

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 21st, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

PRESENT: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
ABSENT: None
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M. and declared that a quorum was present.

REGULAR
MEETING
7/21/2008

AGENDA:

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Hedges, that the meeting agenda be approved.

AGENDA FOR
THIS MEETING
APPROVED

A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trustee Pate, seconded by Trustee Lueck, that the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 7th, 2008 be approved.

MINUTES FOR
7/7/2008
APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel E. Fore, P.O. Box 1104. Mr. Fore asked why the draft minutes of July 7th, 2008 were not posted to the Internet before the board meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the minutes of July 7th were approved as written.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel E. Fore, P.O. Box 1104. Mr. Fore read excerpts from an inspection report dated October 1, 2007 that temperatures in rooms at the YMCA exceeded 100°. Mr. Fore then read from two letters, both from Mr. Scott Gallaas of the YMCA to Dr. Georgeen Polyak, Health Department Director at the Village of Oak Park, dated August and October in the year 2002. Both letters concerned heat issues at the YMCA.

NON-AGENDA
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Melanie Weiss, 215 Clinton Avenue. Ms. Weiss discussed opportunities for attainable environmental initiatives in Oak Park. These include using permeable pavers in alley improvement projects, distributing more public litter containers because those that we have are overflowing, placing recycling containers next to garbage cans at all Village Parks, and reducing idling by police cars and school buses.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

A. Reports

Construction updates include progress on a number of projects including Trader Joe's whose "Open Soon" signs should appear in September, and Whiteco residences which should start leasing in the fall. The Joint North Avenue project with Chicago is in landscaping now, as well as street patching, underground traffic

VILLAGE
MANAGER
REPORTS

signal work, viaduct improvement and more summer construction projects. Public input is sought for the Lake and Forest site at a public meeting with Sertus Capital Partners on July 29th at 7:00 pm.

The **Universal Access Commission** provided feedback regarding the **A.D.A. lift** improvements capital project previously tabled from the May 19, 2008 Board Meeting. The consensus was to replace the Council Chamber lift, and to keeping studying the south entrance accommodation.

The status of the **schedule for Ontario and Oak Park Avenue Transportation recommendations** was pushed to the November 5th Transportation Commission meeting so that the residents of the 300 block of Oak Park Avenue could be advised.

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Citizen Involvement Commission Recommendations

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION

B. Citizen Commission Vacancies

A Vacancy Report was distributed to the Board.

VACANCIES

C. Appointments

No appointments offered at this meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

- D.** It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Pate, that Ordinance 2008-O-030 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPOSITION OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Ordinance was adopted.

LIQUOR CONTROL REVIEW BOARD

Liquor Control Review Board Recommendation

- E.** It was moved by Trustee Hedges, seconded by Trustee Hale, that Ordinance 2008-O-031 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK – CREATION OF A RESTAURANT CLASS B-1 (ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR) LICENSE FOR BRIEJO, 211 HARRISON STREET** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BRIEJO, 211 HARRISON STREET

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Ordinance was adopted.

F. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Taxicab Rate Schedule Set Forth in Section 24-1-20 of the Village Code

PUBLIC
HEARING ON
PROPOSED
TAXICAB RATE
SCHEDULE

James Bennett, Owner, Blue Cab Company: Mr. Bennett urged the Board to amend the taxicab rate schedule, in particular to adopt his rate scenario. The dramatic rise in the cost of fuel has depressed drivers' income to a considerable degree.

Amir Gamal, Owner, Red Cab Company: Mr. Gamal pointed out that retail fuel costs have risen 70% since the last taxicab rate schedule increase approved in 2005.

Rob Cole, Assistant to the Village Manager: Mr. Cole pointed out that many taxi trips are covered by flat rates, such as rides to airports, and will not be covered by the proposed ordinance. Mr. Cole also pointed out that the Board can select one of four choices this evening: leave rates where they are, a \$1.00 per trip surcharge, Mr. Bennett's fare scenario, or the staff designed fare scenario.

PUBLIC HEARING

Joel Sheffel, 114 South Humphrey: Mr. Sheffel advocated for seniors and citizens with disabilities, arguing that taxi fare increases target these two populations unfairly. Mr. Sheffel suggested that the Taxi Coupon Program be augmented to cover any approved rate increase.

[The Village of Oak Park sponsors the Taxi Coupon Program in cooperation with Oak Park Township and Red and Blue Cabs in order to reduce the cost of taxi rides for seniors and residents with disabilities. The Village produces the coupons. Through its Senior Services Programming, the Township distributes and sells the coupons for 60¢ on the dollar in booklets of ten. Cabs accept the coupons at face value, redeeming them with the Village.]

