

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**OFFICIAL RECORD:**

REGULAR  
MEETING  
1/17/06

**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:**

MINUTES OF  
01/03/06 MEETING  
APPROVED

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Brock, that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 3, 2006 be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was accepted.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**

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MANAGER  
REPORTS

**A. Reports:**

**1. Village Board Calendars for January**

CALENDAR

President Pope stated that best efforts are being made to be as efficient as possible with the use of the Board's time, and that the calendar reflects this effort. The President went on to discuss specific calendar dates and meeting objectives. Several Board members raised questions about the Village Manager Replacement process, and sought to advance events earlier by a week. Trustee Johnson commented on inviting Commissions and Committees to meetings where subject matter is relevant.

**2. 2006 Crime Statistics Annual Report**

2006 CRIME  
STATISTICS

Chief Tanksley provided Oak Park 2006 Crime Statistics compiled in compliance with the Illinois State Police. "For your information," the Chief began, "the Illinois State Police has the responsibility to act as a central repository for collecting crime statistics....This crime report tracks eight crime offenses, known as 'Part One' offenses. These offenses include murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and battery, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. In 2005 there were 1,970 Part One crimes in Oak Park, compared to 2,664 reported in 2004. This represents a 26.05% decrease in crime. This would give us the lowest crime rate in Oak Park for over 24 years."

Chief Tanksley went on to discuss specific statistics. There was one homicide in 2005, that of Peter D’Agostino; this investigation is still active and a “top priority.” Declines in thefts and burglaries are attributed in part to good police work and to residents performing “fundamental crime prevention, such as closing garage doors, securing personal items in their vehicles, putting up some additional lighting, and also calling the police.”

The Chief reported a rise of 56% in aggravated assault and battery, 61% of which involved juveniles. In 55% of those cases the juvenile was the offender. Responding to this finding, Chief Tanksley is assigning an adult youth detective. Additionally, officers will do more follow-up with juveniles in their homes, with parents. Further, Chicago and Village Police are partnering with west side social services and a Ministers’ coalition to develop community service opportunities for Chicago youth arrested in Oak Park.

Trustee Marsey pointed out that in 1991, just 14 years ago, the number of Part One crimes totaled 4,254. He commended and thanked Chief Tanksley. Trustee Baker asked Chief Tanksley if he saw anything necessary “at a policy level to help police” align juvenile crime improvement with adult. The Chief responded that his department needs to investigate “what is happening in the community which causes this increase.”

**3. American Public Works Association Award**

Village Manager Carl Swenson announced that the Village of Oak Park has received a Technical Innovations Award for its effort in the paint exchange program. “This is managed in the Public Works department, and another of the environmental programs that we continue to operate successfully and get some positive recognition for.”

OAK PARK  
RECEIVES  
TECHNICAL  
INNOVATIONS  
AWARD FOR  
PAINT  
EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM

***Citizen Involvement Commission Recommendations***

**B. Appointments**

APPOINTMENTS

Stacy Sorg, Chair of the Citizen Involvement Commission, explained the volunteer process and announced that the next Prospects meeting will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM. Ms. Sorg gave a short appeal for positions the Citizens Involvement Commission (CIC) is currently seeking to fill. These include positions on the CIC itself, as well as the Farmer’s Market Commission and the Public Art Advisory Commission. The Board did not receive Appointment information packets and therefore could not complete the approval process. Specific appointments to Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, Housing Programs Advisory Commission and Universal Access Commission were delayed until the next Board Meeting, February 6, 2006.

*Housing Programs Advisory Committee Recommendations*

**C. Resolution Authorizing Marketing Service Agreement Grant**

MARKETING  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT  
GRANT  
MSA-0603/A

The Housing Programs Advisory Committee reviews applications for Diversity Assurance Loan and Grant Programs to both encourage reinvestment in the 4+ multi-family building and to increase the racial diversity of the tenant base. Buildings are eligible for up to a \$2,000 per unit as a grant to be matched by owner funds or a Village loan at 6.75%.

**1. Resolution Authorizing a Marketing Services Agreement Grant: MSA 0603/A**

This owner is eligible for \$16,000 (\$1,000 per unit).

