Kostopulos concurred with Trustee Milstein in that he's trying to do something, but his concern was that it seemed every proposal being forwarded is making life harder and more expensive for the citizens that live here.

Trustee Milstein commented that everything the Board is doing tonight is making someone in the Village pay. It's being done in bits and pieces, because the Board won't raise property taxes. While he was in favor of the circulator, he now felt the \$87,000 for two vans that would hold 15 or fewer people—each was money that could be used for significantly more important things.

President Trapani agreed that the Board had decided to refrain from increasing the property tax, so instead the Board is imposing, piecemeal, certain taxes. That is their job, i.e., to look at the Village's priorities and fund them appropriately. Trustee Milstein has made some good points and she looks forward to incorporating some of them in upcoming study sessions.

Trustee Johnson wanted to reiterate from an earlier study session, that the Village has roughly 6,500 to 7,000 cars without stickers. So, he would never support an increase in our vehicle sticker fee until we get compliance closer to 80, 90, or even 95%. The Village is working on enforcement with over 600 people having been issued citations. That is the appropriate direction to go, and would bring in an additional \$500,000-to-600,000 to our budget.

The roll call on the vote for the amendment was as follows:

AYES: Trustee Milstein

NAYS: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Pope, and President Trapani

The motion failed.

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At this point, President Trapani called a ten minute break from 9:45 P.M. to 9:55 P.M.

BREAK

After the break, Trustee Milstein commented on the positive aspects of the amendment process for the budget, outside attributions of it being counter-productive notwithstanding. He went on to offer a statement, instead of another amendment, asking for discussion of the undue emphasis on development

rather than on planning. He said that for every \$1 spent on planning, \$10.34 was spent on development. Even though we are going to do a Comprehensive Plan, it is not going far enough in terms of the open planning process. He hoped that it would be more extensively discussed in 2004.

Trustee Pope was in agreement about the importance of planning discussions, but wanted to use performance measures to help the Board establish areas of achievement, then leave it to the professional staff to deliver on those expectations.

President Trapani noted that the development department provides support functions to existing businesses in addition to working on attracting development to the Village, so she is not sure reducing funding to that department is going to meet the Village's needs to maintain stable business development for current businesses in town.

Trustee Gockel thought that the Board had not quite held back enough on spending. He felt that the TIF fund and working cash fund have been asked to bear a much larger fraction of our expenditures than in the past, which can't be repeated two years in a row. He urged the Board to meet early on June 14th to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the future budget for calendar year 2005, taking a deeper look at expenditures and perhaps redefining some "core" items to being "non-core." President Trapani concurred that early budget preparation gives opportunities for proactive discussions with staff and Board members and thus would be helpful, so she looked forward to meeting on the 14th.

President Trapani called for a vote.

The roll call on the vote for the Ordinance was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

D. Resolutions Declaring A Distribution in Tax Increment Revenues to the Taxing Districts

1. Resolution Declaring a Distribution of \$1,243,319.44 in Tax Increment Revenues from the Downtown Oak Park TIF District to Taxing Districts Based Upon 2002 Tax Rates
2. Resolution Declaring a Distribution of \$284,561.92 in Tax Increment Revenues from the Madison Street TIF District to Taxing Districts Based Upon 2002 Tax Rates

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Resolution 2003-R-213 entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISTRIBUTION OF \$1,243,319.44 IN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES FROM THE DOWNTOWN OAK PARK TIF DISTRICT TO TAXING DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2002 TAX RATES** 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 on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING
JANUARY 1,
2004 ADOPTED**

**TIF REVENUE
DISTRIBUTIONS
TO TAXING
DISTRICTS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Trustee Pope, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Resolution 2003-R-214 entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISTRIBUTION OF \$284,561.92 IN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES FROM THE MADISON STREET TIF DISTRICT TO TAXING DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2002 TAX RATES** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

President Trapani commented that the Downtown TIF requires a 22.5% distribution. That the Madison Street TIF requires a 25% distribution is a deficiency. The deficiency is not due to anything the taxing bodies have done or not done, but rather it's calculated in terms of TIF expenditures and revenue. She would like some research, perhaps from the Village Attorney, as to why Madison Street is at 25%, because she felt it was important for the Board to understand how this came to be.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Special Tax Allocation Fund Balances in the TIF Districts for the 2003 Fiscal Year

1. Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Special Tax Allocation Fund Balances in the Downtown TIF Fund to Projects for the 2003 Fiscal Year
2. Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Special Tax Allocation Fund Balances in the Madison Street TIF Fund to Projects for the 2003 Fiscal Year

**DESIGNATION
OF SPECIAL
TAX
ALLOCATION
FUND
BALANCES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Resolution 2003-R-215 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN THE DOWNTOWN TIF FUND TO PROJECTS FOR THE 2003 FISCAL YEAR** 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 on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: Trustee Milstein

The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Resolution 2003-R-216 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND BALANCES IN THE MADISON STREET TIF FUND TO PROJECTS FOR THE 2003 FISCAL YEAR** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

In response to Trustee Pope's question, Mr. Peters explained that the purpose of these resolutions was to provide a larger degree of flexibility with respect to using potential surplus funds in future projects and decision-making.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopoulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Partner Agency Agreements For A Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2004

**PARTNER
AGENCY
AGREEMENTS**

1. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Residence Corporation for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)
2. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Regional Housing Center for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)
3. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Development Corporation for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)
5. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Extension of the Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Lake and Marion Corporation (Downtown Oak Park) for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)
6. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Arts Council for a six month period (January 2004-June 2004)

The Board agreed to look at these items in total rather than treating them individually.

It was moved by Trustee Pope, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Resolution 2003-R-217 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004,**

Resolution 2003-R-218 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004,**

Resolution 2003-R-219 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004,**

Resolution 2003-R-220 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE LAKE AND MARION CORPORATION (DOWNTOWN OAK PARK) FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004,** and

Resolution 2003-R-221 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Johnson stated that while he is not required to, nor does he receive direct benefits from the Oak Park Residence Corporation, he wanted to disclose that they manage the condo building that he lives in.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

- K. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Renewal of an Agreement with O'Connor and Hannan, LLP, for I-290 Assistance For Fiscal Year 2004

RENEWAL OF O'CONNOR AND HANNAN, LLP AGREEMENT FOR I-290 ASSISTANCE APPROVED

Village Manager Swenson explained that this is the firm that has been assisting the Village in its efforts to protect the community with respect to any potential widening or changes in the I-290 corridor.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, that Resolution 2003-R-222 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH O'CONNOR & HANNAN, LLP FOR I-290 ASSISTANCE** 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 on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

Trustee Milstein voted Abstain. Trustee Milstein's abstention is legally deemed to be an Aye vote. Therefore the motion was unanimously adopted.

- M. Resolution Accepting Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Western Remac for Welcome Entry Monuments

CONTRACT FOR WELCOME ENTRY MONUMENTS APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Resolution 2003-R-223 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WESTERN REMAC FOR WELCOME ENTRY MONUMENTS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

In response to Trustee Gockel's question about the expected life of the communication strategy mentioned in the resolution, dating from 1998, Assistant to the Village Manager Pete Dame explained that these monuments are the final elements. All the others, e.g., hiring a communications director, creating a high profile brochure, creating a government access channel, updating the Village logo, placing wayfinding-type signs, etc., have been done.

Trustee Kostopulos congratulated staff on its job of tying together the signs throughout the community, but said that he had a problem in that we are becoming overloaded with signs. He thought everything looks Frank Lloyd Wright-ish and wanted a symbol [to be more indicative of] a renewing community.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

Trustee Kostopulos voted Abstain. Trustee Kostopulos' abstention is legally deemed to be an Aye vote. Therefore the motion was unanimously adopted.

N. Resolution Accepting Authorizing Execution of a Contract with MV Transportation, Inc for Provision of Public Transit Services

**CONTRACT
WITH MV
TRANSPORTA-
TION, INC.
APPROVED**

Village Manager Swenson explained that this was a contract for the provision of public transit services, commonly called the "circulator." He noted that former Trustee Turner--who was instrumental in the creation of this idea, and whose energy in keeping it on the Board's priority list was instrumental in having it present tonight--was present in the audience.