Ron Osborne, 724 North Marion Street: Mr. Osborne said he drives for Red Cab. To highlight how dramatically the cost of fuel affects his income, he itemized his expenses and reported he ends up with little more than \$3.00 per hour take home.

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- G. It was moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Hale, that **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24-1-20 OF THE VILLAGE CODE: TAXICABS, SCHEDULE OF RATES OF FARES, RATE CARD REQUIRED** with the staff recommended fare scenario be adopted.**

ORDINANCE TO
AMEND TAXI
RATES OF
FARES

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Pate, to **amend the motion by having the Ordinance's acceptance be provisional upon adoption by River Forest and Forest Park.**

After discussion, both the motion and amendment were withdrawn.

It was then moved by Trustee Marsey, seconded by Trustee Hale, that Ordinance 2008-O-032 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24-1-20 OF THE VILLAGE CODE: TAXICABS, SCHEDULE OF RATES OF FARES, RATE CARD REQUIRED with Blue Cab's recommended fare scenario** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Pate, to **amend the motion by having the ordinance's acceptance be provisional upon adoption by River Forest and Forest Park.**

The roll call on the amendment was as follows:
AYES: Trustees Johnson, Pate and President Pope
NAYS: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Lueck and Marsey
ABSENT: None
The motion to amend failed.

The roll call on the Ordinance was as follows:
AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Lueck, Marsey and Pate
NAYS: Trustee Johnson and President Pope
ABSENT: None
The Ordinance was adopted.

- H.** It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Hale, to **designate the team of Clark Street and Avalon Bay as the preferred developer for the Colt Building and 1135 Westgate Street Sites in Downtown Oak Park.**

The roll call on the vote was as follows:
AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion passed.

- I.** It was moved by Trustee Lueck, seconded by Trustee Pate, that a Resolution 2008-R-096 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARKING PERMIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE USE OF LOT #116 FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR** be adopted, 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 Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Resolution was adopted

FIRST READING

- P.** It was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Hale, that an Ordinance

CLARK STREET / AVALON BAY DESIGNATED DEVELOPERS FOR COLT AND WESTGATE SITES

PARKING PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR USE OF LOT #116

FIRST READING: STANDARDS FOR

entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 1, OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO INCLUDE CODIFIED STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE VILLAGE TIME RESTRICTION BASED PARKING REGULATIONS** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

EXCEPTIONS
TO TIME
RESTRICTED
BASED
PARKING
REGULATIONS

As this was a first reading, the roll call on the vote will take place in September.

CONSENT
AGENDA

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- J.** Resolution 2008-R-097 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARKING PERMIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE OAK PARK ARMS FOR THE USE OF LOT #116**
- K.** Resolution 2008-R-098 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE ZOMBROWSKI CHRISTMAS TREE FARM FOR THE USE OF LOT #116**
- L.** Resolution 2008-R-099 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION OF LIEN: BPIP-056**
- M.** **Motion to Approve a Request to Install an Eight-Foot Tall Fence at 414 South Taylor Avenue**
- N.** **Motion to Refer Application for Special Use Permit Submitted by Young Artists in Motion, an Early Childhood Day Program Created by Martial Arts & Fitness Associates, Inc. at 6701 North Avenue to the Zoning Board of Appeals to Hold a Public Hearing**
- O.** Resolution 2008-R-100 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF B.A.D.G.E. GRANT FUNDS**

PARKING
AGREEMENT
WITH OAK
PARK ARMS

AGREEMENT
WITH
ZOMBROWSKI
CHRISTMAS
TREE FARM

BPIP:056
SUBORDINATION
OF LIEN

EIGHT FOOT
TALL FENCE AT
414 SOUTH
TAYLOR

REFER PERMIT
REQUEST TO
ZONING BOARD

ACCEPT
B.A.D.G.E.
GRANT FUNDS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel E. Fore, P.O. Box 1104. Mr. Fore commented on B.A.D.G.E. Grant funding, and advocated programs to prevent youth from getting into trouble.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Marsey, Pate and President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK

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CLERK

Trustee Lueck encouraged citizens to participate in the Avalon Bay development process.

Trustee Hale welcomed Trustee Lueck.

Trustee Johnson praised the Parking News newsletter, and urged Manager Barwin to stay on top of Union Pacific Railroad to effect viaduct repairs.

President Pope announced a public meeting regarding Roosevelt Road to be held 7:00 pm on Wednesday July 30th at 1220 South 60th Court in Cicero.

Trustee Pate commented on her attendance the ribbon cutting for this year's work on the murals, and congratulated the Arts Council. Trustee Pate also pointed out how the walk signals at Lake and Marion are confusing.

ADJOURN

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It was moved by Trustee Pate, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 P.M. Monday, July 21st, 2008.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Sandra Sokol, Village Clerk

By: Karen Morris Muriello
Deputy Village Clerk