Trustee Baker noted that over the past eight years this particular building has not increased the racial diversity of its tenant base, despite the fact that the Village has continued to fund it at \$16,000.00 every five years. He raised the question whether approving another \$16,000.00 would be worth it. Housing Programs Advisory Committee member Greg Sorg responded that yes, this should be approved, for a number of reasons. First, this building is in a tough location; certain areas are easier to diversify than others. “So that is a challenge.” Second, the owner markets aggressively for diversity but there is a lot of stability in the building. When people like their building, there is not much you can do. Third, the owner owns several properties in Oak Park. “If you look at the building owner’s track record in the aggregate of all their buildings,” explained Mr. Sorg, “it would look more impressive than just this one building.”

Trustee Milstein asked Housing Programs Manager Cynthia Breunlin if a Housing Programs Advisory Committee review of a given building included all of the owner’s program properties, if they own more than one. She responded yes, aggregate data is provided for each owner under review. Additionally the Housing Center provides input. Trustee Milstein suggested that having the aggregate data in written form would be most useful for this committee.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Milstein, that Resolution 2006-R-18, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT GRANT: MSA 0603/A** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies 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 Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**D. Resolutions Authorizing Subordination of Liens**

Loan recipients request a subordination of their Diversity Assurance Grant to refinance their first mortgage. The Village remains secure in a junior position on the title.

**1. Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Lien: MSA 0219/B**

**2. Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Lien: MSA 0220/B**

SUBORDINATION  
OF LIEN  
MSA-0219/B  
MSA-0220/B

It was decided that Items D1 and D2 would be considered together.

It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Brock, that Resolution 2006-R-19, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: MSA 0219/B** and Resolution 2006-R-20, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: MSA 0220/B** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**E. Resolutions Authorizing Security Improvements Grants**

The Housing Programs Advisory Committee reviews applications for the Security Improvement Grant Program. The purpose of the Security Improvement Grant Program is to encourage security improvements and enhancements in Oak Park residential rental buildings of two or more housing units.

SECURITY  
IMPROVEMENT  
GRANTS  
SIG-211  
SIG-212

President Pope stated that we fund “a relatively small proportion of the total investment that is being made by these owners in improving the security of these buildings. I think it’s valuable that we are supporting this effort, but also I want to commend the owners who are taking the initiative to help improve the security of buildings here in the community.”

**1. Resolution Authorizing a Security Improvement Grant: SIG-211**  
The owner is eligible for the maximum \$12,800 for a 32 unit building and is requesting the entire amount of \$12,800.

**2. Resolution Authorizing a Security Improvement Grant: SIG-212**  
The owner is eligible for the maximum \$4000 grant for a 10-unit building and is requesting \$1310.

It was decided that Items E1 and E2 would be considered together.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Marsey, that Resolution 2006-R-21, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECURITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT: SIG-211** and Resolution 2006-R-22, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECURITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT: SIG-212** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**F. Resolutions Authorizing Barrie Park Grants and Loans**

The Barrie Park Investment Oversight Committee is a special ad-hoc committee appointed to review the applications received for the Barrie Park Loan & Grant Program. Eligible homeowners may be eligible for up to a \$15,000 loan or a \$15,000 grant for property improvements that may have been delayed during the Barrie Park Remediation Project.

It was decided that Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9 and F10 would be considered together.

- 1. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-077**
- 2. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-078**
- 3. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-079**
- 4. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-080**
- 5. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-081**
- 6. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-082**
- 7. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-083**
- 8. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-084**
- 9. **Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-085**

BARRIE PARK  
 GRANTS AND  
 LOANS  
 BPIP-077  
 BPIP-078  
 BPIP-079  
 BPIP-080  
 BPIP-081  
 BPIP-082  
 BPIP-083  
 BPIP-084  
 BPIP-085  
 BPIP-086

**10. Resolution Authorizing a Barrie Park Grant and Loan: BPIP-086**

It was moved by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Brock, that Resolution 2006-R-23, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-077** and Resolution 2006-R-24, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-078** and Resolution 2006-R-25, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-079** and Resolution 2006-R-26, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-080** and Resolution 2006-R-27, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-081** and Resolution 2006-R-28, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-082** and Resolution 2006-R-29, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-083** and Resolution 2006-R-30, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-084** and Resolution 2006-R-31, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-085** and Resolution 2006-R-32, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BARRIE PARK GRANT AND LOAN: BPIP-086** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Resolutions herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation**