It was moved by Trustee Pope, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Resolution 2003-R-224 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Milstein thanked former Trustee Turner and reported that in conversation with him, former Trustee Turner mentioned that the late Bernard Abraham also was instrumental in bringing up this particular service or idea. Trustee Milstein thought that at this time, the \$87,000 could be better spent in other areas than on two vans that would hold about 15 people or less. He would vote for a revised, bigger, 4-van system next year if finances looked better.

Trustee Gockel hoped that next year could be used to explore expanding it to a tri-village circulator with River Forest [and Forest Park].

Trustee Johnson wanted to extend the hours to accommodate commuters as well as shoppers and residents in the future.

In response to Trustee Carpenter's questions about a proposed December 17th meeting at Village Hall, Mr. Dame said the meeting was to provide a public hearing to describe how we arrived where we now are in planning, and to give MV Transportation a chance to hear input from the public about their goals and desires for this service. Details such as which side of the street to stop on still need to be worked out. A name less technical than "circulator" and more exciting than "Oak Park Shuttle" is needed. He asked for suggestions. The public will be notified of the meeting, e.g., via press release, so they can participate.

Trustee Pope, agreeing with Trustee Milstein, said that his vision had larger vehicles, running on a more regular schedule so that it becomes part of the lifeblood of the community. Mr. Dame responded that PACE has it in their long-term plan to move towards a more community-oriented system, as should Oak Park, with connections to intermodal places. One goal is to get PACE to help support the service in Oak Park.

William Turner, 402 Wisconsin, commented. His original vision was to include Fenwick High School, Oak Park and River Forest High School, and the Township. It's a major problem [now] for senior citizens to get around Oak Park. A lot of people continue through Oak Park because they don't have a place to park or have a quarter, though it's not as much of a problem now that there's more parking. If it hit the busy transportation centers--the Eisenhower and Lake Street--and was a good place to pick up people and circulate them through the business district, we wouldn't have so many kids whose parents reluctantly give them their car keys; they could just jump on the bus instead. He noted that this is working well in Denver, in Augusta, GA, and Memphis, TN. This is an excellent beginning that could grow into a major help against the gridlock present in the South end of the Village. He sees it as a win-win situation. Bring in the circulators, but don't spend a lot of money now.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Gockel, Johnson, Kostopulos, Milstein, Pope, and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

- O. Resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement with the Oak Park Housing Center Relating to the Diversity Assurance Agreement Program

AMENDMENT TO DIVERSITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM MARKET SERVICES AGREEMENT TABLED

Village Manager Swenson explained that this was not directly budget-related, but because it was related to the agreement with the Housing Center, it was felt to be appropriate for this agenda.

President Trapani asked for a motion.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that a **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE DIVERSITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENTS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Milstein felt this should not be on the agenda of a special meeting about the budget. It should be on the agenda of a regular meeting because it is about a contractual change in wording, not related to dollars and cents. He also wanted more time to study the wording, contractual obligations, and structure.

Trustee Kostopulos agreed and thought the original contract should be looked at.

President Trapani verified with Village Attorney Heise that this resolution in no way impacts the funding in the previous ordinance. She then asked for a motion to table the item to a point where a discussion could be had.

A motion to table came from Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Milstein. In the subsequent voice vote, the motion failed.

In further discussion, Village Attorney Heise and Village Manager Swenson explained that they were trying to get this item before the Board before the end of the year, and that the item was seen as being related to the Partner Agency contract that was presented to the Board this evening, but there was nothing urgent about it. In response to President Trapani's question, Trustee Milstein said he would have preferred to have someone from the Housing Center present to answer his questions pertaining directly to the contracts, and so he was requesting the Board not to vote on it tonight.

A motion to table came from Trustee Pope, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos. In the subsequent voice vote, the motion succeeded by the required two-thirds majority. President Trapani asked that this item be brought back during the first or second meeting in January for in-depth discussion.

Trustee Kostopulos suggested a meeting with the Housing Center and its former executive director to get more background. President Trapani thought it could be done during the Partner review.

President Trapani expressed her appreciation for the many hours spent in discussion, and asked for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss litigation in Conference Room 130. It was so moved by Trustee Kostopulos and seconded by Trustee Carpenter. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN
THE OFFICE OF:

By: Matt LaSaine
Recording Secretary