

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

REGULAR
MEETING
12/5/05

PRESENT: Trustees Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and declared that a quorum was present.

MINUTES:

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11/21/05 MEETING
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Milstein, seconded by Trustee Brady, that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 21, 2005 be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

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A. Reports:

1. Village Board Calendars for November and December

CALENDAR

Village Manager Carl Swenson called attention to the annual Joint Review Board meeting as noted on the calendar for December 20th. President Pope noted that a groundbreaking event for the new Public Works facility will take place on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 A.M. He urged Board members to attend. President Pope also mentioned that Board Members should be sure to schedule time for individual interviews with the Madison Street planners either on the 7th or 8th of December. Trustee Brock requested that the Affordable Housing meeting be added to the calendar for December 15th at 9:00 A.M.

Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions

B. Motion to Accept the 2006 Work Plans from the Citizens Advisory Boards & Commissions as Reviewed at the November 17, 2005 Village Board Study Session

WORK PLANS
FOR CITIZEN
ADVISORY
BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS
FOR 2006
APPROVED

This is an annual action in which all of the Citizen Advisory Board & Commissions present their proposed work plans for consideration and approval by the Village Board. The Village Board reviewed these plans at their November 17, 2005 Study Session and this is the action to formally accept the plans for work in 2006

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Brady to accept the Work Plans from the Citizens Advisory Boards and Commissions as Reviewed at the November 17, 2005 Village Board Study Session.

A voice vote was taken and the motion unanimously adopted

Citizen Involvement Commission Recommendations

C. Appointments

APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Brady, to concur in the appointment of Nick Bridges, currently a member of the Public Art Advisory Commission, as Chair of this Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion unanimously adopted.

Parking & Traffic Commission Recommendation

D. Recommendation to Change the Name of the Parking and Traffic Commission to the Transportation Commission as Reviewed at the November 17, 2005 Village Board Study Session

CHANGE NAME OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

By taking this action, the name of this Commission will more accurately reflect the focus of the Commission from just vehicular transportation issues to one of all modes of transportation. Village Manager Swenson suggested the Board take both items as a consent.

1. Recommendation to Change the Name of the Parking and Traffic Commission to the Transportation Commission.
2. It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Ordinance entitled 2005-O- 72 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 15 OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION** was submitted for adoption a true and correct copy of said Ordinance is herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT:None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMENT

Daniel Fore, 1116 Garfield, was pleased to report that with the help of a number of local churches 50 servicemen were provided with Thanksgiving dinner. These were from the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. In addition to these 50 were approximately 20 Katrina evacuees living at the Madden Center. Mr. Fore also reminded people that Christmas cards for servicemen can be dropped off at the recruiting office across from McDonald's, next to Village Hall. Folks should indicate what branch of service they are for on the face of the envelope, as well as if the recipient should be located within or outside the United States. If a reply is desired, a stamped, self-addressed envelope with stationary should be included.

Barbara Alexander Mullarkey, 204 South Elmwood, suggested standards for the communication and formatting of the Village's Finance Reporting to its citizens each year in June. Ms. Mullarkey clearly described the look and feel of a Microsoft Excel document and organized into the following major sections: Revenues and Receipts, Payables, Salaries and Payables to Vendors less than \$2500.00. Within each section, she asked that entries be alphabetized and listed in descending order of money from highest to lowest. Within Payables, Ms. Mullarkey requested categories be created such as "construction companies," "landscape services," and "legal firms." Such a spreadsheet could be available to citizens from the Village web site. She said, "The above will allow residents to see the money sources and to whom it goes."

Patricia Spagat, 945 N. Elmwood. Ms. Spagat began by thanking the Board for the appropriation for an animal facility in its 2006 Budget. However, the Hanover animal facility [being contracted as the temporary Oak Park animal control facility] has been purchased by a veterinarian who prefers to limit her practice to cats. Ms. Spagat asserted that this veterinarian would prefer to see the exit of Oak Park animal control. She suggested that the old fire house at Lake Street and Lombard Avenue be made available for animal rescue. Since the Village owns the property, there would be no building costs. Architect and former Trustee Gus Kostopulos and Veterinarian John Brancel both support this approach to the facilities problem.