**G. Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use for a Financial Institution Drive-up Facility at 6621 North Avenue as Reviewed at the January 3, 2006 Meeting**

ZBA ORDINANCE  
DRIVE-UP  
BANKING  
FACILITY AT 6621  
NORTH AVENUE

This is the ordinance authorizing a special use for a financial institution drive-up facility located at 6621 North Avenue. The recommendation from the ZBA was previously reviewed and accepted by the Village Board at the January 3, 2006 meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Milstein, that Ordinance 2006-R-2, entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DRIVE-UP FACILITY AT 6621 NORTH AVENUE AS REVIEWED AT THE JANUARY 3, 2006 MEETING** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance

herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment**

NON-AGENDA  
PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Taylor Sisco, 1107 North Harvey Avenue. Mr. Sisco spoke in support of the smoking ban, citing newspaper articles appearing in the Wednesday Journal about smoke free laws in Montana and Colorado. The article went on to offer statistics showing a marked decrease in heart attacks.

Mr. Sisco, a victim of secondhand smoke, lost hearing in one ear due to infection and has scarring on one lung from pneumonia. His father was a chain smoker. When Mr. Sisco left home, his asthma attacks stopped. Now he runs several miles a day. He asserts that the difference in his life is due to the elimination of exposure to second hand smoke.

“Back in the ‘40s and ‘50s, we didn’t know about the correlation,” said Mr. Sisco. Now that we do, he hopes the smoking ban will escalate in priority, and that a smoke free law in our community would be a good start to improving health in our community.

Carolyn Righeimer, 1039 North Marion, spoke about the Marion Street Mall. She understands that plans for downtown Oak Park may involve removing the Mall and returning vehicular traffic to all or part of the Mall. “I ask you to please not do that,” Ms. Righeimer said, “We enjoy the mall. I see people sitting on benches or enjoying outdoor tables in all seasons and all weathers. It’s a place where stores and artists can have displays they otherwise could not. And it’s a place where parents can let their children enjoy a few minutes of running about without worrying about them getting hit by a car. We enjoy the plantings that the Village provides and the Christmas tree and the small town Village Square feel. If you have to, tear down the Colt building, but please leave our mall.”

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- K. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Option to Extend Agreement for Provision of Public Transit Services with MV Transportation, Inc.**

EXTENSION OF

AGREEMENT WITH MV TRANSPORTATION INC. FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES

The renewal of this agreement not to exceed \$160,000 will enable the continuation of the Oak Park Shuttle for 2006. MV Transportation operates this public transportation service provided free of the charge by the Village of Oak Park since 2004.

President Pope noted that the Oak Park Shuttle Program will be discussed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting as a part of a larger conversation about traffic and congestion reduction. However, Trustee Johnson requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda in order that he might offer a comment. Trustee Johnson suggested the philosophy behind the Oak Park Shuttle Program be recalled in anticipation of the February meeting.

Trustee Johnson asked if the Shuttle is serving the populations it was designed for? Or, is it moving people who would normally be taking public transportation? Or, people who don't have a car? Or, sightseers in the community? None of these instances would necessarily reduce traffic or parking. Trustee Johnson confirmed his support for the Shuttle Program, but wants to ensure that the use of \$100,000.00 from the parking fund for the Shuttle correlate to a parking benefit.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Baker, that Resolution 2006-R-33, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES WITH MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.** be adopted as submitted, true and correct copies 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 Baker, Brady, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and President Pope

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

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**H. Resolutions Authorizing One –Year Marketing Services Agreements**

ONE YEAR MARKETING SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The purpose of the Diversity Assurance Program is to both encourage reinvestment in the 4+ multi-family building and to increase the racial diversity of the tenant base. Owners who previously participated in the program after five years are eligible for one-year renewal of marketing services agreements. Renewals without a loan or grant are directed to the Village Board for action.

