



Village President and Board of Trustees Study Session

Thursday, June 29, 2006
Community Room 101

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The President and Board of Trustees welcome you. This is a working session of the Village Board and no public comment will be taken.

Agenda

1. Animal Shelter Update

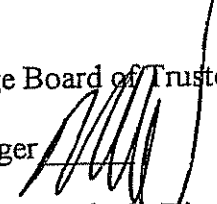
This is a follow-up meeting from previous Board direction at a Study Session on January 12, 2006 in which the Board directed staff to negotiate a contract with the Animal Care League for animal shelter related services. A draft agreement will be reviewed during this meeting. This draft Agreement represents a Village drafted agreement containing Animal Care League proposed dollar figures. The proposal reflects an annual fee for services and a proposed capital expenditure for construction of an enlarged Animal Care League facility. The proposal is to provide a benefit to the Village over the ten year term of the agreement for its onetime substantial contribution to the Animal Care League's total capital expenditures for the proposed new construction. Staff is seeking Board direction on the draft agreement and direction to proceed with adoption of a final agreement at a future Regular Board Meeting.

Adjourn

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
Village Board
CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 22, 2006

TO: President David G. Pope and the Village Board of Trustees

FROM: M. Ray Wiggins, Interim Village Manager 

C: Ray Heise, Village Attorney, Dr. Georgeen Polyak, Director of Public Health, Mike Charley, Environmental Health Supervisor, Steve Witt, Director of Building and Property Standards, John Wielebnicki, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Animal Shelter Update

At the April 10, 2006 Board Study Session, staff provided you follow-up information requested at the January 12, 2006 Board Study Session, which included the following:

- 1) IEPA management response to the possibility of having an animal shelter at the Village Main Water Pumping Station at Lombard and Lake Street;
- 2) Requirements for security for water supply facilities relative to public access and staff access;
- 3) Explore partnership with the Animal Care League and present how this works conceptually.

If you will recall, based on the IEPA Regional Manager indication that the Agency won't prohibit the Village from doing any kind of activity at the pumping station, as long as we don't interfere or threaten the security or safety of the water system, I directed Steve Witt to prepare conceptual plans for an animal shelter facility at the Main Pump Station, and to present such plans to IEPA Permit Manager for his review. Based on the review of the conceptual plans with the IEPA Permit Manager, Steve Witt, prepared two options for an animal shelter facility at the Main Pump Station; Option A-1 contemplates an animal shelter facility on the first floor of the current office area at Lake Street and Lombard Ave., and Option A-2 contemplates a two floor animal shelter facility occupying the current office areas of the first and second floor at the same property. Finally, staff also provided you with an outline of conceptually what a contract agreement with the Animal Care League would look like, and compared this concept with the Options for the Village to construct and operate our own animal shelter facility at the Lombard and Lake Street Village owned property.

Following Board discussion of the above referenced Options for animal shelter services, you reached majority consensus to direct me to have staff negotiate a draft contract

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agreement with the Animal Care League (ACL) to provide animal shelter services to the Village.

Dr. Georgeen Polyak and Mike Charley of the Health Department were the Village's negotiating team with the ACL, and their efforts resulted in a proposed contract agreement that was presented to me and Village Attorney Ray Heise for our input. Attached is a draft proposed contract agreement between the Village and the ACL for animal shelter services, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by Attorney Heise.

It is staff's opinion that the draft proposed contract agreement conforms to Village ordinances and policies related to animal care and impoundment. We also believe that the draft proposed contract provides for the most efficient means of providing animal impoundment and shelter services for the village. Staff has not however, negotiated costs proposed by ACL, but only accepted what was presented without committing to the proposed costs. Staff will be available at your Thursday night Study Session to present and respond to any questions that you have regarding the draft proposed contract. Should you have questions prior to your meeting, please call me or Dr. Polyak.

Finally, at your April 10th Study Session, you also requested that I present all of the materials that staff provided to you and presented to you in this session to the Animal Shelter Task Force, and you also requested that I provide to you the minutes from that meeting. Therefore, I have also attached the minutes from the last Animal Shelter Task Force Meeting, held on April 18, 2006.

Village of Oak Park
Animal Shelter Task Force Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2006,
Village Hall Room 130

- I. Call to Order: Kathy Capone called the meeting to order at 7:05p m.

Task Force Attendees: Kathy Capone, Jean Heyes, Trustee Ray Johnson, Chatka Ruggiero, David Spagat

Absent: Alan Amato

Staff Attendees: M. Ray Wiggins, Interim Village Manager, Dr. Georgeen Polyak, Director of Public Health, John Wielebnicki, Director of Public Works, Steve Witt, Director of Building and Property Standards

- II. Staff presentation of materials presented/reviewed with Village Board at the April 18th study session.

- III. Task Force questions and discussion of options

Mr. Spagat feels information provided is conjecture; mentions Gus Kostopulos volunteered to design the animal shelter and asked to walk through the Village pumping station facility; says they have pushed for volunteers to work at the shelter in the past and volunteers are discouraged and don't come back; ACL is private and they are good at what they do to move adoptions, but how are they going to handle less desirable animals? The Village could set-up an adjunct not-for-profit; and says he submitted a name for manager of the animal shelter to the Village Board.

A statement was made that the ACL is a limited intake facility and they choose most adoptable animals. It was stated that the ACL will move to open adoption under a contract with the Village for Oak Park animals.

It was stated that chances for adoption of Oak Park animals will increase under a contract with ACL.

- IV. Task Force Input on Contract with ACL

Concern was raised for the length of the contract, but no preferred term stated.

Isolation area needed; it was stated that ACL currently has an isolation area and uses it, as well as a separate ventilation system for the isolation area.

- V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Pat Spagat advocates for Village-owned shelter; feels policy on euthanasia is a problem, and feels an independent oversight board is needed.

Gloria Ryan wants a Village-owned shelter

Mary McCloskey concerned that oversight should be given by individuals in addition to the ACL Board. She questions the professional qualifications of the ACL staff;

she is concerned that Animal Shelter Task Force members are also negotiating for ACL interest in contract with the Village.

Ellen Milad feels it would be easier for the ACL to not contract with the Village, but the ACL is pursuing a contract because it feels it is the best option available to the Village and its animals; she feels ACL is one of the nicer shelters in the area; she says that ACL has animals with issues but they restrict adoption based on the issues.

Phyllis says ACL offers foster care which would benefit Oak Park Animals.

Trustee Johnson read Alan Amato's written statement; attached.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.