REGULAR AGENDA

- F. An Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Park District of Oak Park for the Transfer of Real Property for Park and Recreational Purposes**

AGREEMENT
WITH PARK
DISTRICT FOR
TRANSFER OF
PROPERTY

Village Manager Swenson explained that this agreement between the Village and the Park District of Oak Park is for the transfer of real property for park and recreational purposes. The agreement implements the recommendations of the comprehensive planning effort conducted jointly by the Village and the Park

District over the course of 2004 and provides for two years of transitional funding to Park District in 2006 and 2007.

It was moved by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Ordinance 2005-O-71 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

K. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Richard A. Martens

AGREEMENT
WITH RICHARD
MARTENS

Village Manager Swenson explained this Resolution is to authorize a service agreement with Richard A. Martens to provide legal counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Plan Commission and Fire and Police Commission. Trustee Brock asked Village Attorney Ray Heise to read aloud questions she raised about the selection process for Mr. Martens, as well as provide his answers.

Her first question was to ask who decided to prepare an agreement with Attorney Martens. Attorney Heise responded that each of the three bodies (Zoning Board of Appeals, Plan Commission and Fire and Police Commission) have the statutory administrative authority to take such official action, and even – in some cases - render final decisions.

Her second question was why does this agreement have to take place? Attorney Heise answered that unlike other outside legal services that are retained only upon the occurrence of specific events, these special Boards and Commissions need legal support regularly and throughout the year. “The agreement,” he explained, “is used in this unique circumstance to frame and limit the legal services provided.”

Trustee Brock’s third question was why is Attorney Martens singled out for an agreement when other legal firms working for the Village are not? Attorney Heise pointed to his answer to the second question, in that the precise services to be provided to the Boards and Commissions required detailing and that the circumstances were unique. Further, Mr. Heise pointed out that if Trustee Brock meant to inquire as to Attorney Marten’s worthiness for the contract, “the answer is

that Mr. Martens provides a high level of competence and experience in each required area of expertise at an hourly rate which is far lower than the Village would be able to obtain from even much less experienced practitioners in these areas of expertise.”

Question four was what will his hourly rate be for these services? Will the Village receive a flat or bulk discounted rate for each Commission? Attorney Heise explained that compensation is set to an hourly billing rate based upon tenths of an hour. “This provides economies by coupling compensation for legal services at below market hourly rates with detailed and critically reviewed billings...Mr. Martens will provide these services for \$125.00 per hour...\$45.00 to \$65.00 below the most competitive rates.”

Trustee Brock’s fifth question asked if this is a minority firm? Attorney Heise responded that Mr. Martens is a sole practitioner and is not a minority firm. Current minority firms providing outside legal services to the Village are Neal and Leroy, doing development work for the Village. Additionally Bill Lowry, a partner with *Nyhan Pfister Bambrick Kinzie* in Chicago, provides legal services to the Village on worker’s compensation matters.

It was then moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Milstein, that Resolution 2005-R-262 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD A. MARTENS** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolution are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

L. Resolution Waiving of the Village of Oak Park’s Competitive Purchasing Process and Authorizing the Purchase of Security Cameras from Vicon Industries

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS THROUGH GSA

The Village of Oak Park has determined that the purchase of security cameras from Vicon Industries is in the best interest of the Village of Oak Park. Pete Dame, Deputy Village Manager, clarified this request to waive the normal Village bid process in favor of the Federal Government’s bid process. By taking advantage of their economies of scale, we stand to benefit from much better pricing on the same security goods than purchasing on our own.

Trustee Marsey asked Mr. Benages to explain how the cameras delay incidents. Instead of police being notified of an incident after it took place, Mr.