MSA-0606/A  
MSA-0607/A

- 1. **Resolution Authorizing a Marketing Services Agreement Only: MSA 0606/A** MSA-0608/B  
MSA-0609/A  
This owner is requesting a marketing services agreement for one-year.
- 2. **Resolution Authorizing a Marketing Services Agreement Only: MSA 0607/A**  
This owner is requesting a marketing services agreement for one-year.
- 3. **Resolution Authorizing a Marketing Services Agreement Only: MSA 0608/B**  
This owner is requesting a marketing services agreement for one-year.
- 4. **Resolution Authorizing Execution of Marketing Services Agreement MSA 0609/A Renewal for One-Year Term**  
This owner is requesting a marketing services agreement for one-year.

Resolution 2006-R-34 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT ONLY: MSA 0606/A** and Resolution 2006-R-35 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT ONLY: MSA 0607/A** and Resolution 2006-R-36 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT ONLY: MSA 0608/B** and Resolution 2006-R-37 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT MSA 0609/A RENEWAL FOR ONE-YEAR TERM** were submitted for adoption.

**I. Ordinance Authorizing Disposition of the Fire Department’s CarinsAir Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Spare Parts**

DISPOSITION OF  
FIRE  
DEPARTMENT’S  
CAIRNSAIR  
BREATHING  
APPARATUS

The Fire Department was awarded a grant in 2004 from the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus. The department replaced the existing CarinsAir equipment with MSA. The ordinance is to allow the Village Manager to declare the CarinsAir surplus so that it can be sold to a third party.

Ordinance 2006-O-3 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S CARINSAIR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND SPARE PARTS** was submitted for adoption.

**J. Resolution Authorizing the Fire Department to Purchase a 2006 Type III Ford E450 Custom Series Ambulance from Wheeled Coach**

AUTHORIZATION  
TO PURCHASE  
AMBULANCE  
FROM WHEELED  
COACH

The resolution is authorize the waiver of the Village of Oak Park's competitive purchasing process and to approve the purchase of a new 2006 Ford Type III ambulance, thus making the two in-service ambulances less than three years old and placing the 1998 ambulance in reserve.

Resolution 2006-R-38 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE**

**DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A 2006 TYPE III FORD E450 CUSTOM SERIES AMBULANCE FROM WHEELED COACH** was submitted for adoption.

**L. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Park District of Oak Park**

INTER-  
GOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
VILLAGE OF OAK  
PARK AND PARK  
DISTRICT  
REGARDING USE  
OF PARK  
FACILITIES BY  
DOG OWNERS

Resolution authorizing adoption of an Amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and Park District to provide for Police and Animal Control Officer enforcement of expanded Park District rules and regulations including regulations on the use of parks and park facilities by Village dog owners and their dogs.

Mike Farley, 825 Woodbine, speaking as President of Friends of Oak Park Dogs, described how he has worked with the Park District to establish a dog park. His organization is pleased at how quickly the District moved to create a satisfactory plan, and asked that the Board approve the Resolution this evening.

Resolution 2006-R-39 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK** was submitted for adoption.

**M. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Contract with Bennett-Yarger and Associates to Conduct Recruitment Services for Village Manager Position**

AUTHORIZING  
CONTRACT WITH  
BENNETT-  
YARGER AND  
ASSOC. FOR  
RECRUITMENT  
SERVICES FOR  
VILLAGE  
MANAGER  
POSITION

The resolution authorizes execution of an agreement which provides for a 90-day process that includes the development of a challenge statement/position profile; advertising and seeking out qualified candidates; extensive review of candidates' qualifications, experience and other matters of due diligence; interviews of finalists, and finally the selection of a candidate to be Village Manager.

Resolution 2006-R-40 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BENNETT-YARGER AND ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR VILLAGE MANAGER POSITION** was submitted for adoption.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Brock, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. True and correct copies of the Resolutions and Ordinance 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, Brock, Johnson, Marsey, Milstein and  
President Pope

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Brock, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM, Tuesday, January 17, 2006. ADJOURN

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

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Sandra Sokol, Village Clerk

By: Karen Morris Muriello  
Deputy Village Clerk