Benages reported, the camera provides an alert the moment the incident takes place, cutting response time. Trustee Marsey also asked where the cameras to be purchased under the Resolution would be located. Mr. Benages replied that 24 cameras were to be installed around the Village Hall building. The distribution included the perimeter, ramp, IT, areas where “we have most of our greatest assets.”

Trustee Baker then said, “It disturbs me any time we feel like we have to put a camera up. It disturbs me regardless of whether or not some idiot flew an airplane into the twin towers...a lot of people see it as a necessary evil. I don’t put the ‘necessary’ on it. I appreciate your candor...But there is absolutely no way, in my America, that we can justify this...It’s an unnecessary step toward what happened in many places that we now deem fascist...authoritarian...I would ask everybody to focus more on...Benjamin Franklin...who said ‘Those who will give up essential liberty for temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security.’”

Trustee Marsey asked if funding would be sacrificed if the Resolution were not acted upon this evening. Mr. Benages replied, “The costs could go up and the opportunities that we have now to get something going within...three to four weeks, is gone.” Trustee Marsey then stated that, “I think the lost opportunity cost is probably worth the ability to wait on this until we have a better idea of where the cameras are going to go and why.”

Deputy Manager Dame explained that the cameras under consideration are part two of a larger Village Hall security plan. The first part consisted of indoor installations, including the cameras used to provide TV coverage tonight. Part two are to be outdoor installations. Trustee Milstein agreed, “That’s because we really want the public to be watching us at all times...All I’m saying is I’d like to know why the cameras are in the particular locations they are in. I think that’s a fair question and I again ask you to defer on this.”

Village Manager Swenson revealed that there is a rationale behind the placement of every camera. “But I understand that that has not all been presented to you. And perhaps we can delay this until we have an opportunity and a brief study session...the rationale for the placement of the cameras.” President Pope suggested that the individuals who made and seconded the motion withdraw, and asked Village Manager Swenson to get the topic added to a previously scheduled study session in January. Village Manager Swenson agreed and suggested that the 2005 and 2006 budgets be adjusted as necessary. Trustee Johnson suggested that discussions of exact camera locations be confidential.

N. Resolutions Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business Licenses

Village Manager Swenson introduced Item N, as per the Village Code 8-4B-4 (I), Pawn Shop licenses must be granted by the Village Board for the term or one year period.

PAWN SHOP
BUSINESS
LICENSE
RENEWALS

4. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Cash

America, Inc. of Chicago D/B/A Cash America Pawn of Chicago, 6303 North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois

- 5. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for American Jewelers & Loan Ltd., 6149 North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois**
- 6. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Irving Parking Jewelry & Coins, 6147 North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois**

President Pope invited public comment on these Resolutions, followed by comments from the Board.

Marilyn Foster, 1218 N. Harvey, lives steps away from all three pawn shops, and sees few people in there. The shops “are not allies of the community.” The average person uses Trading Times Newspaper or eBay to sell unwanted items. She suspects the pawn shops are patronized by thieves. Theft is up. She can’t leave her lawn furniture out at night without chaining it down. Her husband apprehended a person going into their neighbor’s house about a year ago. Would that person have just walked around the corner and dumped goods at a pawn shop?

Julia Field, 1212 N. Harvey, lives in the same block as Marilyn Foster. She recognizes that everybody has a right to have a business, and that we try to keep businesses in our community. But her block has a strong block association, and she doesn’t know anyone in her neighborhood that has ever shopped at or even visited one of the pawn shops. We have had a lot of crime, and some stolen items have been found at these pawn shops. “We really just don’t want them in our neighborhood.”

Richard L. Blaurock, 630 S. Wenonah. Mr. Blaurock owns the shopping center at Ridgeland and North Avenues that leases space to Cash America. The shopping center property has been in his family for two generations, and has had several buildings developed there. “I have to say that they have been excellent, excellent tenants.” Cash American occupies 5,000 square feet. Mr. Blaurock owns shopping centers in two other communities, and for comparison purposes, he shared their tax rates. In Wisconsin near Lake Geneva, taxes are about \$0.50 a square foot. In DuPage County, Illinois taxes are \$2.56 a square foot. In Oak Park, those taxes the figure is \$7.70 or \$35,000 in tax obligation before they can take any money home. So we feel they’ve been a good citizen and deserve the right to be there.

Judith Alexander, 1205 N. Harvey Ave. began, “We feel that the pawn shops contribute significantly to an atmosphere of neglect...a slum atmosphere that pervades North Avenue from Austin to Oak Park Avenue. We believe that this atmosphere of neglect invites crime and we believe it’s fairly well established. When it looks like no one cares, it emboldens people to be criminals in that area. And we live a block away.” She went on to assert that “often it’s not items stolen in Oak Park that are fenced in Oak Park, it’s items that are stolen elsewhere.” The slum atmosphere “discourages Oak Parkers from shopping there and discourages

the kinds of businesses that we would like to see... they are just bad news...they are depressing property values overall...they need more policing...more protection because they are targets of crime themselves and we are paying for that.”

President Pope asked Chief Tanksley to respond to the assertion that items stolen elsewhere find their way to Oak Park pawn shops. Chief Tanksley described the stolen goods reporting process: Oak Park Police are notified when a particular agency “comes and looks at the various pawn shops, and when they recover property, that’s when they notify us.” Elgin made one report of stolen goods in 2004 at Irving Park Jewelry and Coin. In that same year, “we had 19 such incidents of recovery of stolen property, none of which was property taken from Oak Park” involving Cash America. Oak Park Police responded to reports from Chicago and River Grove Police.

The Chief allowed that the pawn shops followed the ordinance, properly inventorying the property, notifying Oak Park Police daily, and obtaining proper identification from the individual doing the pawning. If these businesses had failed to perform these duties, Oak Park Police would have cited them. Because these pawn shops had followed correct procedure the other police departments had leads and were able to make arrests in those cases.

Trustee Marsey asked what’s there to discourage a pawn shop from taking stolen goods. Chief Tanksley replied that the disincentive is the potential loss of the property. Trustee Marsey probed whether there was a way to tighten the rules further, so that pawn shops dealing in stolen merchandise could be punished in some way. Trustee Johnson pursued that line of thinking, referring to the ordinance section where the pawn shop license administrator has certain powers to recommend against renewing a license based on “knowingly recklessly or repeatedly violating provisions of this article.” Chief Tanksley is that administrator. Trustee Johnson asked him if 19 instances met the threshold of “repeatedly violating.” The Chief, supported by Attorney Ray Heise, responded that in fact the pawn shop complied with the heart of the ordinance in identifying the individual, with photographs, and the merchandise. They did what they are required to do. “The fact that a piece of property turns up stolen is not a violation of the ordinance.”

Trustee Johnson then asked what repercussions we could expect were we to deny renewal of the license. Attorney Heise explained, “The ordinance is structured in such a way that if that business leaves the Village of Oak Park [or] the owner dies, there is no vested right in that...license. They do not have right to convey title.” There are three shops in the Village and there can be no new licenses. The Village has rejected a substantial number of these businesses that have sought to locate on our borders. Attorney Heise asserted that growth is under control. Trustee Johnson again asked if we could expect litigation if we denied renewal and Attorney Heise responded that there is a fairly strong likelihood that the issue would be litigated.

Trustee Milstein commented that, “it is true under our current ordinance that the businesses are obeying the law. So the question is who are you punishing if you

were to deny the license? But I still find it philosophically impossible for me to vote in favor of a pawn shop, when I believe that it serves no good purpose whatsoever...In fairness to the folks on North Avenue, I hope you know that we have begun putting monies into this budget for the...revitalization in your neighborhoods.” Trustee Baker elicited from Chief Tanksley a frequent connection between pawning activity and cash for narcotics. Trustee Brock reiterated Mrs. Alexander’s thought that an “atmosphere of neglect...invites crime to the area.”

President Pope suggested that, “voting against this...is probably not the way” toward a sustainable solution all speakers have in mind. He observed that the ordinance provides for an ownership structure associated with an individual – a single small business owner. But in the case of Cash America, ownership is in the hands of an international holding corporation, “and for which the concept of the death of the licensee will never be realized.” He also considered how pawning might be improved by the notion of a demonstrable ‘chain of ownership’ of goods. He then called upon Clerk Sokol to call the roll.

4. It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Brady, that Resolution 2005-R-264 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CASH AMERICA, INC. OF CHICAGO D/B/A CASH AMERICA PAWN OF CHICAGO, 6303 NORTH AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brady, Johnson, Marsey and President Pope

NAYS: Trustees Baker, Brock and Milstein

ABSENT: None

The motion was accepted.

5. It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Marsey, that Resolution 2005-R-265 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR AMERICAN JEWELERS & LOAN LTD., 6149 NORTH AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS** by adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Johnson, Marsey and President Pope

NAYS: Trustees Brock and Milstein

ABSENT: None

The motion was accepted.

- 6. It was moved by Trustee Milstein, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Resolution 2005-R-266 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR IRVING PARKING JEWELRY & COINS, 6147 NORTH AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brady, Johnson, Marsey and President Pope

NAYS: Trustees Baker, Brock and Milstein

ABSENT: None

The motion was accepted.

P. Motion to Accept the 2006 Regular Meeting Schedule

2006 REGULAR
MEETING
SCHEDULE

Village Manager Swenson introduced this agenda item. Every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each year. Changes or additions to these meetings are done in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. President Pope suggested reinstating meetings to the month of April, which previously had been scheduled as a Board vacation month. If the press of business allows, these April meetings could be cancelled.

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to accept the 2006 Regular Meeting Schedule.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: Trustee Brock

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

E. Resolutions Authorizing Execution of Partner Agreements for 2006

PARTNER
AGREEMENT
WITH REGIONAL
HOUSING
CENTER

The Village of Oak Park provides funding to several quasi-governmental or non-profit entities as partners in achieving Village policy objectives and goals.

The agreements below provide the budgeted allocation to each of these partner agencies specified below for calendar year 2006.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Regional Housing Center for 2006

It was moved by Trustee Milstein, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that Resolution 2005-R-267 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER FOR 2006** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Daniel Fore, 1116 Garfield. Mr. Fore was given a mainstream choice voucher, which he took to the Housing Center. The Center provided him with “a lot” of listings that would meet his special medical and physical needs. The Center did not screen their listings for accepting the mainstream choice voucher, wasting a good deal of Mr. Fore’s time. “As a result,” he said, “I lost the voucher.” Mr. Fore would like to see the Housing Center do a better job of supporting disabled folks who’ve received these vouchers get cooperation with landlords to accept them.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Johnson, Marsey and President Pope

NAYS: Trustees Brock and Milstein

ABSENT: None

The motion was accepted.

President Pope allowed one additional Public Comment.

Ojo Osaigbovo, 1112 S. Taylor Ave. Mr. Osaigbovo requested a subordination of lien from Mr. Frank Pond, to refinance his house. Mr. Pond agreed that the refinance could proceed because the family owed \$3,000 to the Village of Oak Park for a loan to do “something to our house.” Mr. Osaigbovo went on to explain that the matter has become urgent, that for some reason Mr. Pond is refusing to provide the subordination agreement at this time. President Pope asked Village Manager Swenson to look into the matter. Mr. Swenson conferred with Deputy Village Manager Pete Dame, and suggested bringing the matter forward for a vote at a study session already scheduled for the coming Thursday, December 8th. This suggestion was accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA

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PARTNER AGREEMENTS

1. Resolution 2005-R-268 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR 2006** was submitted for adoption. CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

2. Resolution 2005-R-269 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL FOR 2006** was submitted for adoption. OAK PARK AREA ARTS COUNCIL

3. Resolution 2005-R-270 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE HARLEM LAKE MARION CORPORATION (DOWNTOWN OAK PARK) FOR 2005-2008** was submitted for adoption. HARLEM LAKE MARION CORPORATION

4. Resolution 2005-R-271 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR 2006** was submitted for adoption. OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

6. Resolution 2005-R-272 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION FOR 2006** was submitted for adoption. OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION

G. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Intergovernmental Cooperation between Village of Oak Park and Village of River Forest for Computer Services

INTER - GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RIVER FOREST FOR COMPUTER SERVICES

The River Forest Contract is renewed on an annual basis. It is an intergovernmental cooperation program between the Village of Oak Park and River Forest for computer services. The services are provided by the Oak Park Information Technology Department.

Resolution 2005-R-273 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION BETWEEN VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST FOR COMPUTER SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Intergovernmental Cooperation between Village of Oak Park and West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center for Information Technology Services

INTER –
GOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT
WITH WEST
SUBURBAN
DISPATCH FOR
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES

The West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center Contract is renewed on an annual basis. It is an intergovernmental cooperation program between the Village of Oak Park and West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center for computer services. The services are provided by the Oak Park Information Technology Department.

Resolution 2005-R-274 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION BETWEEN VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND WEST SUBURBAN CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

Q. Ordinance Authorizing the Disposition of Surplus Equipment On An “As Is Basis for Various Electronic Equipment

DISPOSITION OF
SURPLUS
ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT ON
‘AS IS’ BASIS

Per State Statute 65 ILSC Sec.5/11-76-4 the Village’s corporate authorities may, by Ordinance, authorize the disposition of personal property as they may designate in order to dispose of equipment no longer usable to the Village.

Ordinance 2005-O-73 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ON AN “AS IS BASIS FOR VARIOUS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** was submitted for adoption.

I. Resolution for Department of Health to Contract with the Feline Wellness Center to Provide Boarding and Veterinary Services for Impounded Animals for Twelve Months Beginning December 1, 2005

CONTRACT WITH
FELINE
WELLNESS
CENTER FOR
BOARDING AND
VETERINARY
SERVICES OF
IMPOUNDED
ANIMALS

This board agenda item pertains to the Department of Public Health contracting with the Feline Wellness Center to provide boarding and veterinary services for impounded animals for the next twelve months beginning December 1, 2005.

Resolution 2005-R-275 entitled **RESOLUTION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONTRACT WITH THE FELINE WELLNESS CENTER TO PROVIDE BOARDING AND VETERINARY SERVICES FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS FOR TWELVE MONTHS BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2005** was submitted for adoption

President Pope called forward two public comments on this item.

Gloria Ryan, 408 S. Grove. Ms. Ryan stated that the Feline Wellness Center represents a temporary arrangement that has gone on “for years and years and years, and it’s got to stop.”

David Spagat, 945 North Elmwood. Mr. Spagat reminded the Board that one of their priorities was to do something about the animal situation. Mr. Spagat asserted that the current situation for the animals is completely inadequate, that the month to month arrangement which is about to be extended to a year is also inadequate, and that the refurbishment of the Village owned building is a viable alternative that could be useful in as little as two to three weeks. “So please think about this think,” he said, “and let’s be fair to the animals.”

President Pope asked for responses. Deputy Village Manager Wiggins offered that the agreement before the board is a negotiated 12 month agreement, understood by both parties to be temporary, with a provision for both parties to terminate with 30 days notice. What the agreement does provide is consistency for the animals. Trustee Marsey offered that if the Board decided to move forward with a shelter in January, and if it became ready for occupancy before the end of the calendar year, we would not be constrained by the terms of this agreement. Dr. Georgeen Polyak concurred in that statement. Trustee Johnson explained how volunteers worked inside this facility to ensure that some capital improvements were made.

Trustee Milstein expressed his reservations about voting on this Resolution this evening. Trustee Johnson offered one more thought in response to that. The Board of Health report on impounded animals found that the vast majority of animals that come into the shelter are returned to their owners quickly because they are tagged. There are very few actual strays that remain in this facility.

J. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Insurance Program For 2006

2006 INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Village annually purchases insurance for the following lines of coverage: Property, Contractors Equipment, Boiler and Machinery, Liability, Crime, Excess Workers Compensation. This resolution is for the renewal of those lines of insurance coverage for 2006.

Resolution 2005-R-276 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR 2006** was submitted for adoption.

M. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Vortex Enterprises for Carpet Replacement in Village Hall

CONTRACT WITH VORTEX ENTERPRISES FOR VILLAGE HALL CARPET REPLACEMENT

Bids were opened on November 28, 2005 for the contract to replace the carpeting in Village Hall. This project is budgeted in the Capital Building Improvement Program. The low bid came from Vortex Enterprises of Addison, Illinois in the amount of \$147,100. It is recommended that the Board approve this contract.

Resolution 2005-R-277 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH VORTEX ENTERPRISES**

FOR CARPET REPLACEMENT IN VILLAGE HALL was submitted for adoption.

N. Resolutions Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business Licenses

As per the Village Code, 8-23-8 the annual renewal of each pool hall, bowling alley or billiard parlor license (for public use) shall be granted only after review and approval by the President and Board of Trustees.

RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR BILLIARD HALLS AND BOWLING ALLEYS

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

Resolution 2005-R-278 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BILLIARD HALL (LEONA’S PIZZERIA, INC., 850 MADISON STREET)** was submitted for adoption.

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

Resolution 2005-R-279 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BILLIARD HALL (OAK PARK BILLIARDS, 1019 SOUTH BOULEVARD)** was submitted for adoption.

3. Resolution Authorizing Annual Renewal of Business License for Bowling Alley (Oak Park Lanes, 6046 W. Roosevelt Road)

Resolution 2005-R-280 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BOWLING ALLEY (OAK PARK LANES, 6046 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD)** was submitted for adoption.

O. Resolution Supporting an Eastbound Exit at North Avenue (IL 64) from Southbound I-294 (Tri-State Toll Way)

This resolution indicates the Village of Oak Park’s support for adding an eastbound exit onto North Avenue from southbound I-294 in Northlake. This resolution was requested by the Mayor of Northlake of all North Central Council communities of which Oak Park is a part.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR EASTBOUND EXIT AT NORTH AVENUE FROM SOUTHBOUND I-294

Resolution 2005-R-281 entitled **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN EASTBOUND EXIT AT NORTH AVENUE (IL 64) FROM SOUTHBOUND I-294 (TRI-STATE TOLL WAY)** was submitted for adoption.

President Pope called forward another citizen requesting public comment.

Daniel Fore, 1116 Garfield. Mr. Fore requested comment time on agenda item E6, the agreement with the Oak Park Residence Corporation. Mr. Fore asserted that the Residence Corporation is in violation of its agreement with the Village, “that it shall not discriminate against any worker, employee, or applicant or any member of the public because of race, religion, disability, creed, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran, or Vietnam era veteran, or national origin, nor otherwise commit unfair employment practice.” Mr. Fore claimed that the Residence Corporation has discriminated against him as a disabled individual. Mr. Fore explained his experiences living in a Residence Corporation building, complaining about building deficiencies, using his mainstream voucher to pay rent, and subsequent difficulties with his landlord, the Sheriff, and the Police. Mr. Fore said that the Residence Corporation terminated his lease.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Baker, Brady, Johnson, Marsey an President Pope

NAYS: Trustees Brock and Milstein

ABSENT: None

The motion was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 P.M., Monday DECEMBER 5, 2005, to continue in a Board Study Session.

ADJOURN

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Sandra Sokol, Village Clerk

By: Karen Morris Muriello
Deputy Village Clerk